Introduction to Programming with Python

Course Description

This course provides students with a foundational understanding of the Python programming language. Following an introductory exposition to the importance of Python for data science- related programming tasks, students will be acquainted with fundamental programming concepts like variables, data types, and statements. Building on this basis, the important notion of a function is explained and errors, exception handling, and logging are explicated. The course concludes with an overview of the most widely-used library packages for data science.

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