





Learning Polars with Python Section 1

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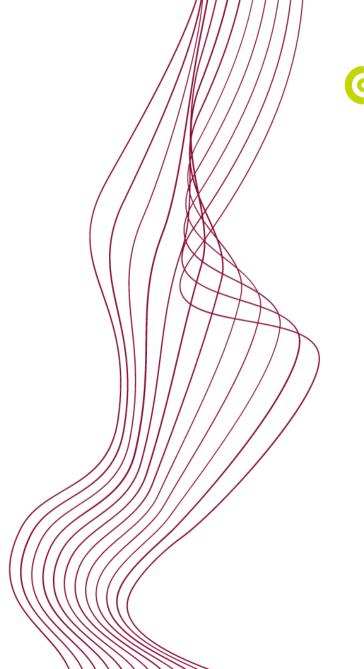


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Agenda

- 1) About this Course
- 2) Software Requirements
- 3) Why Polars









About this Course

What this course aims to achieve

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On completion of the workshop, participants should be able to (1) interact with data using polars, (2) use the tidy interface, and utilize the python dbutils package to load data from mysql.

• Very few organizations need machine learning engineers, but all of them need a data team that communicates effectively and have the necessary skills to perform basic data tasks. Getting teams to understand the broader problem each department faces solves 80% of the frictions encountered when delivering insight from data.

What the course does **NOT** aim to achieve:

It will NOT turn individuals with varying backgrounds, skills and motivations into fully-fledged Data Scientists. This course does not cover statistical languages and the interplay between databases and **Python**

• We wish to elevate people's knowledge and exposure to basic data science principles to help guide them on their data journey.



Key outcomes

You should:

- Basic wrangling in python using polars.
- Be able to query a database and do *basic* aggregations.
- Understand how one can build python packages.

We also encourage the following behaviour throughout the course:

- Learn from each other and share knowledge in groups.
- Ask questions during the course the instructor has a lot of knowledge that you should tap.





Session Breakdown: Day 1 - Linux Environment

Session 1 (08:30 to 10:30) 🥷 & 💻:

- Course introduction.
- Install software for course.
- Linux basics review
- Learning about virtual environments.

Session 2 (11:00 to 13:00) 🥷 & 💻:

Ouarto and VSCode

Session 3 (14:00 to 16:30)

• Basics of Polars 🖲





Session Breakdown: Day 2 - Deeper into polars

Session 1 (08:30 to 10:30) **__**:

- Selecting, filtering interfaces
- Transformations

Session 2 (11:00 to 13:00) 🥷 & 💻:

- Transformations
- Aggregations

Session 3 (14:00 to 16:30)

- Aggregations
- Joins





Session Breakdown: Day 3 - Deeper into polars

Session 1 (08:30 to 10:30) \ __:

- Homework
- Optimizations

Session 2 (11:00 to 13:00) 🥷 & 💻:

• Tidypolars

Session 3 (14:00 to 16:30)

• Tidypolars



Session Breakdown: Day 4 - Application

Session 1 (08:30 to 10:30) \ __:

Mini project

Session 2 (11:00 to 13:00) 🥷 & 💻:

Presentations

Session 3 (14:00 to 16:30)

• Development in Python



Session Breakdown: Day 5 - Software

Session 1 (08:30 to 10:30) ` __:

• Gorilla Methods and Classes

Session 2 (11:00 to 13:00) 🥷 & 💻:

Connection and installation

Session 3 (14:00 to 16:30)

• Basic querying





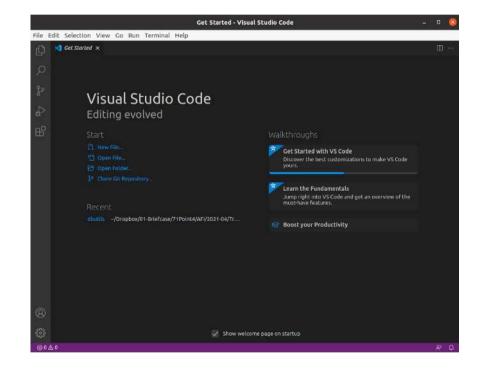
System Setup

Learning to code in VSCode

Why switch from RStudio to VSCode for SQL development?

The first few things we are gonna do in VSCode is:

- Interact with a remote server
- Connect to database on remote server
- Execute code and download results





As in most instances, you will likely be developing code on a remote machine, but would like to use VSCode as your development environment.

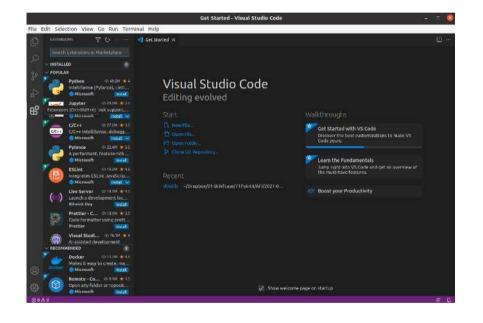
This can easily be achieved using the Remote-SSH feature in the IDE. This allows for:

- Develop on the same operating system you deploy to or use larger, faster, or more specialized hardware than your local machine.
- Quickly swap between different, remote development environments and safely make updates without worrying about impacting your local machine.
- Access an existing development environment from multiple machines or locations.
- Debug an application running somewhere else such as a customer site or in the cloud.





- Once in the command console, type Remote SSH and the search bar should come up with a couple of options.
- Select Remote-SSH: Connect to Host.
- In both Linux and Windows the easiest is to create a .ssh/vscode-config file



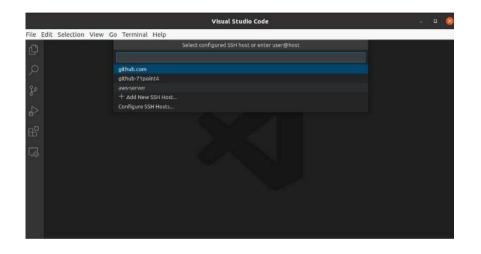


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```
Host aws-server
HostName
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/
User
IdentitiesOnly yes
```

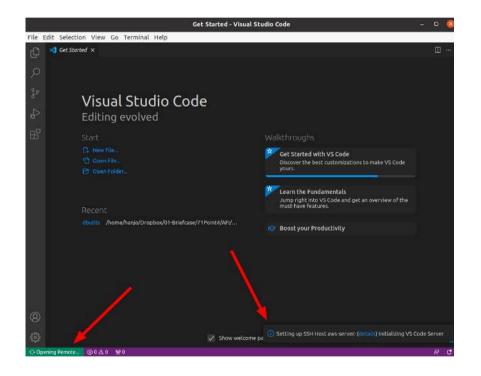


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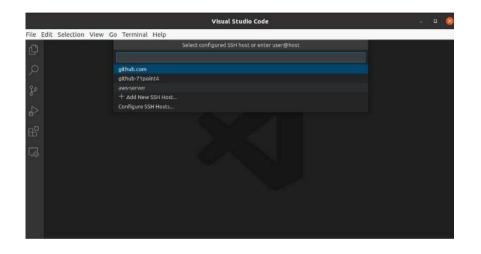


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Install OpenSSH for Windows

• To install OpenSSH using PowerShell, run PowerShell as an Administrator. To make sure that OpenSSH is available, run the following cmdlet:

```
Get-WindowsCapability -Online | Where-Object Name -like 'OpenSSH*'
```

• Install the OpenSSH Client

```
Add-WindowsCapability -Online -Name OpenSSH.Client~~~0.0.1.0
```

Test the service

ssh 183.204.102.12\ubunto@servername







Logging into Server

What is shell?

Whenever we talk about black screen, command line or shell we are essentially talking about the interface that takes input from the keyboard and sends it to the operating system (OS).

Almost all Linux distributions supply a shell program from the GNU Project called bash that looks like this:

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ penguin
```

This interface is called *shell prompt* and usually contains username@machinename:directory. If the last character of the prompt is a hash mark (#) rather than a dollar sign (\$), the terminal session has superuser privileges (a little bit more on this later).

- Pressing the up arrow on your keyboard goes into your command history.
 - Be aware that history stores about 1,000 commands.





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On a Linux system Superuser refers to the root user, who has unlimited access to the file system with privileges to run all Linux commands.

- This responsibility is mostly given to experienced SysAdmins. The reason being there is no "take-backsies" in linux. Once a command has been executed under sudo (superuser do), there is almost never a way to reverse the execution (ex. deleting a file).
- The Superuser/Root is also responsible for setting up security and thus, limiting the power to a single (or very few individuals is preferred).





Basic shell commands

Try these basic commands:

```
date
## Thu 30 May 2024 15:56:53 SAST
free -h
                                                     shared buff/cache
##
                  total
                                           free
                                                                          available
                               used
                                                                                51Gi
## Mem:
                   62Gi
                              7.7Gi
                                           41Gi
                                                      2.9Gi
                                                                   13Gi
## Swap:
                   19Gi
                                 0B
                                           19Gi
cal
```

```
## Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa ## 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ## 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 ## 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ## 26 27 28 29 30 31 ##
```

Welcome to your new home

Welcome to your new home, or 127.0.0.1 as I would like to call it.

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ ls -lart

## total 20
## drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4096 Dec 19 13:05 ..
## -rw-r--r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 807 Dec 19 13:05 .profile
## -rw-r--r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 3771 Dec 19 13:05 .bashrc
## -rw-r--r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 220 Dec 19 13:05 .bash_logout
## drwxr-xr-x 2 hanjo hanjo 4096 Dec 19 13:05 .
```

• Can anyone tell me what they think the -rw-r-- stands for?

Although we will not go deep into security in this course, it is good to understand some basics.



Permissions

Owners, Group Members, and Everybody Else

One of the fundamentals that were built into Linux systems from the start is the concept of it being a *multiuser* system. This means that multiple users can log into the system at the same time without interfering (mostly) with each others processes and files.

In the Linux security model, a user may own files and directories.

- When a user owns a file or directory, the user has control over its access.
- Users can, in turn, belong to a group consisting of one or more users who are given access to files and directories by their owners.
- An owner may also grant some set of access rights to everybody, which in Linux terms is referred to as the world.





Permissions

Owners, Group Members, and Everybody Else

How does this look for the user I just created?

And for Superuser ubuntu?

ubuntu@optimus:~\$ id ubuntu ## uid=1000(ubuntu) gid=1000(ubuntu) groups=1000(ubuntu),4(adm),20(dialout),24(cdrom),25(floppy),27(sudo),29(au







Basic Commands 💝

Listing directories

To find out where in the tree you are, we can use a simple command called: pwd

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ pwd
## /home/hanjo
```

Upon logging into a system, the terminal will always set your working directory to home also known as ~.

• If you log in as a regular user, your home directory is the only place where you will be able to write and create files.

So, now that we are in the system, what directories are in my home folder *?

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ ls
## Data Desktop Documents Pictures
```

To list the files and directories in the current working directory, we use the ls command. This command is very versatile as you will see in a minute.





^{*} Yours might look a bit different depending whether you are running Linux on a server or a desktop.

Changing the current working directory

Obviously looking at files in your home directory doesn't take you very far. We need to be able to navigate the file system in a quick and efficient manner.

The cd command in Linux is a powerful way to navigate the tree folder structure that is the file system.

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ cd Data
hanjo@optimus:~/Data$
```

The two main methods for traversing the tree is: (1) Absolute Paths and (2) Relative Paths:

- Absolute Paths begins with the root redirectory / and expands to the folder you are interested in: /home/hanjo/
- Relative Paths starts at the working directory and starts navigation from there. These paths have a special notation, a single dot (.) and a dot dot (..). The . notation refers to the working directory, and the ... notation refers to the working directory's parent directory.





Changing the current working directory

Lets see an example of the **absolute** and **relative** path in action. Start by navigating the <code>/usr/bin</code> directory and listing all the files.

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ cd /usr/bin
hanjo@optimus:/usr/bin$ pwd
#/usr/bin
hanjo@optimus:/usr/bin$ ls
## 2to3-2.7 funzip mpiCC splitfon ...
```

Now lets move to the <code>/usr</code> directory from our working directory <code>/usr/bin</code>. There are two ways to do this, either <code>absolute(cd /usr)</code> or <code>relative</code>. Let us practice using the <code>relative</code> method.

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ cd /usr/bin
hanjo@optimus:/usr/bin$ cd ..
hanjo@optimus:/usr$ pwd
# /usr
hanjo@optimus:/usr$ ls
# bin/ games/ include/ lib/ lib32/ local/ sbin/ share/ src/
```

Changing the current working directory

There are also some nice shortcuts to be aware of:

- Change the working directory to your home directory: cd ~
- Change the working directory to the previous working dir: cd -
- Change the working directory to a specific user: cd ~ubuntu



Notes about filenames in Linux

Filenames in Linux are quite special and if you have worked closely with someone who works in Linux, you would have noticed some things. First and foremost:

- NEVER use a space in filenames use an underscore (_) instead thank me later ;-)
 - ex. this file Name SUCKS 1/30/23.txt Where this is much better.txt
- Filenames that start with a . are hidden files. The ls command will not list these unless you use a parameter ls -a. These files usually relate to configuration settings.
 - ∘ ex. .bashrc.
- CASE MATTERS, so dont ever use Capitals for folders or filenames it gets confusing.
 - ex. This/path/IS/different/.from /this/path/is/different/
- Linux does not have any concept of "file extensions". So remember to name your files in an appropriate manner if you would like them to be readable by the correct application.
 - ex. mypdffile and mypdffile.pdf is the same

See this presentation by Dr. Anna Krystalli for further tips on file naming.





Getting to know 'ls'

The ls command is probably one of the most used commands that any Linux user will encounter from day to day. As you will come to see, it is also one of the most powerful commands.

Let's start by listing the contents of /usr while our working directory is ~:

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ ls /usr
# bin/ games/ include/ lib/ lib32/ local/ sbin/ share/ src/
```

You can also ask for multiple directories in a single line:

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ ls /usr ~

## /home/hanjo:

## Data Desktop Documents Pictures

## /usr:

## bin games include lib lib32 local sbin share src
```



Options and Arguments

By now you should have noticed once or twice that I have added an options parameter to my commands: command options arguments. Type man 1s to see all options for the 1s command.

```
hanjo@optimus:~$ ls -l
## total 16
## drwxrwxr-x 2 hanjo hanjo 4096 Dec 20 09:23 Data
## drwxrwxr-x 2 hanjo hanjo 4096 Dec 20 09:23 Documents
```

My favourite command is ls -lart which stands for "list ALL the contents in REVERSE order SORT BY TIME".

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -lart
## total 40
## drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4096 Dec 19 13:05 ...
## -rw-r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 807 Dec 19 13:05 .profile
## -rw-r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 3771 Dec 19 13:05 .bashrc
## -rw-r-- 1 hanjo hanjo 220 Dec 19 13:05 .bash logout
## -rw----- 1 hanjo hanjo 26 Dec 19 13:35 .bash history
## drwxrwxr-x 2 hanjo hanjo 4096 Dec 20 09:23 Documents
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```





Creating files and folders

Apart from knowing how to navigate folders, we must also know how to create files and folders.

The basic commands for this is:

• Create folder

```
mkdir scripts
mkdir scripts data analysis
```

• Create file

```
touch analysis.R
```

90% of the time you will be using the basic versions of these commands. But they can also do some pretty interesting things.





Tricks and Tips for mkdir

• Create folders within folders that do not already exist (recursively create).

```
mkdir project/analysis/scripts
# mkdir: cannot create directory 'project/analysis/scripts': No such file or directory
# Correct usage
mkdir -p project/analysis/scripts
```

• What if I wanted to create a data, scripts and output folder in a single line?

```
# Note, there is NO spaces in the array
mkdir -p project/analysis/scripts/{data,scripts,output}
cd project/analysis/scripts/ && ll
```

• Current date in directory name

```
mkdir `date '+%Y%m%d'`
```



Viewing contents of files

To view the contents of a file, we use a program called less.

The less program was designed as an improved replacement of an earlier Unix program called more. The name less is a play on the phrase "less is more" — a motto of modernist architects and designers.

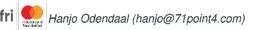
more (developed in 1978) was replaced by less in 1983, first and foremost because more could only scroll forwards through a text file. less was written by Mark Nudelman and is currently being maintained by him to this day!

- Backwards movement
- Searching and highlighting
- Multiple files
 - Less allows you to switch between any number of different files, remembering your position in each file. You can also do a single search which spans all the files you are working with.
- Advanced features
 - You can change key bindings, set different tab stops, set up filters to view compressed data or other file types, customize the prompt, display line numbers, use "tag" files, and more.

http://www.greenwoodsoftware.com/less/faq.html#mail







Viewing contents of files

Lets start by looking at the users on the system:

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ less /etc/passwd
```

Navigation:

- G Move to the end of the text file
- g Move to the beginning of the text file
- 10g Move to the nth line
- **q** Exit

Forward Search:

- /characters Search forward
- **n** Search forward
- N Search backwards







Useful options for Less

Squeeze Blank Lines:

• The -s (squeeze blank lines) option removes a series of blank lines and replaces them with a single blank line.

Viewing Multiple Files:

- less file1.txt file2.txt
- To view the next file, press: and then hit n.

Mark places:

• Press m and then a letter, example: a. To return to that mark press apostrophe ' and a.

Switch to editor:

- Pressing v while in less pushes you to default editor.
- sudo update-alternatives --config editor







Redirection in Linux 🔐

Redirection & Piping

This is maybe one of the coolest features of command line that you will learn: Redirecting or piping your results into another command. The *Input/Output* allows us to chain together commands and build pipelines of instructions.

- I/O redirection (>) allows us to change where output goes and where input comes from.
 - A good example of this would be the ls command we learned earlier.

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l > all files.txt
hanjo@optimus0:~$ less all_files.txt
```

We can also append a file using (>>):

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l >> all files.txt
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l >> all files.txt
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l >> all files.txt
hanjo@optimus0:~$ less all files.txt
```





Redirection & Piping

In the previous examples we redirected only the stdout of the command. But, we sometimes also want to redirect the errors or Standard Error (stderr).

To do this we add an additional command to the end of the line (2>&1):

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ ls -l > all_files.txt 2>&1
hanjo@optimus0:~$ less all_files.txt
```

We redirect file descriptor 2 (standard error) to file descriptor 1 (standard output) using the notation 2>81.

Once we know the concept of standard output and input, we can start stringing commands together. These are called *pipelines* and it looks this, command1 *pipes into* command2:

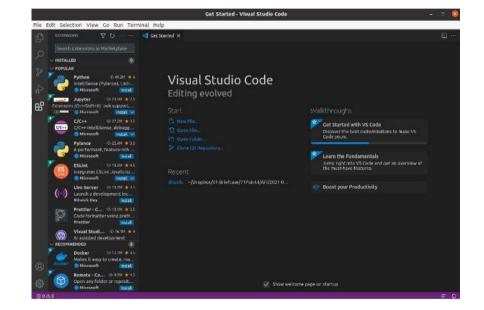
```
command1 | command2
```

Here we can see that command2 takes command1 's output as its input. As you get more comfortable with the terminal, these become core concepts you will use every day.

Installing the recommended Extension

Installing *Extensions* in VSCode is pretty straight forward. Just navigation to the search tab using GUI. Then search and install the following:

- Remote -SSH
- Rainbow CSV
- autopep8
- R Extension for Visual Studio Code
- Spelling Checker for Visual Studio Code
- SQLTools



• Linux shortcut

wget -0 extentions.sh https://bit.ly/3GrF5kn
bash extentions.sh





Getting ready for 🐷

We will be working in vscode using whats called workspaces. But the first step is to setup your folder structure.

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ mkdir -p ~/projects/polars
```

Next open the folder:

• File > Open Folder



How is that for setup?











What is Rmarkdown/Quarto?



R Markdown wizard monsters creating a R Markdown document from a recipe. Art by Allison Horst





What is markdown?

Markdown is a lightweight markup language for creating formatted text using a plain-text editor. *John Gruber* and *Aaron Swartz* created Markdown in 2004 as a markup language that is appealing to human readers in its source code form. Markdown is widely used in blogging, instant messaging, online forums, collaborative software, documentation pages, and readme files.

Wikipedia

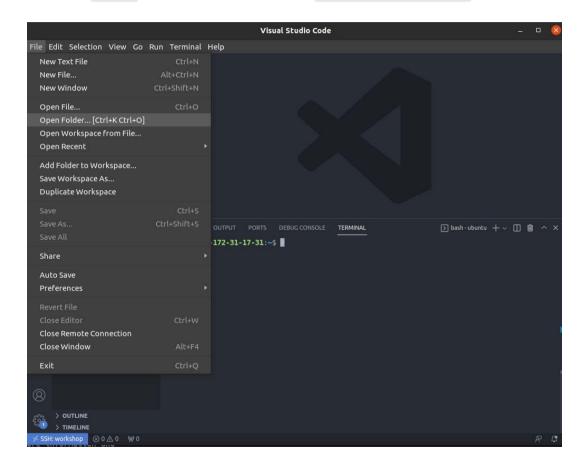
- Abstraction layer *above* certain compiling formats such as PDF, HTML, Word (XML).
 - This is pretty cool as you only have to learn the very basic syntax of markdown to be able to convert your document to any of the formats.
- Rstudio uses a productive notebook interface (called *Rmarkdown*) to weave together narrative text and code to produce elegantly formatted output.
 - Great thing is it supports over 51 languages. Main ones are R, python, shell and SQL.
- Rmarkdown has recently been 'replaced' with Quarto which works in VSCode!





Understanding markdown in VSCode

Start by opening a new Quarto file (.qmd) in a folder called projects/polars.





Understanding markdown in VSCode

Add to a new file: README.qmd

```
title: "Learning Polars"
title-block-banner: true
date: today
format:
    html:
        code-fold: true
        toc: true
        theme:
            light: flatly
            dark: darkly
execute:
  echo: true
  eval: false
# Overview
I am going to be learning Polars!
```

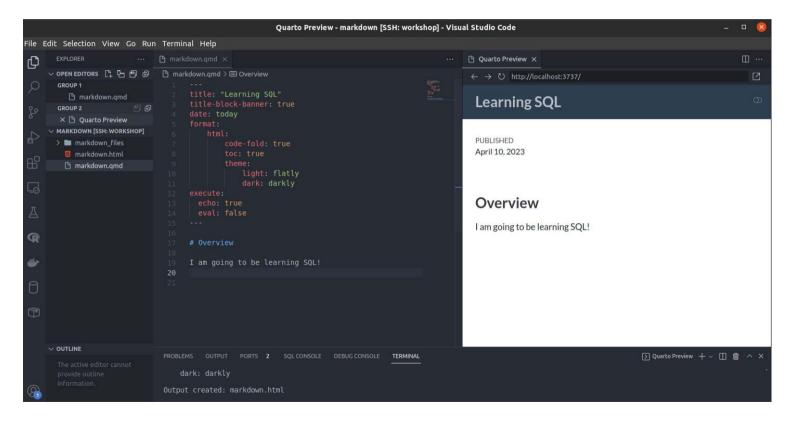




Understanding markdown in VSCode

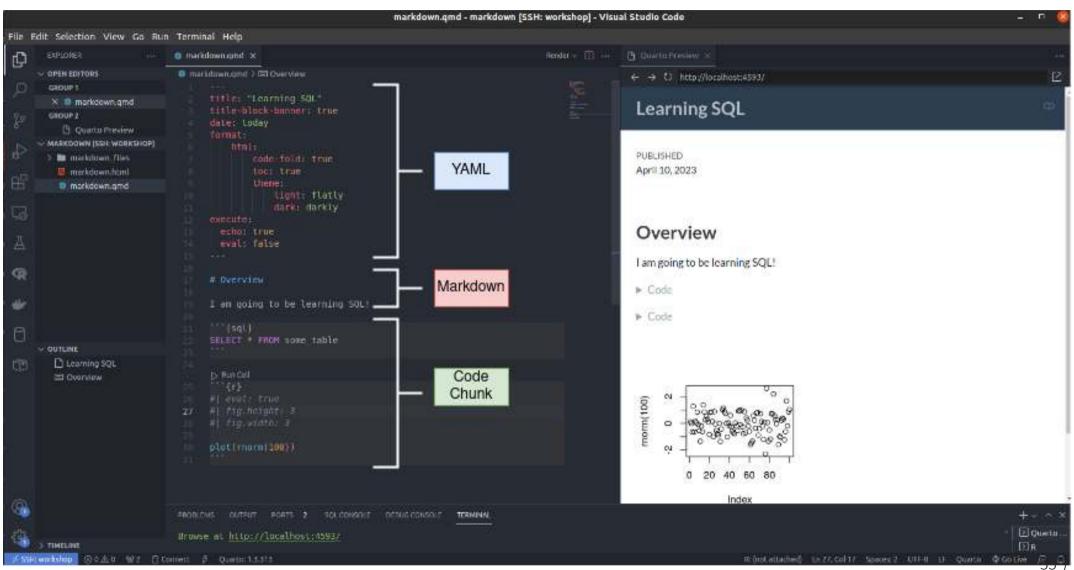
We need to render our documents in order to produce the output.

• Press the render button at the top OR (be cool) and use CTRL + SHIFT + k!





Components of markdown





Components of markdown: YAML

YAML: YAML Ain't Markup Language

The YAML component specifies the metadata of the file:

- Type of output to produce
- Formatting preferences of things like tables
- Other metadata such as document title, author, and date.

YAML is dependent on indentation so be careful:

```
title: "Learning Polars"
title-block-banner: true
date: today
format:
    html:
        code-fold: true
        toc: true
        theme:
            light: flatly
            dark: darkly
execute:
    echo: true
    eval: false
---
```

Components of markdown: Code Chunks

Code Chunks are the sections of the document where you will write your code that you wish to include into your document.

For now, we will only use the code chunks as a documentation tool for any code that we write. Later on in the course we will actually be executing the code to produce tables and plots in a document!

Each chunk is opened with a line that starts with three back-ticks, and curly brackets that contain parameters for the chunk ({ }). The chunk ends with three more back-ticks.

```
Print Cell
"" {r}
# | eval: true
# | fig.height: 3
# | fig.width: 3

plot(rnorm(100))
""
```



Components of markdown: Code Chunks

What do we mean by parameters in the {} brackets? Lets start with the programming language specification.

- They start with r to indicate that the language name within the chunk is R (we can also do python or sql etc.)
- After the r you can optionally write a chunk "name" good practice for debugging later on

The chunk can include other options too, written as tag: value, such as:

- eval: false to not run the R code.
- echo: false to not print the chunk's R source code in the output document.
- warning: false to not print warnings produced by code.
- message: false to not print any messages produced by code.
- include: true/false whether to include chunk outputs (e.g. plots) in the document.
- out.width and out.height provide in style out.width: "75%".
- fig.align: "center" adjust how a figure is aligned across the page.
- fig.show: 'hold' if your chunk prints multiple figures and you want them printed next to each other (pair with out.width: c("33%", "67%"). Can also set animate to concatenate multiple into an animation.





Components of markdown: Markdown Text

Markdown Text is what makes using it as a lab-book (and writing journal articles) so versatile.

Would you believe that these slides were all made in using Rmarkdown?

So lets start with some basics: Headings and Formatting

```
# Header 1
## Header 2
### Header 3
```

So how would this text look?

```
So _how_ would **this** text `look`?
```

Components of markdown: Markdown Text

Unordered list items start with *, -, or +, and you can nest one list within another list by indenting the sub-list:

- Fruits
- Vegtables
 - * Carrot
 - * Spinach
 - Fruits
 - Vegtables
 - Carrot
 - Spinach

- 1. Dog - German Shepherd #(two spaces) Belgian Shepherd #(two spaces) 2. Cat - Siberian #(two spaces) - Siamese #(two spaces)
 - 1. Dog
 - German Shepherd #(two spaces)
 - Belgian Shepherd #(two spaces)
 - 2. Cat
 - Siberian #(two spaces)
 - Siamese #(two spaces)



Your turn!

Can you produce the following document?



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About me

My name is Hanjo Odendaal and I am a Principal Data Scientist at 71point4

My favourite food is:

Steak and Salad

Coding languages

I code in

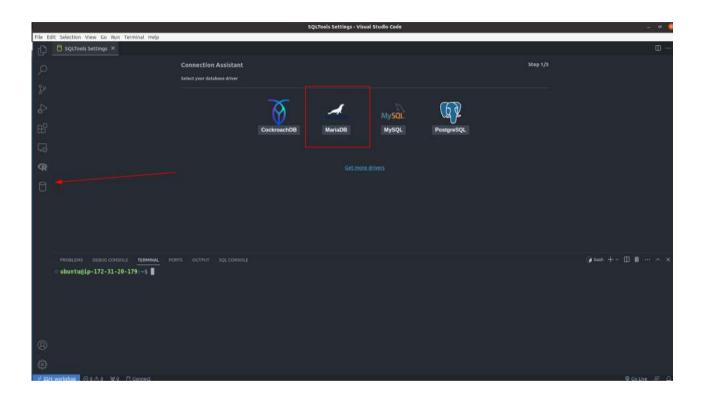
• R, SQL and python

10:00



Connection from VScode

Start your notebook for this section





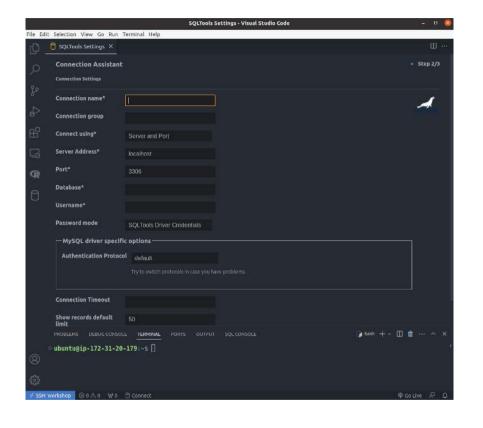
Fill in the information

• port: 3306

• database: amazon

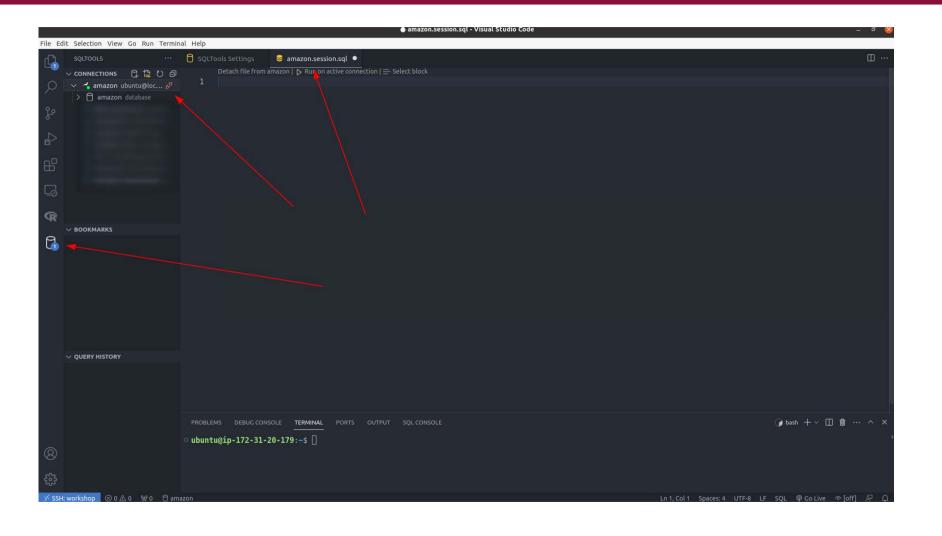
• user: ubuntu

• 0c32348ad0361269b





Connect to database









Why Polars?

Pandas is definitely the most used data wrangling library in Python, but recently there is a new kid on the block: Polars

Its built on Rust and has some amazing features that I believe will make it the *de facto* library in years to come. It relies on the Apache Arrow Memory Model and Wes McKinney, the creator of Pandas, is heavily involved in Arrow.

https://pola-rs.github.io/polars/py-polars/html/reference/index.html

Expression API:

- Allows for manipulation on selection
- Parallel manipulation if multiple columns being mutated
- Query optimization for lazy



Why Polars?

I really like the fact that python and R is starting to play nice and taking the best from each language. I never learned pandas because it reminded me of base R which I found very difficult as an economist when I started out. But oh, how things have changed!!

Can you tell me what the following code does?

```
df.select(
        [
            pl.col("Col1"),
            pl.col("Col2").str.to_lowercase(),
            pl.col("Col3").round()
        ]
    )
)
```



Data Types & Apache Arrow

We mentioned Arrow earlier. Arrow is an Apache project where they look to best represent tabular data in memory.

- A specification for how data should be represented in memory (Rust)
- A set of libraries in different languages that implement this specification (R AND python)
- Sharing data without copying
- Fast vectorized calculations
- Consistent representation of missing data





Using environments

Before we kick off with some analysis. Lets create an environment. What is it you ask? Imagine you have some of puzzles that you like playing with:

- A virtual environment is like a separate box for each puzzle you're working on.
- Inside this box, you put all the pieces (packages) you need for that puzzle.
- This keeps everything organized and prevents mix-ups between different puzzles.
- You can switch between these boxes (or 'environments') depending on the puzzle you're working on.

Its especially nice to ensure you dont mix up namespaces and its a MUST when developing your own packages. More on this later the week.





Using environments

Now that you now basic Linux, its easy to create a venv:

• Step 1: Create the necessary folders:

```
mkdir ~/.virtualenvs/
cd ~/.virtualenvs/
sudo apt install python3.10-venv
```

Step 2: Create the environment and activate it.

```
python3 -m venv polars
source ~/.virtualenvs/polars/bin/activate
```

Using venv in VSCode

• add to vim ~/.bashrc

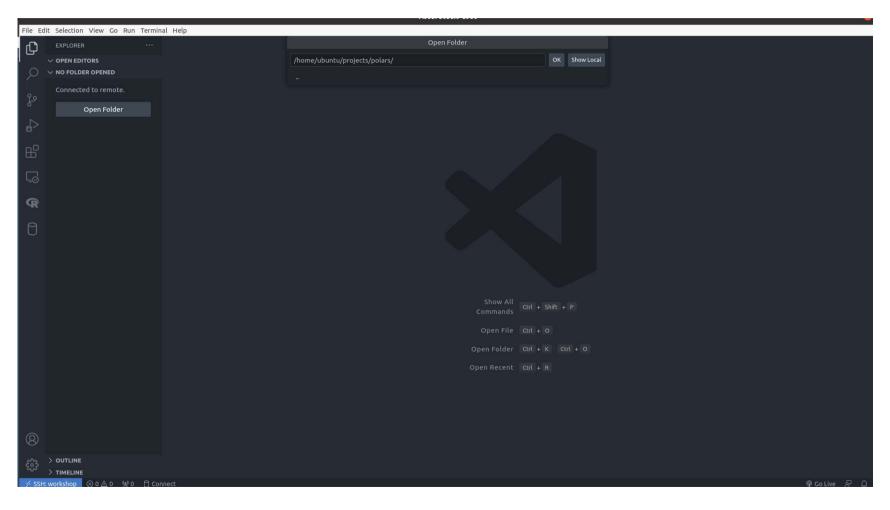
```
function py_activate(){
  source ~/.virtualenvs/$1/bin/activate
}
```





Using venv in VSCode

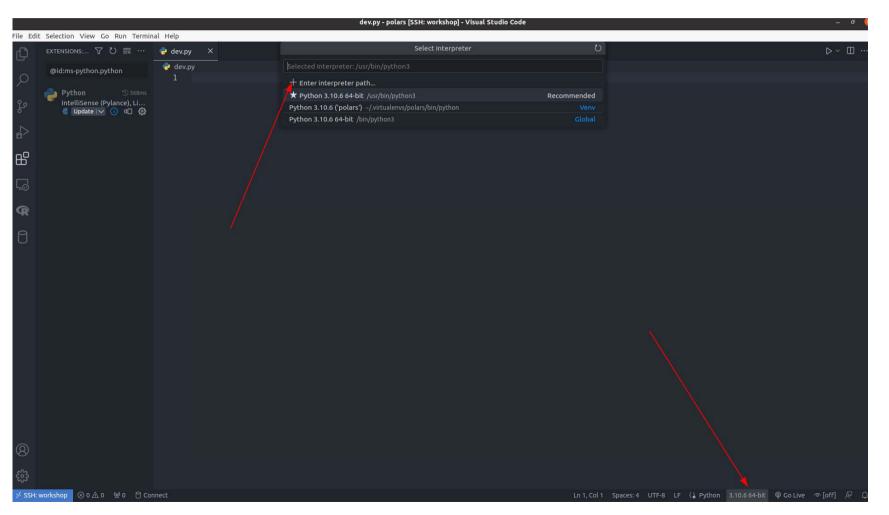
Open project folder:





Using venv in VSCode

Create dev.py and set python interpreter to ~/.virtualenvs/polars/bin/python3





⚠ Remember to always set your python interpreter OR use workspaces in VSCode!

pip install polars





We are going to start with basic things and load the ~/worldcup.csv dataset found on the server:

• In dev.py

```
import polars as pl

csvfile = '~/data/worldcup.csv'
df = pl.read_csv(csvfile)

df.head()
df.glimpse()
```





We are going to start with basic things and load the ~/worldcup.csv dataset found on the server:

• In dev.py

S	hape:	head() (5, 10)							
/	year	 host	 winner	second		goals_scored	teams	games	attendance
/									
	<i>i64</i>	str	str	str		i 64	<i>i64</i>	i64	i64
F			1						
	1930	Uruguay	Uruguay	Argentina	/ / 	70	13	18	434000
/	1934	Italy	Italy	Czechoslovakia		70	16	17	395000
/	1938	France	Italy	Hungary		84	15	18	483000
/	1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil		88	13	22	1337000
/	1954	Switzerland	West Germany	Hungary		140	16	26	943000





We are going to start with basic things and load the ~/worldcup.csv dataset found on the server:

• In dev.py

```
df.glimpse()
# >>> df.glimpse()
# Rows: 21
# Columns: 10
# $ vear <i64> 1930, 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974
# $ host <str> Uruguay, Italy, France, Brazil, Switzerland, Sweden, Chile, England, Mexico, German
# $ winner
          <str> Uruguay, Italy, Italy, Uruguay, West Germany, Brazil, Brazil, England, Brazil, West
# $ second
           <str> Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Brazil, Hungary, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, West G
# $ third
          <str> USA, Germany, Brazil, Sweden, Austria, France, Chile, Portugal, West Germany, Polan
# $ fourth
           <str> Yugoslavia, Austria, Sweden, Spain, Uruguay, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Soviet Union
# $ goals scored <i64> 70, 70, 84, 88, 140, 126, 89, 89, 95, 97
# $ teams <i64> 13, 16, 15, 13, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16
# $ games <i64> 18, 17, 18, 22, 26, 35, 32, 32, 38
# $ attendance <i64> 434000, 395000, 483000, 1337000, 943000, 868000, 776000, 1614677, 1673975, 1774022
```





Nice configs for polars

```
pl.Config.set_tbl_rows(100)
pl.Config.set_tbl_cols(100)

dir(pl.Config)
#['__annotations__', '__class__', '__delattr__', '__dict__', '__dir__', '__doc__', '__enter__', '__eq__',
```



Data Types

Lets what data types and schemas the data contains:

```
df.schema # better
df.dtypes
df["Name"].dtype

# >>> df.schema # better
# {'year': Int64, 'host': Utf8, 'winner': Utf8, 'second': Utf8, 'third': Utf8, 'fourth': Utf8, 'goals_scor # >>> df.dtypes
# [Int64, Utf8, Utf8, Utf8, Utf8, Int64, Int64, Int64]
# >>> df["goals_scored"].dtype
# Int64
```



Data Types

There are multiple types of data types in polars, its nice to know some of the basic types because once you move into 'high' performance analytics. These matter a lot. But for now, we gonna use them in selecting columns 🧐

- polars.DataType
- polars.Decimal
- polars.Float32
- polars.Float64
- polars.Int8
- polars.Int16
- polars.Int32
- polars.Int64
- polars.UInt8
- polars.UInt16
- polars.UInt32
- polars.UInt64
- polars.Date

- polars.Datetime
- polars.Duration
- polars.Time
- polars.Array
- polars.List
- polars.Struct
- polars.Boolean
- polars.Binary
- polars.Categorical
- polars.Null
- polars.Object
- polars.Utf8
- polars.Unknown







Selecting Columns

To select columns, we wrap the selection in pl.col using the .select() method on a data frame:

```
(
    df.select(
        [
            pl.col("host"),
            pl.col("year")
        ]
    )
)
```

We can also apply some transformation in the select:

```
(
    df.select(
        [
            pl.col("host").str.to_lowercase(),
            pl.col("year").alias('year_game_played')
        ]
    )
)
```

Your turn!

Select the winner and goals scored columns for me!

Then

Select attendance and rename to spectators

10:00



Putting your first script into production

Start by creating a new folder:

• ~/projects/production/python

Then create a python file: say_hello.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
import datetime
now = datetime.datetime.now()
if __name__ = "__main__":
    print(f'[{now}] - Hello, World!')
```

• The shebang is a special kind of comment that you may include in your source code to tell the operating system's shell where to find the interpreter for the rest of the file. (especially useful when using environments)

It's not uncommon to combine a shebang with the name-main idiom:

• Prevents the main block of code from running when someone imports the file from another module

Last step, make the file executable: chmod +x say_hello.py



Learning basics of VIM 🏠

Why learn VIM?



There is an old joke about a visitor to New York City asking a passerby for directions to the city's famous classical music venue.

Visitor: Excuse me, how do I get to Carnegie Hall? Passerby: Practice, practice, practice!

Learning the Linux command line, like becoming an accomplished pianist, is not something that we pick up in an afternoon. It takes years of practice. In this chapter, we will introduce the vi (pronounced "vee eye") text editor, one of the core programs in the Unix tradition. vi is somewhat notorious for its difficult user interface, but when we see a master sit down at the keyboard and begin to "play," we will indeed be witness to some great art. We won't become masters in this chapter, but when we are done, we will know how to play the equivalent of "Chopsticks" in vi.

Linux Command Line, 2nd Edition - Jr. William E. Shotts





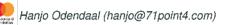
Why learn VIM?

So why learn VIM when you have something like vscode or Rstudio as an IDE?

- VIM is ubiquitous on all Unix systems, which mean you will always have access to an editor, even if your front-end crashes.
- VIM is powerful and fast. Sometimes you just need to change a simple config file and VIM works best for these times. Also, you may not have GUI access when doing routine SysAdmin tasks as root.
- Once you have mastered VIM¹, then there are few way to be more efficient in typing up code or changing files since you never need a mouse.
- We don't want other Linux and Unix users to think we are cowards.²







¹ No one on earth can say that they have mastered VIM.

² Its a joke from Linux Command Line, 2nd Edition, but still true 😜

First things first, how to exit

Stackoverflow, helping people exit vim since 2011.



To exit we enter the *editor* with :, then type q and a ! (the exclamation, !, means to force close):

:q!





Basics of editing a file

- 1 Follow my commands before typing. Do not type anything yet!
 - Remember, if something bad happens just press ESC a couple of times and then exit VIM with :q!

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ vim owner information.txt
```

- In VIM, every keystroke is a specific command, this type of editor is known as a modal editor.
 - VIM starts by going into command mode, which means it expects commands, NOT input text.

To type something we must go to *Insert Mode*. To do this, type i. You should see the following at the bottom:

```
--INSERT--
```

Now, type the following:

```
[owner] Hanjo Odendaal
```

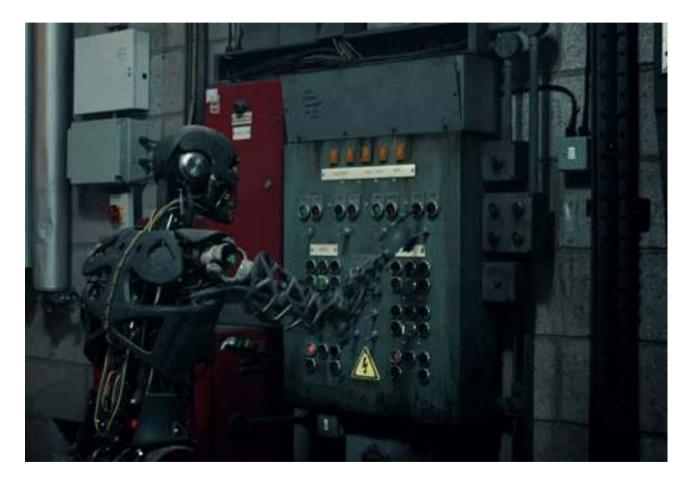
Save and exit by pressing Esc and :wq





Putting your first script into production

The time has come!





Cronjobs and crontabs

What is cron?

The cron command-line utility, also known as cron job is a job scheduler on Unix-like operating systems.

Lets open crontab:

```
hanjo@optimus0:~$ crontab -e
```





Cronjobs and crontabs

Lets say that the script must run every minute and output to a file in a folder called logs:

```
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow command

* * * * * ~/projects/production/python/say_hello.py >> ~/logs/python_logs.log 2>&1
```



The end







Production

Implement the following script in production. I want this to be in our production folder, call it football_watcher.py. This has to run every MONDAY morning at 08:00 for me.

Go to https://crontab.guru/

```
import polars as pl
csvfile = '~/data/worldcup.csv'

df = pl.read_csv(csvfile)
df.head()
```











Learning Polars with Python Section 2

Selection expression

What you just used was called an 'expression'. Its using verbs to express what you need from code in English.

You can also do in the more 'classic' way, but its not recommended. When we get to LazyFrames and chaining you will see why:

```
df[range(1, 5), "winner"]
df.select(pl.col('winner'))
```



Selection expression

Lets see some more examples:

```
df
.select('winner')
.to_series()
.head(3)
df
.select(['winner', 'second'])
.head(3)
.to_series()
```



Being smarter on your select

Polars has some really nice smart selector helpers. Lets explore some.

```
• .all + .exclude

(
    df.select(
        pl.all()
    )
)

(
    df.select(
        pl.all().exclude(["games", "spectators"])
    )
)
```



Being smarter on your select

Polars has some really nice smart selector helpers. Lets explore some.

- Regex (for the brave)
- Has to have "^something\$"

```
(
    df.select(
        pl.col("^goals.*$")
)

(
    df.select(
        pl.col("^goals.*$").max()
    )
)
```





Being smarter on your select

Polars has some really nice smart selector helpers. Lets explore some.

• Select on type

```
(
    df.select(
        pl.col(pl.Int64)
    )
    .head(3)
)
```





Your turn!

Select all besides the the team that came third

Only select string columns for me and transform to lowercase

Select attendance and tell me what minimum and median and mean attendance was (Tip: Google is your friend)

25:00

Rename

Often times the column names are not easy to work with. When this happens, we need to rename. This can easily be done by using the simple .rename method:

```
(
    df
    .rename({"PassengerId":"ID"})
    .head(2)
)
```

Can also mass a list:

Drop

Just like .rename, you can use .drop to get rid of unnecessary columns

```
(
    df
    .drop(
        [
            "fourth",
            "host"
        ]
    )
    .head(2)
)
```





Missing Values

In Pandas a missing value can be represented with a null, NaN or None value depending on the dtype of the column. Polars also allows NaN values for floating point columns as we will see.

Polars stores a count of how many null values there are. We can access this with the null_count method on a single column or on all the columns

```
df.null_count()
```





Missing Values

We use the <code>is_null</code> expression to find out whether each value is <code>null</code> and <code>is_not_null</code> for the opposite. In the following section you will see how we can use it in a filtering expression.

```
df
.select(
    [
        pl.col("col1"),
        pl.col("col1").is_null().alias("is_null"),
        pl.col("col1").is_not_null().alias("is_not_null")
    ]
)
)
```

Filtering

Selecting multiple rows using list, slice, range, but NOT boolean! Lets start with the basics again. Read in the worldcup data set.

- list
 - We can pass a list of integers []

```
df[[1, 3]]
```

- slice
 - we can use slice notation

```
df[:3]
```





Filtering

Selecting multiple rows using list, slice, range, but NOT boolean! Lets start with the basics again. Read in the worldcup data set.

- range
 - range of integers

```
df[range(1, 5)]
```

• Boolean list not accepted!

```
df[df["Age"] > 30]
```





Filtering

Although we can use list, slice and range, its much easier to use the expression API.

```
csvfile = '~/data/worldcup.csv'

df = pl.read_csv(csvfile)

(
    df
    .filter(
        pl.col("winner") = 'France'
    )
)
```





Filtering

Replaces .loc from pandas we can use .with_row_count method.

```
df
.with_row_count( name = "row_nr")
.filter(
 pl.col("row_nr") > 10
df
.with_row_count( name = 'row_nr')
.filter(
 pl.col("row_nr").is_between(4, 10)
```

What if we want a sample of the data set to work with:

```
df.sample(n = 10)
```

Filtering

• Winner is France and year is 2018?

```
df
.filter(pl.col('winner') = 'France')
.filter(pl.col('year') = 2018)
).glimpse()
```

BUT

```
df
.filter(
   (pl.col('winner') = 'France') &
    (pl.col('year') = 2018)
  )
).glimpse()
```

```
df
.filter(
    (pl col('winner') = 'France') |
```

Filtering

Filter where the teams are greater than 18

We can also be creative. How do we filter where the attendance is larger than the mean?

25:00

Sorting

```
df.sort("attendance")
df.sort(["attendance", "games"], descending = True, nulls_last = True)
```





Mutating columns

What do we mean by 'mutating columns'? These are row operations and can be that we want to add columns or perhaps change them in some manner.

```
df.with_columns(
   (pl.col('goals_scored')/ pl.col('games')).alias('average_goals')
)
```

Lets change the format:

```
(
    df.with_columns(
        (pl.col('goals_scored')/ pl.col('games'))
        .round(2)
        .alias('average_goals')
)
```



Mutating columns

We can also add a constant to the data frame:

```
(
    df.with_columns(
        (pl.col('goals_scored')/ pl.col('games'))
        .round(2)
        .alias('average_goals')
).with_columns(
    pl.lit('football').alias('type')
)
```

Mutate on type

One of the best ways to mutate multiple columns that might need cleaning is using the dtype.

```
(
    df
    .with_columns(
        pl.col(pl.Utf8).str.to_uppercase()
)
    .select(
        pl.col(pl.Utf8)
)
    .head(2)
)
```



Mutating columns

```
df
.with_columns(
    pl.col('goals_scored')/pl.col('games')
  .round(2)
  .alias('average_goals')
.sort('average_goals', descending = True)
.select(
 ['year', 'host', 'winner', 'average_goals', 'games', 'goals_scored']
).head(3)
```





Mutating columns

Another cool feature is to mutate row-wise across multiple columns

```
df
.with_columns(
    pl.max(
        [
            pl.col('teams'), pl.col('games')
        ]
        )
        .alias('max_games_teams')
)
)
```





Mutating frames

Options to join frames:

• 'vertical', 'diagonal', 'horizontal', 'align'

```
seriesA = (
  df.with columns(
    (pl.col('goals_scored')/ pl.col('games'))
    .round(2)
    .alias('average_goals')
  ).with_columns(
    pl.lit('seriesA').alias('type')
seriesB = (
  df.with columns(
    (pl.col('goals scored')/ pl.col('games'))
    .round(2)
    .alias('average_goals')
  ).with columns(
    pl.lit('seriesA').alias('type')
```

```
pl.concat([seriesA, seriesB], how="vertical")
pl.concat([seriesA, seriesB], how="diagonal")
```

Lets play with a bit with Amazon reviews!

Lets play with a bit with Amazon reviews

```
import polars as pl

csvfile = '~/data/amazon/amazon_reviews_us_Watches_v1_00.tsv'
df = pl.read_csv(csvfile)
```



• What do you see?



Lets play with a bit with Amazon reviews

```
import polars as pl

csvfile = '~/data/amazon/amazon_reviews_us_Watches_v1_00.tsv'

df = pl.read_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True)

df.glimpse()
```

Time to play with aggregations! Think of it as Pivot Tables. So, mean by, or count by or n_unique in a number of groups. The methods we can all on GroupBy in mode are:

- first get the first element of each group
 - o last get the last element of each group
 - n_unique get the number of unique elements in each group
 - count get the number of elements in each group
 - o sum sum the elements in each group
 - min get the smallest element in each group
 - max get the largest element in each group
 - mean get the average of elements in each group
 - median get the median in each group
 - quantile calculate quantiles in each group

```
(
    df
    .groupby("verified_purchase")
)
# <polars.dataframe.groupby.GroupBy object at 0×7f54a</pre>
```

```
df
.groupby("host")
.count()
df
.groupby("attendance")
.mean()
df
.groupby("winner")
.n_unique()
```





• We can also use our nice column selectors to pull out the correct columns to remove the Null columns

```
(
    df
    .groupby('verified_purchase')
    .mean()
    .select(
        [
            pl.col('verified_purchase'),
            pl.col(pl.Float64)
        ]
    )
)
```

• We can pass a list to .agg to set out different aggregations.

```
(
    df
    .groupby('verified_purchase')
    .agg(
        [
            pl.col('star_rating').mean(),
            pl.col('total_votes').max()
        ]
    )
)
```

• What if we want to do aggregations across columns?

Analyzing Amazon watches

- Lets analyse Rolex watches!
- We can use filter and contains to look for Rolex in the product_title:

```
df
.filter(
    pl.col('product_title')
    .str.contains('Rolex')
)
```

```
(
    df
    .with_columns(
        pl.when(
            pl.col('product_title')
            .str
            .contains('Rolex')
        )
        .then(1).otherwise(0)
        .alias('Rolex')
)
```

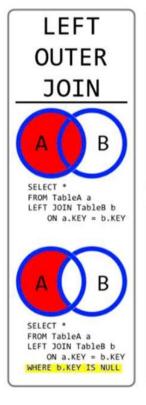
Analyzing Amazon watches

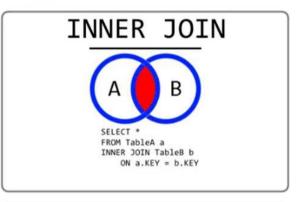
- What percentage of reviews were helpful?
- Are the Rolex star_ratings higher than the rest of the watches?
- Is there a person who has made more than one Rolex review?

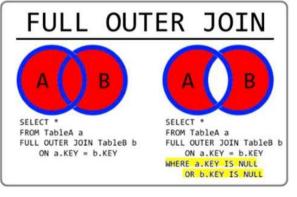
45:00

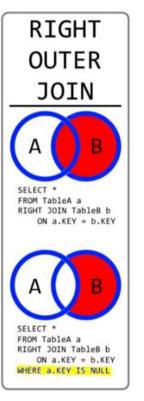
Joins

SQL JOINS











Joins

To understand joins, lets start by breaking up amazon into two data sets and then put them back together.

- Create review_ratings and review_body
- Lets now put it back together using review_id!

```
review_ratings = (
    df
    .select(
        [
            pl.col('review_id'),
            pl.col('star_rating')
        ]
    )
)
```

```
review_body = (
   df
   .select(
        [
            pl.col('review_id'),
            pl.col('review_body')
        ]
   )
)
```

```
review_ratings.join(review_body, on = "review_id", how = "left")
```

Joins

Create two data frames that contain

- DF One: reviews_id & star_ratings and sample 1000 rows
- DF Two: reviews_id & total_votes

Then get the median for the star_ratings for these samples.

You need to use inner join.

45:00

Itteration

We can iterate over a single column just as we would do with a Pandas column or a Numpy array. Its nice for pulling out as array.

```
[year* 2 for year in df["year"]]
[(row[0],row[1]) for row in df.rows()]
```

The iter row method, as the name suggests, allows you to iterate over the rows in the DataFrame. This method returns a generator which you can use in a loop to access each row one by one. This can be useful if you need to process each row in sequence, or if you need to process each row individually and the dataset is too large to fit into memory all at once.

```
[row['host'] for row in df.iter rows(named=True)]
```

The rows method, on the other hand, would allow you to access a particular row directly by index, but this is generally a less common operation in DataFrame-style processing, as operations are usually vectorized (i.e., performed on entire columns at once).

```
[row['host'] for row in df.rows(named=True)]
```





Function & Itteration

Lets see how this itteration could be used in a function:

• Lets about it in a string

```
def printer(row):
    """
    Function prints the game
    """
    res = f"""The host was {row['host']} and winner was {row['winner']}"""
    print(res)
    return

[printer(row) for row in df.iter_rows(named=True)]
```



Seeing what polars can do: Lazy

They say polars is efficient. So lets start of with a small dataset of 1,000,000 rows of amazon reviews. ♥. It can also read from a compressed file!

```
csvfile = "~/data/amazon.tsv.gz"

df = (
    pl.read_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True)
)

df

df.glimpse()
```

Seeing what polars can do: Lazy

To see what the 'execution plan' is, we can use .explain to see what polars is going to do.

```
csvfile = "~/data/games.tsv"
(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True)
    .explain()
)
```





Lazy mode

• Applies optmized query optimization

```
csvfile = "~/data/games.tsv"
df = pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True).fetch(3)
df.glimpse()

(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True)
        .groupby(["star_rating"])
        .agg(pl.col("star_rating").count().alias("counts"))
        .explain
)
```

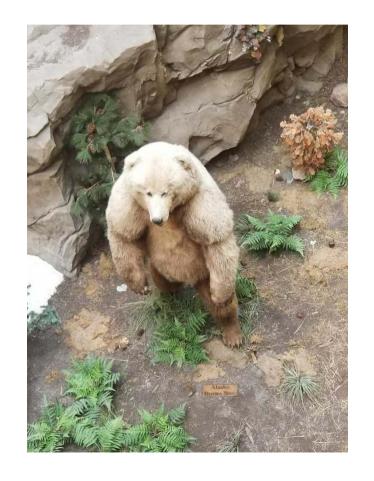
• Streaming = True process in stream (larger than RAM data)

```
pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t', ignore_errors = True)
.groupby(["star_rating"])
.agg(pl.col("star_rating").count().alias("counts"))
.collect(streaming = True)
)
```





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• Step 1: How many rows are we talking about?

```
csvfile = "~/data/amazon/*.tsv"
(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t',
        ignore_errors = True)
    .select(
        pl.count()
        )
        .explain()
)
```

```
csvfile = "~/data/amazon/*.tsv"
(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t',
        ignore_errors = True)
    .select(
        pl.count()
        )
    .collect(streaming = True)
)
```



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• Step 2: Now we can count the number of observations per category

```
csvfile = "~/data/amazon/*.tsv"
(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t',
        ignore_errors = True)
    .groupby(["product_category"])
    .agg(pl.col("product_category")
        .count().alias("counts"))
    .explain()
)
```

```
csvfile = "~/data/amazon/*.tsv"
(
    pl.scan_csv(csvfile, separator = '\t',
        ignore_errors = True)
    .groupby(["product_category"])
    .agg(pl.col("product_category")
        .count().alias("counts")
    )
    .collect(streaming = True)
)
```



Lets say we have a data set that is around 5GB. This is a very large data set to analyse in memory. Lets now employ lazy mode in polars.

- Step 3: Filter and sort the results...
- Step 4: Do the results add up to our initial count?

25:00

• https://stackoverflow.com/questions/76391153/python-polars-lazy-frame-row-count-not-equal-wc-l











Learning Polars with Python Section 3

Dbutils

Do you have problems connecting to databases? Do you put passwords in plain text in python scripts (Big No no!)? What if you want to write to BD?

• Well, we have the answer for you!

```
import pathlib #info about where things are sto.
from setuptools import setup, find packages
HERE = pathlib.Path(__file__).parent # anchoring
# print(HERE)
VFRSTON = '1.2.0'
PACKAGE NAME = 'dbutils'
AUTHOR = 'JUSTE NYIRIMANA'
AUTHOR EMAIL = 'justenyirimana@gmail.com'
URL = 'justenyirimana@gmail.com'
LICENSE = 'MIT'
DESCRIPTION = 'DBUTILS is a collection of funct:
```





Traditional way of uploading data

In the traditional way of uploading data to a DB, the best way is to (1) copy the CSV to the machine, (2) create the table in the database and (3) then upload the data using the load command.

• Create a DB

CREATE DATABASE workshop

• Connect to mysql through VSCode and create the table in the database

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS property;
CREATE TABLE property(
    property_type VARCHAR(255),
    addresslocality VARCHAR(255),
    bedrooms INT,
    bathrooms INT,
    derived_lcy DOUBLE PRECISION NOT NULL
);
```

Traditional way of uploading data

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• Next upload the data to the database

```
LOAD DATA INTO DB
LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE '/home/ubuntu/data/property/property.csv'
INTO TABLE workshop.property
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
;
```



Exercises for SQL

- What is the average and standard deviation of house prices?
- How much more expensive is adding an extra bedroom and going from a 2 to 3 bedroom if I RENT?
- Where are the most expensive houses for sale?

30:00



What happens if we want to interact with the database through python? Well, you can either write your own functions or just use our dbutils package! The main class is: Query, and it has the following methods:

- sql_query
 - Helps to guery the database
- sql_write
 - Helps to write data from python to mysql DB
- sql execute
 - Executes raw sql commands

Obviously on can extend this package quite a lot, but these are the nice basic functions we use from day to day. Now lets do what we did above, but using dbutils

- 1. Create a folder: ~/projects/analytics/dbutils and activate your polars environment!
- 2. Download the .whl from the website and upload your folder
- 3. Install the .whl using the file: pip install dbutils.whl from CLI
- 4. Install decouple so that we dont have plain text password files: pip install python-decouple
- 5. Create a file in the SAME folder called .env







⚠ Its important to never same passwords in plain text on your machine!! Its best to use environment variables for this. In the lenv file, add the following information:

```
db_port=3306
db_host=localhost
db_user=ubuntu
db_pass=0c32348ad0361269b
```

- db_port: Specifies the port your MySQL instance is running on: 3306 is the default
- db_host: This is the IP address (remember 127.0.0.1?)
- db_user: The username
- db_pass: The password

The decouple package in python will then pick up these environment variables automatically and can be used as config('db_port') within scripts.





Back to our task at hand!

• Read in the property file in python from the data folder in your project folder.

```
import polars as pl

df = pl.read_csv('data/property.csv')

df.glimpse()
```

Next connect to the DB

```
import polars as pl
from decouple import config
from dbutils import Query
df = pl.read_csv('data/property.csv')
database = Query(
   db_type = 'mysql',
   db name = 'workshop',
   db user = config('db user'),
   db_pass = config('db_pass'),
   db host = config('db host'),
    db port = config('db port')
database.__version__
database.db_type
```



Once you have connected, its always good practice to test the connection:

```
import polars as pl
from decouple import config
from dbutils import Query
df = pl.read csv('data/property.csv')
database = Query(
   db_type = 'mysql',
   db name = 'workshop',
   db user = config('db user'),
   db pass = config('db pass'),
   db host = config('db host'),
   db_port = config('db_port')
database. version
database.db type
database.sql_query(sql = "SELECT * FROM property", limits = 2)
```



Now that we have established a connection, lets truncate the database and load in the data through python using the sql_execute method.

```
database.sql_execute(sql = "TRUNCATE property")
```

Next, we can upload the data to DB using sql_write:

```
database.sql_write(df.to_pandas(), table_name = 'property')
```



Exercises for SQL & Polars

- Execute the following command in polars and then use dbutils to execute the commands in sql
- What is the average and standard deviation of house prices?
- How much more expensive is adding an extra bedroom and going from a 2 to 3 bedroom if I RENT?
- Where are the most expensive houses for sale?

40:00







Learning Polars with Python Section 4

>>> import this The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters Beautiful is better than ugly. Explicit is better than implicit. Simple is better than complex. Complex is better than complicated. Flat **is** better than nested. Sparse **is** better than dense. Readability counts. Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules. Although practicality beats purity. Errors should never pass silently. Unless explicitly silenced. In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess. There should be one -- and preferably only one -- obvious way to do it. Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch. Now is better than never. Although never is often better than *right* now. If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea. If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea. Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!



Building basic functions \$\pi\$

Modules vs Classes vs Function

Module

In the world of python, a module can be thought of as a collection of functions / Classes that reside within a $\stackrel{\frown}{a}$ package.

Class

Logical abstraction layer to organise certain methods to a specific objects. Ex. An object of class bird can have swim method, but class fish cannot have method fly. We usually use Classes as a blueprint to easily *instantiate* new objects with a set structure. These will attributes, which we can access through methods.

Function

Standalone not associated with any Class (example add(1,2)). Invoke by own name, does not require self.

¹ Except for those crazy flying fish!





Modules vs Classes vs Function?

```
x = Person(Name = "Hanjo")
     Class
x.jump()
      method
show_menu("vegetarian")
     function
Connect("greenplum")
```

Class







Building our first class

The most important!

• What is the most important thing about writing code?

!!!DOCUMENTATION!!!



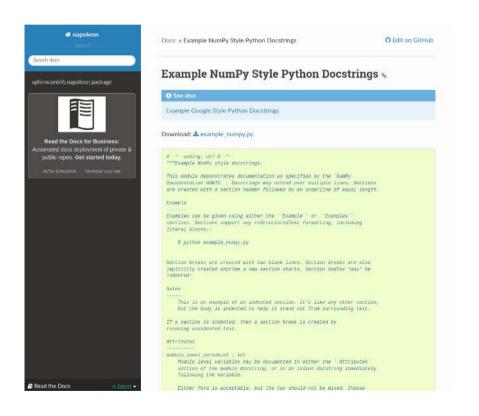


Documentating functions in python 祸

By learning to write your documentation as you write your code, future you and other people will appreciate and enjoy working with you (and your code) a lot more.¹

We start by selecting a *style* of *docstrings*. I certainly prefer writing my code in a more verbose way. So, with that in mind, I prefer NumPy.

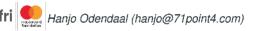
- It is more verbose.
- Plays well with Sphinx doc generator.
- De-facto standard of the larger projects in python.



¹If you want to go deep, read up on PEP 257 -- Docstring Conventions







What should be documented?

Although there is A LOT of things that can be documented, lets start with the two most basics: Attribute, Methods

- Attributes
 - Think of these as characteristics of the class.
- Methods
 - Operations or actions that the class can perform.

When documenting, please be very aware of capital letters, spaces and ": ". All of these things are parsed by our document parser which you will see later on 🏡.

Code is more often read than written.

- Guido van Rossum





What should be documented?

```
class Boilerplate:
    Description of class
    Attributes
    attr_1 : type
        description
    attr_2 : type
        description
    Methods
    method_1(param=None)
        Description
    attr_1 = "Thanks for loading class with {attr]
```

Take some time and build be a Gorilla class!



15:00



My Gorilla Class?

In python we use the object self to represent the instance of a class. By using the self keyword we access the attributes and methods of the class we created and we use __init__ to mean the *initiator*:

```
class Gorilla:
    A class used to represent a Gorilla
    Attributes
    name : str
        the name of the gorilla
   weight : int
        how much does the gorilla weight in KG
    home: str
        where can the gorilla be found
    age: int
        number of years
    sex: str
        is the gorilla male or female
    hours: int
        how many hours a gorilla sleep
    Methods
    _____
    sleep(hours=None)
        How many hours does my gorilla sleep
    def __init__(self, name, weight, age, sex, hours, home = "Viruga"):
        self.name = name
        self.weight = weight
        self.home = home
        self.age = age
        self.sex = sex
        self.hours = hours
```

How to add method new class?

```
def sleep(self, hours = None):
    Tells you how many hours the gorilla sleeps.
    If the argument `hours` isn't passed in, the default Gorilla
    hours is used.
    Parameters
    _____
    sleep(hours=None)
       How many hours does my gorilla sleep
    Raises
    NotImplementedError
       If no hour is set for the gorilla or passed in as a
        parameter.
    if self.hours is None and hours is None:
       raise NotImplementedError("Gorillas need to sleep at some stage in the day!")
    out hours = self.hours if hours is None else hours
    information = "I am a {sex} gorilla called {name},\nI weight {weight}Kg,\nI am from {home} and \nI love to sleep {hours} hours a day!"
    print(information.format(sex = self.sex, name = self.name, weight = self.weight, home = self.home, hours = out hours))
```

What else can a gorilla do?

15:00





Lets now see how we built the Gorilla!

```
>>> mygorilla.sleep(hours = 12)
# I am a male gorilla called hanjo,
# I weight 200Kg,
# I am from Viruga and
# I love to sleep 12 hours a day!
```

```
class Gorilla(builtins.object)
   Gorilla(name, weight, age, sex, hours, home='Viruga')
   A class used to represent a Gorilla
   Attributes
       the name of the gorilla
   weight : int
        how much does the gorilla weight in KG
        where can the gorilla be found
   age: int
        number of years
   sex: str
        is the gorilla male or female
        how many hours a gorilla sleep
   Methods
   sleep(hours=None)
        How many hours does my gorilla sleep
   Methods defined here:
    __init__(self, name, weight, age, sex, hours, home='Viruga')
       Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
   sleep(self, hours=None)
       Tells you how many hours the gorilla sleeps.
        If the argument `hours` isn't passed in, the default Gorilla
       hours is used.
       Parameters
       sleep(hours=None)
           How many hours does my gorilla sleep
        Raises
        NotImplementedError
           If no hour is set for the gorilla or passed in as a parameter.
   Data descriptors defined here:
        dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
```

Debugging

There are going to be moments (100% sure of this), when you will have to deal with a code in one of your pieces of code. This is when we need going to jump into that function using a debugger and be able to explore the state of the environment as it is at that point. You can also use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Shift+D.

- Continue / Pause F5
- Step Over F10
- Step Into F11
- Step Out Shift+F11
- Restart Ctrl+Shift+F5
- Stop Shift+F5



```
| Section view on the formula Holp | International Holp | International
```







Its go time bnrUtils X

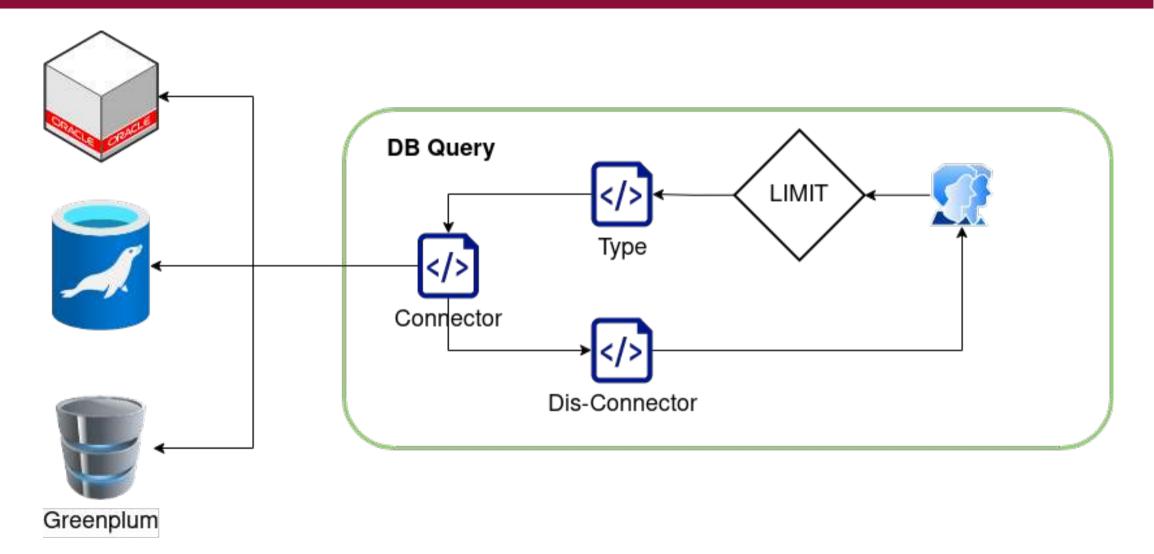
Function over form

• Start by building out small functions that do **one** thing and does this well. To do this, break down the steps for yourself in graphical format.

To do this, take 10:00 and draft a design in Draw.io for a python package that connects to different databases:



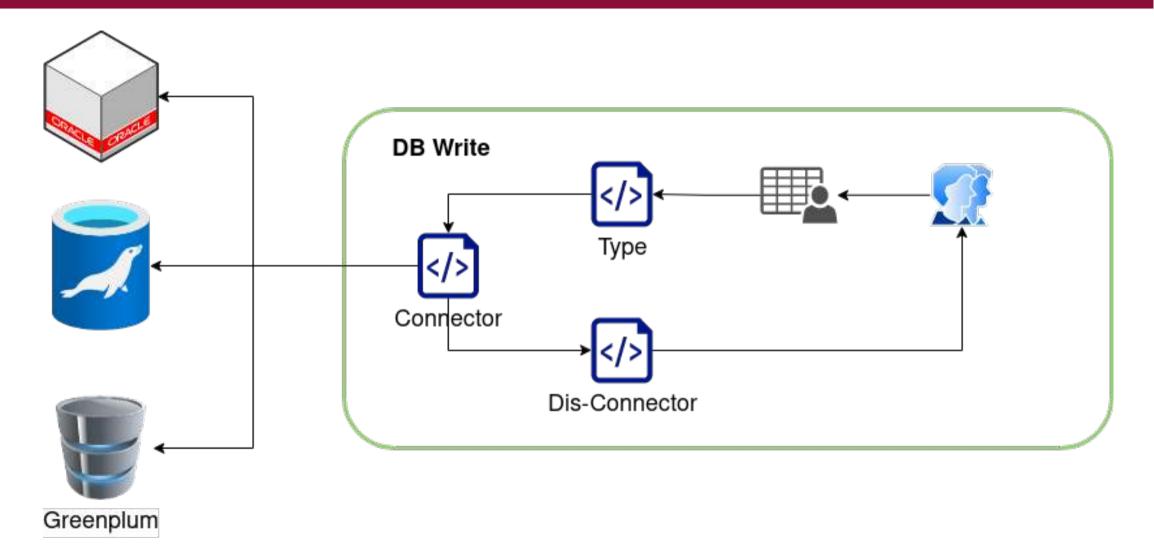
DB Write and Query







DB Write and Query







Final Functions

After drawing up some basic functions I also realised that I might want some other utilities that could give me an idea on table column info etc. So my final function package looked like. In this workshop we gonna focus on one method only - query:¹

- Class: Query
 - o query
 - o show_tables
 - table_info
 - o write_to_db

These collection of classes and methods would make up the basic building blocks of my package. In this workshop today we will focus on Mariabb as our primary DB. Then next week I will assist in expanding the package for in-house use cases.

Most importantly, we will only use a logger to keep track of processing times. This will become very useful in production settings!





¹ I would recommend you try the other two methods on your own. It can only benefit in the long run.

Putting it all into a package

To put all of your functions into a package, there are some simple steps to follow. Some of them make your life easier, others are mandatory:

1) Use virtual environments (life) 2) Create a folder where your package will live 3) Create setup.py file to configure package 4) Create a make file to build your package 5) Create requirements.txt 6) Create __init__.py file 7) Document the package!





Using environments for package development

At its core, the main purpose of Python virtual environments is to create an isolated environment for Python projects. This means that each project can have its own dependencies, regardless of what dependencies every other project has. Its a good way to make sure your namespacing is working correctly.

```
pip install virtualenv
sudo apt-get install python3-venv
```

Next create a directory to store your environments, create the virtual environment and activate it:

```
cd ~
mkdir python-virtual-environments & cd python-virtual-environments
python3 -m venv bnr_utils
source bnr_utils/bin/activate
# deactivate
```





Create working directory

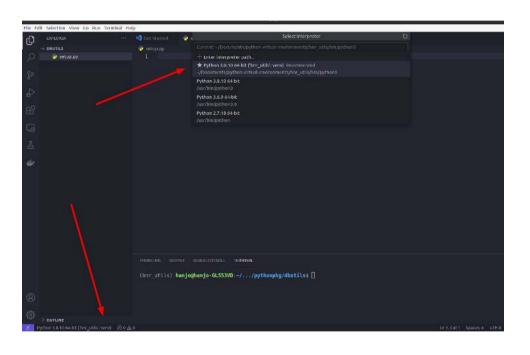
Its a good idea for you to keep your packages in a single directory. That way you can easily jump between developments:

```
cd ~
mkdir -p pythonpkg/dbutils & cd pythonpkg/dbutils
```

Finally we can start by creating our setup.py file. When this file is present in a folder it gives an indication of the basic setup requirements as well as some basic information.



Open the folder in VScode and remember to activate the environment:



This file has to sit at the root directory and it starts off by containing basic meta information on the package:

```
import pathlib
from setuptools import setup, find packages
HERE = pathlib.Path( file ).parent
VERSION = '0.1.0'
PACKAGE NAME = 'dbutils'
AUTHOR = 'Hanjo Odendaal'
AUTHOR EMAIL = 'hanjo@71point4.com'
URL = 'XXX'
LICENSE = 'MIT'
DESCRIPTION = 'DB Utils Python Package to Connect to Da
LONG DESCRIPTION = (HERE/"README.md").read text()
LONG DESC TYPE = "text/markdown"
```



Next we start specifying what dependencies the package might have:

```
INSTALL_REQUIRES = [
"setuptools \approx 47.1.1",
"pandas \approx 1.0.5",
"pytest = 6.0.1",
"requests \approx 2.24.0",
"Sphinx = 3.2.1",
"sphinx - rtd - theme = 0.5.0",
"m2r2 = 0.2.5",
"sqlalchemy \approx 1.3.20",
"pymysql \approx 1.0.2",
"decouple = 3.4.0",
"logger = 1.4",
]
```





Finally we push all this information into the setup function:

```
setup(name=PACKAGE_NAME,
    version=VERSION,
    description=DESCRIPTION,
    long_description=LONG_DESCRIPTION,
    long_description_content_type=LONG_DESC_TYPE,
    author=AUTHOR,
    license=LICENSE,
    author_email=AUTHOR_EMAIL,
    url=URL,
    install_requires=INSTALL_REQUIRES,
    packages=find_packages()
)
```



What the final setup.py file should look like accompanied by a makefile file:

```
# Use bump2version before creating a new release.
#
release:
    python3 setup.py sdist bdist_wheel
```

```
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"sqlalchemy \simeq 1.3.20",
"pymysql \simeq 1.0.2",
"python-decouple=3.5",
"logger=1.4",
setup(name=PACKAGE_NAME,
      version=VERSION,
      description=DESCRIPTION,
      long description=LONG DESCRIPTION,
      long description content type=LONG DESC TYPE,
      author=AUTHOR,
      license=LICENSE,
      author email=AUTHOR EMAIL,
      url=URL,
      install_requires=INSTALL_REQUIRES,
      packages=find_packages()
```

Requirements.txt

It is always a nice idea to have a requirements.txt file in the project. This makes setup of the environment a lot easier and pip has built in functions to install from these special files. At the same time you can ensure that the correct working package version is installed with the package.

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

```
setuptools \simeq 47.1.1

pandas \simeq 1.0.5

pytest=6.0.1

requests \simeq 2.24.0

Sphinx=3.2.1

sphinx-rtd-theme=0.5.0

m2r2=0.2.5

sqlalchemy \simeq 1.3.20

pymysql \simeq 1.0.2

logger=1.4

python-decouple=3.5

wheel=0.37.1
```



Basics done!

What is the final ingredient to make this a package?

Files named init.py are used to mark directories on disk as Python package directories.

```
from .query import Query
```

This file should be in the folder where our modules will be stored:

```
mkdir dbutils & cd dbutils & touch __init__.py
```

At this point your folder structure should look something like:

```
└─ dbutils
       dbutils
        ___init__.py
       makefile
       requirements.txt
       setup.py
2 directories, 4 files
```











Writing our main class: Query

In writing my main class, you will see that I am *pimping* my class quite a lot. The additional sets of information will be very useful for you to debug, as well as have standard outputs to keep logs when your package goes into production.

Create a file called Query.py in the dbutils folder and add these two lines:

```
import logging
from pkg_resources import get_distribution
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG)
```

- This allows me to use logging in throughout my package.
 - Here I set it to log at the DEBUG level.
- I will always have a variable saved to self to get the version of the package that produced the results.
 - Take 10min to write the Boilerplate for a class called Query boilerplate

10:00

Writing our main class: Query

```
import logging
from pkg resources import get distribution
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG)
class Query():
    Initialization method of the :code:`Query` class.
    Attributes
    db : str
        The name of the database.
    db host : str
       Host of DB. [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
    db port : str
        Port where DB listening.[USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
    db user : str
        Username [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES].
    db pass : str
        Password. [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
    Methods
    Fill this space
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        __version__ = get_distribution('dbutils').version
        self.db = kwargs["db"]
        self.db host = kwargs["db host"]
        self.db port = kwargs["db port"]
        self.db user = kwargs["db user"]
        self.db pass = kwargs["db pass"]
```





Building the package for shipping

We are finally ready to test whether our package builds successfully.

The final bit of information that is needed to finalize it all is... you guessed it, more documentation!

So create a README.md you should properly populate this file to explain what the package does and how it functions. I am not going to go in detail into markdown in this workshop.

For now make the file and add a very simple header. In README.md:

Hello

Finally we can test! Navigate to your parent directory where the package lives: /pathtopackage/pythonpkg/

make -C dbutils/





Install package for testing

Having created a setup.py, test the install with pip. In the folder pythonpkg/dbutils:

```
pip install .
```

If you have an existing install, and want to ensure package and dependencies are updated use --upgrade along with pip:

```
pip install --upgrade .
```

To uninstall (use package name):

pip uninstall dbutils





Building our connector 🚉

It is time to now finally use our Query class to connect to the database. The connect utility will be the workhorse of the package and will facilitate the connection between python and which ever database you have.

Create a file called _utils.py.1

```
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
from sqlalchemy import create_engine
import pymysql

def __connect(self, params):
    """Execute query"""
    log.debug(f"Connecting to {self.db_host}")

    db_connection_str = f"mysql+pymysql://{self.db_user}:{self.db_pass}@localhost/{self.db}"
    db_connection = create_engine(db_connection_str)
    return db_connection
```





¹ I use underscore to denote auxiliary functions OR functions that are suppose to be hidden to user purely because it should not concern the user. Please don't judge me.

Using connector in a module

```
import pandas as pd
from . utils import connect
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def sql_query(self, **kwargs):
    try:
        db_connection = _connect(self, kwargs)
        log.debug(db_connection)
        txt = kwargs['sql']
        if "limits" in kwargs:
            txt = txt + f" limit {kwargs['limits']}"
            log.debug(txt)
        df = pd.read_sql_query(txt, con = db_connection)
        return(df)
    except Exception:
        raise
    finally:
        db_connection.dispose()
```

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Importing your module into class

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import logging
from pkg resources import get distribution
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class Query():
    Initialization method of the :code:`Query` class.
    Attributes
       The name of the database.
       Host of DB. [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
       Port where DB listening.[USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
       Username [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES].
       Password. [USE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES]
    Methods
    Fill this space
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
       self.db = kwargs["db"]
       self.db host = kwargs["db host"]
       self.db port = kwargs["db port"]
       self.db user = kwargs["db user"]
       self.db pass = kwargs["db pass"]
    from . sql query import sql query
```





We can test our new package by creating a file called dev.py and a .env file.

```
*.env
```

- This file will store all your environment variables that you might not want to expose to the outside world. This functionality comes from the python-decouple package and is a must when developing code. I will by your laptop down if I find plain text passwords. 1
 - o dev.py
- This file be our little sandbox where we test out certain functionality.
- Once you get more comfortable with software development, you should start writing unit-tests within your code. I do not cover it today, even though its best practice, purely because of time constraint.





¹ Next time we meet I want to see that all of you have a LastPass account. If you save your passwords in a plain text file, I will report you to management.

The dev.py file will be broken down into three distinct sections: (1) Imports, (2) Logger setup and (3) Main:

```
import logging
from decouple import config
from dbutils import Query
import pandas as pd
def setup_logger():
    # create logger
    logger = logging.getLogger('dbutils')
    # logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
    logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    # create console handler and set level to debug
    ch = logging.StreamHandler()
    ch.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
    # create formatter
    formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s [%(levelname)s] %(name)s: %(message)s')
    # add formatter to ch
    ch.setFormatter(formatter)
    # add ch to logger
    logger.addHandler(ch)
```





The final piece of the script contains our main function:

```
def main():
    setup logger()
    database = Querv(
        db type = 'mysql',
        db name = 'workshop',
        db user = config('db user'),
        db pass = config('db pass'),
        db host = config('db host'),
        db port = config('db port')
    print(database.sql query(sql = "SELECT * FROM user", limits = 5))
    print(database.sql query())
if __name__ = '__main__' and __package__ is None:
    print(f"Running main file { name }")
    main()
```



If all went well, you should see:

See you in 30min



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Bringing your documentation to life

One of the nice things about documenting your code as you write it, is that once you have finished, you can use tools such as Sphinx to automatically build a website document for you!

```
sudo apt install python-sphinx -y
mkdir docs
cd docs
sphinx-quickstart
pip install sphinxcontrib-napoleon
```

Then go and edit:

```
. Makefile
— build
— make.bat
— source
— _static
— _templates
— conf.py
— index.rst

4 directories, 4 files
```

```
import os
import sys
sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath('..'))

extensions = [
    'sphinx.ext.autodoc',
    'sphinx.ext.viewcode',
    'sphinxcontrib.napoleon'
]
```

The final step

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Again in conf.py add html_theme =
"sphinx_rtd_theme". Then the moment of truth:

sphinx-apidoc -o . ..
make html
```



Welcome to dbutils's documentation!
Indices and tables

- Index
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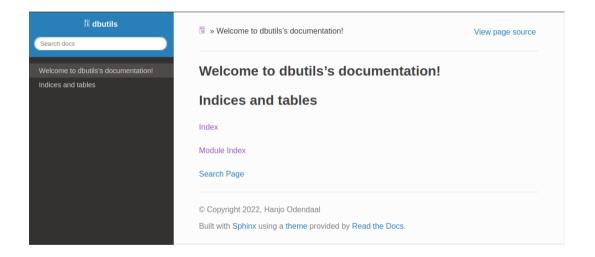
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Be free!







Final task

• You love your new package, but dont always know what tables are available, can you create a new method to bring back a data frame with the available tables as rows?

```
import pandas as pd
from sqlalchemy import inspect
from . utils import connect
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def sql_show_tables(self, **kwargs):
    try:
       db_connection = _connect(self, kwargs)
       log.debug(db connection)
       insp = inspect(db connection)
       table_names = insp.get_table_names()
       out = pd.DataFrame(table names, columns=['table names'])
       return(out)
    except Exception:
        raise
    finally:
       db connection.dispose()
```

