

Getting started with IPython

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- ▶ It provides features like tab-completion, and easier access to help.



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2. list out the commands starting with **a**



Exercise 2

Look-up the documentation of `round` and see how to use it



Exercise 3

Check the output of

```
round(2.48)
```

```
round(2.48, 1)
```

```
round(2.484)
```

```
round(2.484, 2)
```



Solution 3

`round(2.48)` = 2.0

`round(2.48, 1)` = 2.5

`round(2.484)` = 2.0

`round(2.484, 2)` = 2.48



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3. Type the command, `round(2.484, 2)`



Summary

- ▶ invoke the IPython interpreter by typing `ipython` in the terminal.
- ▶ quit the IPython interpreter by using `Ctrl + D`.
- ▶ navigate IPython session history by using the arrow keys.



Summary

- ▶ use tab-completion to work faster.
- ▶ see the documentation of functions using question mark.
- ▶ interrupt commands using `Ctrl + C` when we make an error.



Assignment

1. IPython is a programming language similar to Python.
 - ▶ True or False
2. Which key combination quits IPython?
 - ▶ Ctrl + C
 - ▶ Ctrl + D
 - ▶ Alt + C
 - ▶ Alt + D



Assignment

3. Which character is used at the end of a command, in IPython to display the documentation.
- ▶ under score (_)
 - ▶ question mark (?)
 - ▶ exclamation mark (!)
 - ▶ ampersand (&)



Solutions

1. **False**
2. **Ctrl + D**
3. **question mark (?)**



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