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# **astropy4cambridge Documentation**

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These notes are for the Astropy workshop held at the Institute of Astronomy of the University of Cambridge by Brigitta Sipőcz and [Thomas Robitaille](#) on the 28th of April 2016.

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**Note:** Please bring your laptop to the workshop!

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The purpose of this workshop is to give you an overview of functionality in Astropy, and get you started with some simple problems. There is a lot of functionality that we cannot cover in this workshop, so we encourage you to browse the Astropy [Documentation](#) to get a sense of what it can be used for!



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## Installing Python and Astropy

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If you don't already have a Scientific Python Installation, install the [Anaconda Python Distribution](#) (works for MacOS X, Linux, and Windows). We recommend downloading the Python 3.5 version (you will still be able to set up Python 2 environments if needed). Alternatively you can find installation info here:

`install.`





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## Notebooks

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Download the notebooks from here before starting (Windows users: use this instead).

- Units and Quantities [Problem solutions]
- Tables [Problem solutions]
- Celestial Coordinates [Problem solutions]
- Handling FITS files [Problem solutions]
- Modeling [Problem solutions]
- WCS Transformations [Problem solutions]
- Astropy Affiliated Packages: APLpy and WCSAxes
- Astropy Affiliated Packages: Aperture photometry
- Astropy Affiliated Packages: Astroquery
- Astropy Affiliated Packages: Image reprojection



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## Getting help

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### 3.1 General Python help

- Google!
- StackOverflow - use tag #python
- Facebook Python users in Astronomy group

### 3.2 Astropy help

- astropy mailing list (not just Astropy-related question, any astronomy & python questions)
- StackOverflow - use tag #astropy
- IRC
- Twitter

### 3.3 Feedback

- Proposing future features for Astropy
- Private feedback on astropy



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## Useful links

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- [Numpy](#)
- [Scipy](#)
- [Matplotlib](#)
- [Astropy](#)
- [More about the Jupyter notebook](#)
- UTF-8 error on MacOS X: see [here](#) for how to fix it.