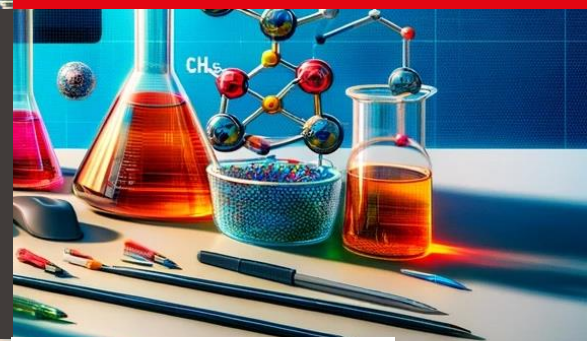


# Recap, Conda & Jupyter notebooks

Practical Programming  
in Chemistry



# **Python recap (continuation of last week) – lists, tuples, sets, dicts, and functions**

Lists are **ordered** collections of **arbitrary** objects: numbers, strings, even other lists!

```
# Create an empty list  
my_empty_list = []
```

Square brackets  
mark the beginning  
and the end of a list

Offset (Index)

0	1	2	3
↓	↓	↓	↓
letters = ['a', 'mn', 'def', 'g']			
↑	↑	↑	↑
-4	-3	-2	-1

Offset (Index)

Indexing works the same as for strings

```
# Lists of compound names and their molecular weights  
compound_names = ['Water (H2O)', 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)', 'Sodium Chloride (NaCl)', 'Glucose (C6H12O6)']  
molecular_weights = [18.01528, 44.0095, 58.443, 180.156]
```

# Basic Python recap – lists

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```

```
In [3]: compound_names[1]
Out[3]: 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)'
```

Access second object of list

```
[In [4]: compound_names[-1]
Out[4]: 'Glucose (C6H12O6)'
```

Access last object

```
[In [5]: len(compound_names)
Out[5]: 4
```

Count the number of objects in the list

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```

```
[In [6]: compound_names + molecular_weights
Out[6]:
['Water (H2O)',
 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)',
 'Sodium Chloride (NaCl)',
 'Glucose (C6H12O6)',
 18.01528,
 44.0095,
 58.443,
 180.156]
```

Concatenation with + operator

```
[In [7]: compound_names * 2
Out[7]:
['Water (H2O)',
 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)',
 'Sodium Chloride (NaCl)',
 'Glucose (C6H12O6)',
 'Water (H2O)',
 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)',
 'Sodium Chloride (NaCl)',
 'Glucose (C6H12O6)']
```

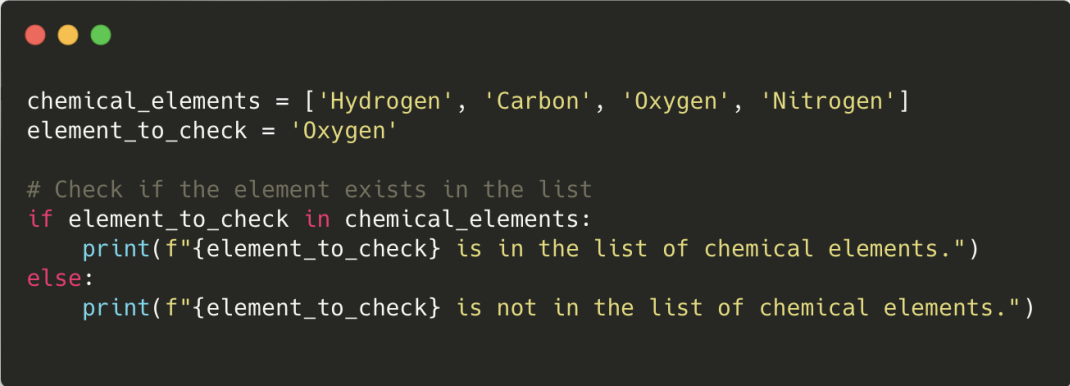
Repetition with \* operator

# Basic Python recap – lists (Membership, is an object in a list)

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```

```
[In [8]: 'Carbon Dioxide (CO2)' in compound_names
Out[8]: True
```

```
[In [9]: 'Water' in compound_names
Out[9]: False
```



```
chemical_elements = ['Hydrogen', 'Carbon', 'Oxygen', 'Nitrogen']
element_to_check = 'Oxygen'

# Check if the element exists in the list
if element_to_check in chemical_elements:
    print(f"{element_to_check} is in the list of chemical elements.")
else:
    print(f"{element_to_check} is not in the list of chemical elements.")
```

# Basic Python recap – lists (growing)

```
a = [0, 1.1, 2.2]
```

# **Appending**      Single object to add at the end of the list **a**

```
a.append(3.3) # => [0, 1.1, 2.2, 3.3]
```

# **Extending** (argument must be an iterable object)

```
a.extend([4.4, 5.5]) # => [0, 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5]
```

Add a **list** at the end of the list **a**

# **Inserting** (1st arg. is the el. index before which to insert)

```
a.insert(-1, 0) # => [0, 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 0, 5.5]
```



```
a = [0, 1.1, 2.2]
```

```
# Searching for an element
```

```
a.index(1.1) # => 1
```

```
a.index(3.3) # => ValueError: 3.3 is not in list
```

```
# Count the number of occurrences
```

```
a = a * 2 # => [0, 1.1, 2.2, 0, 1.1, 2.2]
```

```
a.count(0) # => 2
```

```
a.count(3.3) # => 0
```



```
a = [0, 99, 3, 11, -5]
```

```
# Sorting the list
```

```
a.sort() # => [-5, 0, 3, 11, 99], increasing order by default
```

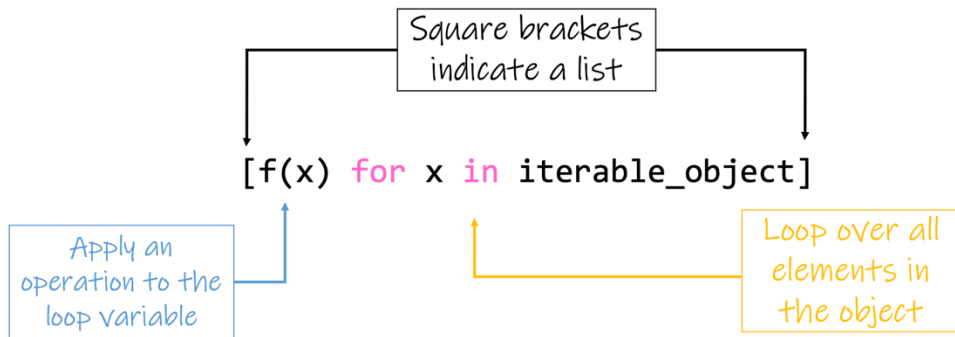
```
a.sort(reverse = True) # => [99, 11, 3, 0, -5]
```

```
# Reverse element order
```

```
a = [0, 99, 3, 11, -5]
```

```
a.reverse() # => [-5, 11, 3, 99, 0]
```

# Basic Python recap – list comprehensions



```
In [14]: celsius = [0, 10, 20, 30]
...: fahrenheit = [(9/5) * temp + 32 for temp in celsius]
...: print(fahrenheit) # Output: [32.0, 50.0, 68.0, 86.0]
...:
[32.0, 50.0, 68.0, 86.0]
```

Conversion from celsius to fahrenheit.

```
In [15]: ph_values = [3.5, 7.0, 8.3, 6.5, 4.8]
...: acidic_solutions = [ph for ph in ph_values if ph < 7]
...: print(acidic_solutions) # Output: [3.5, 6.5, 4.8]
...:
[3.5, 6.5, 4.8]
```

Filtering for acidic solutions (ph < 7).

# Basic Python recap – tuples

- Very similar to lists, but ("H2O, "CH4") instead of ["H2O, "CH4"]
- Main difference, they cannot be changed (immutable).

```
In [17]: compound_list = ['H2O', 'CH4']
...: compound_tuple = ('H2O', 'CH4')
...:
...: compound_list.append('CO2') # ['H2O', 'CH4', 'CO2']
...: compound_tuple.append('CO2')
-----
AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[17], line 5
      2 compound_tuple = ('H2O', 'CH4')
      4 compound_list.append('CO2') # ['H2O', 'CH4', 'CO2']
----> 5 compound_tuple.append('CO2')

AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'
```

Sets are unordered collections of unique elements

```
In [22]: # List of compound names with some duplicates
...: compound_names = ["Water", "Sodium Chloride", "Carbon Dioxide", "Glucose", "Water", "Sodium Chloride"]
...:
...: # Convert the list to a set to filter out duplicates
...: unique_compound_names = set(compound_names)
...:
...: print(f"The unique compound names are: {unique_compound_names}")
...:
The unique compound names are: {'Carbon Dioxide', 'Water', 'Glucose', 'Sodium Chloride'}
```

```
In [21]: # Define the atoms in ethanol
...: ethanol_atoms = "CCHHHHOH"
...:
...: # Convert the string of atoms into a set to find unique atoms
...: unique_atoms = set(ethanol_atoms)
...:
...: print(f"The unique atoms in ethanol are: {unique_atoms}")
The unique atoms in ethanol are: {'H', 'O', 'C'}
```

- Let's imagine you have a list 1M molecules, and now you would like to know how many unique ones there are.

```
In [24]: # Set of elements commonly found in organic compounds
...: organic_elements = {"C", "H", "O", "N", "S", "P"}
...:
...: # Set of elements commonly found in inorganic compounds
...: inorganic_elements = {"O", "N", "Na", "Cl", "K", "Ca"}
```

```
In [25]: # Union: Elements that are found in either organic or inorganic compounds (or both)
...: union_elements = organic_elements.union(inorganic_elements)
...: print(f"Union of Elements (Either Organic or Inorganic): {union_elements}")
Union of Elements (Either Organic or Inorganic): {'H', 'K', 'N', 'S', 'Na', 'Cl', 'O', 'Ca', 'P', 'C'}
```

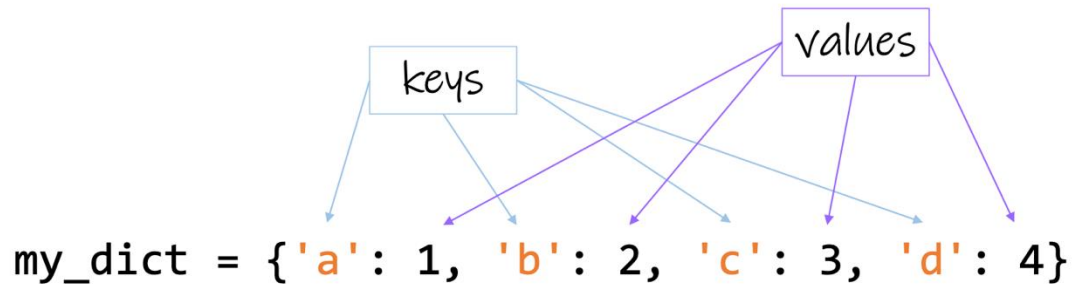
```
In [26]: # Intersection: Elements that are found in both organic and inorganic compounds
...: intersection_elements = organic_elements.intersection(inorganic_elements)
...: print(f"Intersection of Elements (Both Organic and Inorganic): {intersection_elements}")
Intersection of Elements (Both Organic and Inorganic): {'O', 'N'}
```

```
In [27]: # Difference: Elements that are unique to organic compounds (not found in inorganic compounds)
...: difference_elements = organic_elements.difference(inorganic_elements)
...: print(f"Elements Unique to Organic Compounds: {difference_elements}")
Elements Unique to Organic Compounds: {'H', 'P', 'C', 'S'}
```

```
In [28]: # Symmetric Difference: Elements that are in either organic or inorganic compounds, but not in both
...: symmetric_difference_elements = organic_elements.symmetric_difference(inorganic_elements)
...: print(f"Elements Unique to Each Type (Not Shared): {symmetric_difference_elements}")
Elements Unique to Each Type (Not Shared): {'K', 'S', 'Cl', 'Ca', 'C', 'H', 'Na', 'P'}
```

# Basic Python recap - dictionaries

- Key, value pairs



keys	values
'a'	1
'b'	2
'c'	3
'd'	4

# Basic Python recap - dictionaries

# Creating an empty dictionary

```
my_dict = {}
```

# Initializing with key-value pairs

```
my_dict = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'd': 4}
```

# Get the value associated to a key

```
my_dict['a'] # 1
```

```
my_dict['e'] # Raises KeyError
```

# Change the value or add a new key-value pair

```
my_dict['e'] = 5 # {'a':1, 'b':2, 'c':3, 'd':4, 'e':5}
```



# Basic Python recap – functions

`def` `name` (`arg1`, `arg2`, ..., `argN`):  
    statements  
    return value

Similar to if/else  
statements, indentation  
defines block

This function will come back,  
in one of the exercises  
(tomorrow).

```
def reaction_yield(theoretical_yield, actual_yield):  
    """  
    Calculate the percent yield of a reaction.  
    theoretical_yield: Theoretical yield in grams  
    actual_yield: Actual yield obtained from the reaction in grams  
    Returns the percent yield as a percentage.  
    """  
    percent_yield = (actual_yield / theoretical_yield) * 100  
    return percent_yield  
  
# Example usage:  
print(reaction_yield(10.0, 8.5)) # Output for a reaction with 10 g theoretical  
yield and 8.5 g actual yield
```

=> 85

# More exercises and resources

- <https://github.com/sib-swiss/first-steps-with-python-training> (useful more in-depth exercise notebooks)
- <https://realpython.com/search?kind=course&level=basics&order=newest> (different topics in more details)
- <https://www.kaggle.com/learn/intro-to-programming> (super basic intro)
- <https://www.kaggle.com/learn/python> (intro to Python, different topics)
- If you want to have more than what is shown in today's exercises.

# **Python packages – how to access additional functions without coding them yourself**

# What is a package?

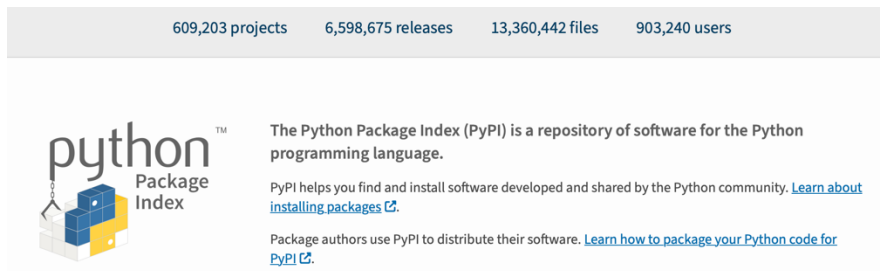
- A package is a **collection of pre-written code** that **adds specific functionality** to your programming environment.
- Think of it like an add-on or plugin that gives you new tools to work with.

```
import numpy as np  
average = np.mean([list_of_numbers])
```

```
import pandas as pd  
data = pd.read_csv("myfile.csv")
```

# How to install packages in Python?

- Through package managers, the two most common are pypi and conda.



*pip install numpy*

to install the numpy package



*conda install numpy*

to install the numpy package

# Environments

# What is an environment?

- An environment is like a **separate, isolated workspace** for your programming projects.

Project A

– uses Python 3.7

Project B

– uses Python 3.10

Solution

→ Create an environment for project A and one for B



**Conda**  
**-- a powerful package**  
**and environment manager**

# How to create an environment in conda?

- In your command line interface, run the following:

```
# Create a new environment
conda create --name myenv python=3.10

# Activate your environment
conda activate myenv

# Install a package
conda install numpy

# List installed packages
conda list

# Deactivate current environment
conda deactivate
```

```
# Create a new environment
conda create --name ppchem python=3.10

# Activate your environment
conda activate ppchem

# Install a package
conda install numpy

# List installed packages
conda list
```

Name of environment

Activation  
of that  
environment

Numpy gets  
installed in  
this env  
(ppchem).

# Demo on the command line interface





- Always activate an environment before installing packages

```
# ❌ Bad Practice:  
pip install numpy # Installing without activating environment  
  
# ✅ Good Practice:  
conda activate ppchem  
conda install numpy # Now installing in correct environment
```

Or pip install numpy.

# Listing all requirements in a conda environment

- Document your installation steps, e.g. in the README.md


```
#  Keep a record of your environment:  
conda list > requirements.txt  
# or  
conda env export > environment.yml  
  
#  Document your installation steps:  
# Installation Steps:  
# 1. conda create --name ppchem python=3.10  
# 2. conda activate ppchem  
# 3. conda install numpy pandas matplotlib
```

# Python file formats

- **.py** and **.ipynb**



- This is the standard Python source code file
- Plain text file containing Python code
- Can be run directly from the command line or imported as a module

```
Lecture03 >  example.py > ...  
1   from math import log10  
2  
3   def calculate_ph(concentration):  
4       |   return -log10(concentration)  
5  
6   if __name__ == "__main__":  
7       |   print(calculate_ph(0.01))
```

- Interactive document that combines:

- Live code
- Rich text (markdown)
- Visualizations
- Equations

- Great for:

- Data analysis
- Teaching
- Documenting research
- Step-by-step explanations

Cell 1

```
# pH Calculation
```

```
This notebook demonstrates pH calculations
```

markdown

Cell 2

```
from math import log10
```

```
def calculate_ph(concentration):  
    return -log10(concentration)
```

Python

Cell 3

```
concentration = 0.01  
ph = calculate_ph(concentration)  
print(f"The pH is: {ph}")
```

Python

# Key differences between .py and .ipynb files

- **.py files** are *linear scripts that run from top to bottom*
- **.ipynb files** are *interactive*, can run cells in *any order*
- **.py files** are better for *production code and software development*
- **.ipynb files** are better for *exploration, analysis, and presentation*

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3  def calculate_ph(concentration):
4      return -log10(concentration)
5
6  if __name__ == "__main__":
7      print(calculate_ph(0.01))
```

To run: `python example.py`

example.ipynb

```
# pH Calculation
This notebook demonstrates pH calculations
markdown

from math import log10

def calculate_ph(concentration):
    return -log10(concentration)
Python

concentration = 0.01
ph = calculate_ph(concentration)
print(f"The pH is: {ph}")
Python
```

- **.py files** for reusable functions and scripts
- **.ipynb notebooks** for learning, experimenting, and documenting their work
- At the beginning, we will use Jupyter notebooks (.ipynb).

# Jupyter notebooks in VS Code

- <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/datascience/jupyter-notebooks>


[Jupyter](#) (formerly IPython Notebook) is an open-source project that lets you easily combine Markdown text and executable Python source code on one canvas called a **notebook**. Visual Studio Code supports working with Jupyter Notebooks natively, and through [Python code files](#). This topic covers the native support available for Jupyter Notebooks and demonstrates how to:

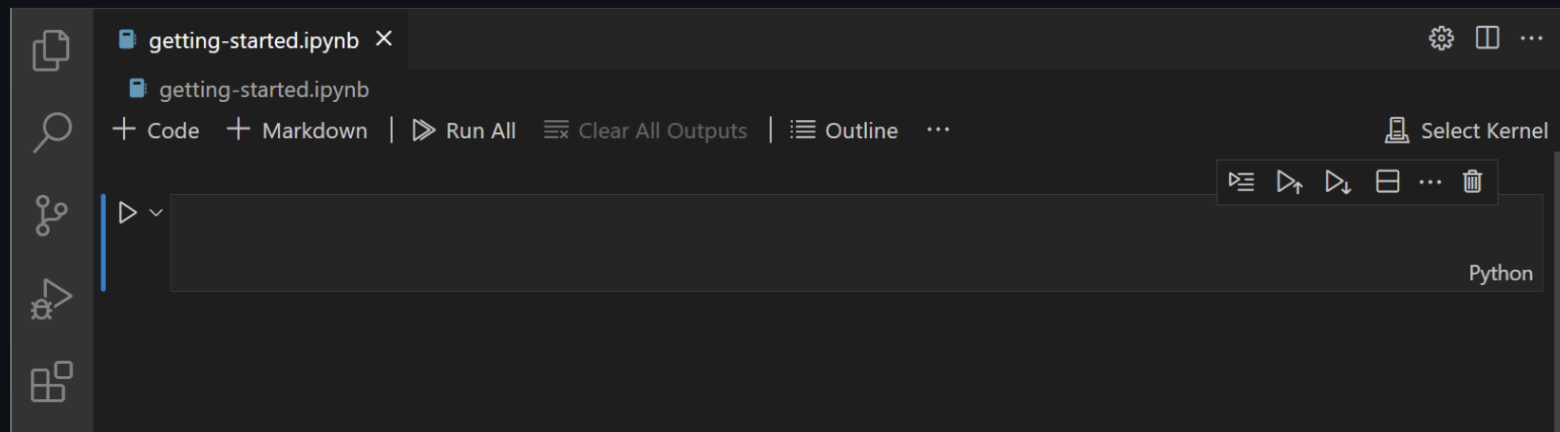
- Create, open, and save Jupyter Notebooks
- Work with Jupyter code cells
- View, inspect, and filter variables using the Variable Explorer and Data Viewer
- Connect to a remote Jupyter server
- Debug a Jupyter Notebook



*It's a very useful ~6 minute video to watch and follow during the exercise session.*

# Create or open a Jupyter Notebook

You can create a Jupyter Notebook by running the **Create: New Jupyter Notebook** command from the Command Palette () or by creating a new `.ipynb` file in your workspace.

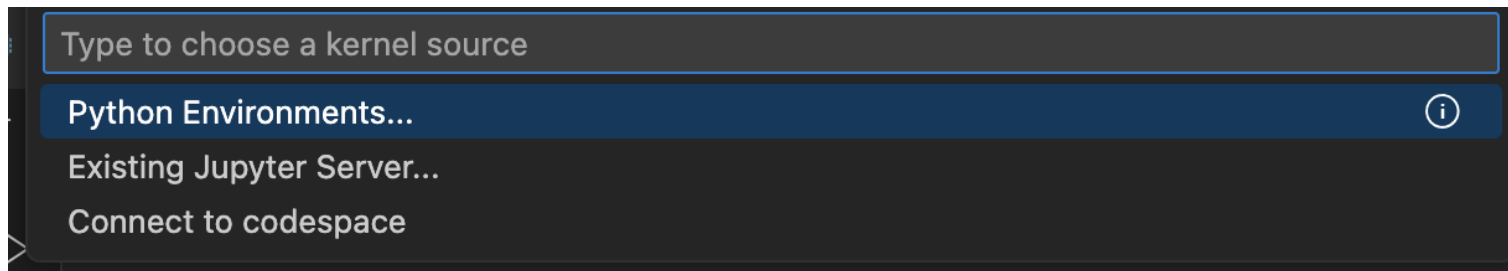
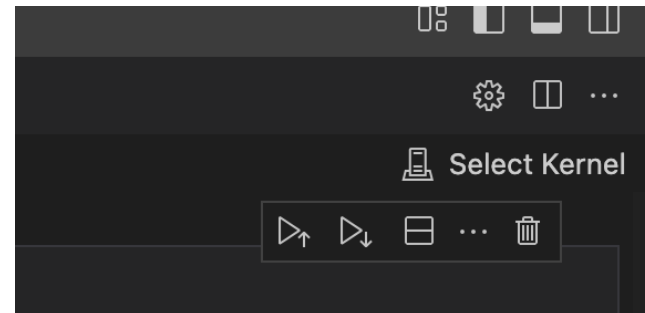


win	shft + ctrl + p
mac	shft + cmd + p

To open **Command Palette**

# Select Kernel (select conda environment)

Top right



# Markdown vs Python cell types

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface in VS Code. The main notebook window displays two cell types: a Markdown cell and a Python code cell. The Markdown cell contains the text "# Welcome to Jupyter Notebooks in VS Code!". The Python cell contains the code `msg = "Hello world"` and `print(msg)`, with an output of `Hello world`. The interface includes a toolbar with buttons for Code, Markdown, Run All, Restart, Clear All Outputs, Variables, and Outline. A dropdown menu is open, showing the selected environment as "protavision (Python 3.10.16)". A red arrow points to the "Python 3.11.9" option in the dropdown menu, with the text "This should point to the conda environment you have selected." next to it. Another red arrow points to the "markdown" label in the cell type dropdown, and a third red arrow points to the "Python" label in the cell type dropdown.

getting-started.ipynb X

getting-started.ipynb > ...

+ Code + Markdown | ▶ Run All ↺ Restart ≡ Clear All Outputs | [V] Variables ≡ Outline ...

Python

protavision (Python 3.10.16)

Python 3.11.9

markdown

Python

# Welcome to Jupyter Notebooks in VS Code!

```
msg = "Hello world"
print(msg)
```

[3] ✓ 0.0s

... Hello world

This should point to the conda environment you have selected.



- Creating your first conda environment
- Using jupyter notebooks in VSCode
- Basic Python recap (data types, lists, loops, and paths)