

Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Basic Python

Executing ".py"-files from VS Code

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Preparation

We assume you have:

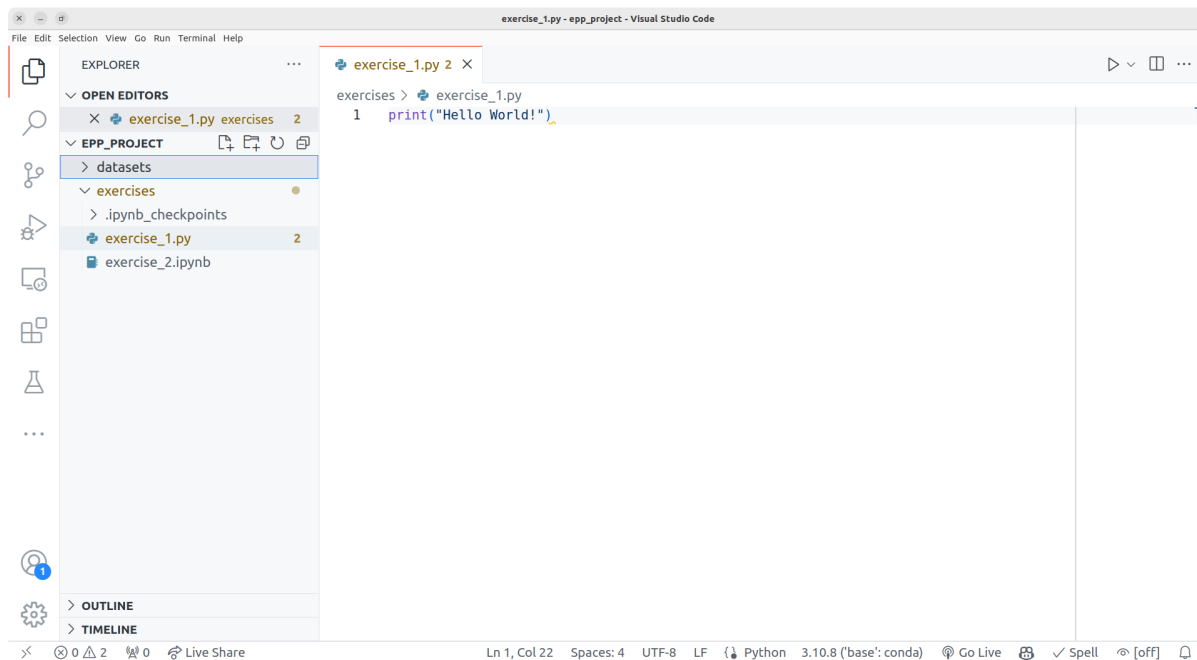
- Installed anaconda and created the course environment
- Installed VS Code with all relevant Python extensions
- Opened the root directory of your project in VS Code

Example project structure

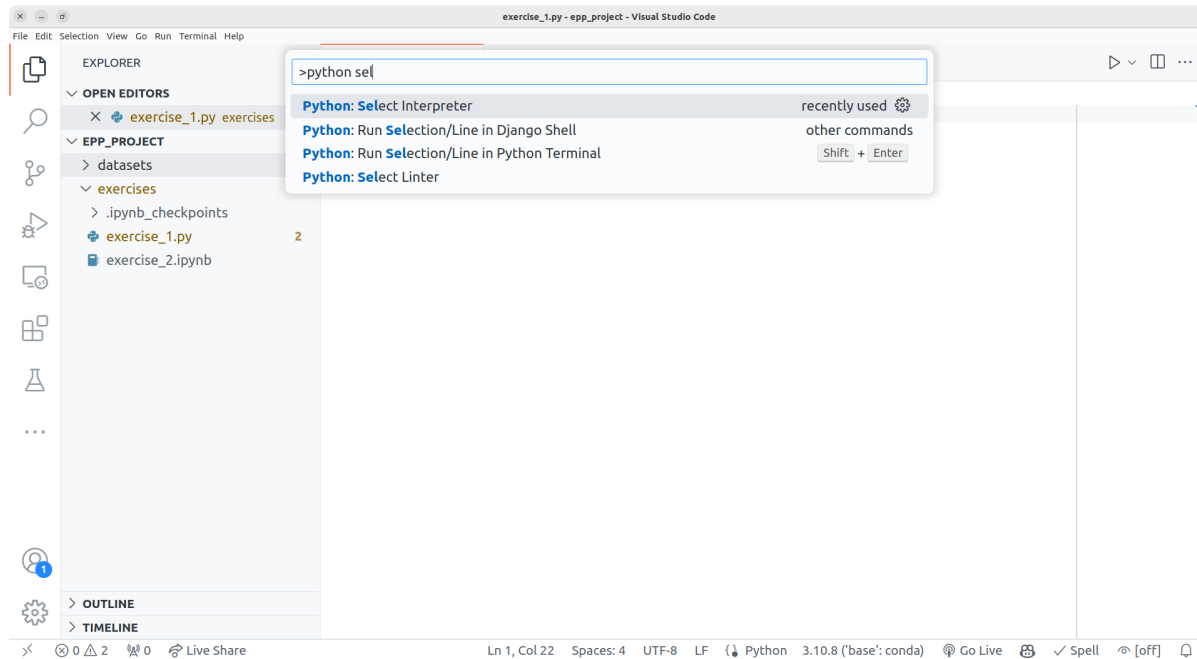


- We want to run `exercise_1.py` in VS Code

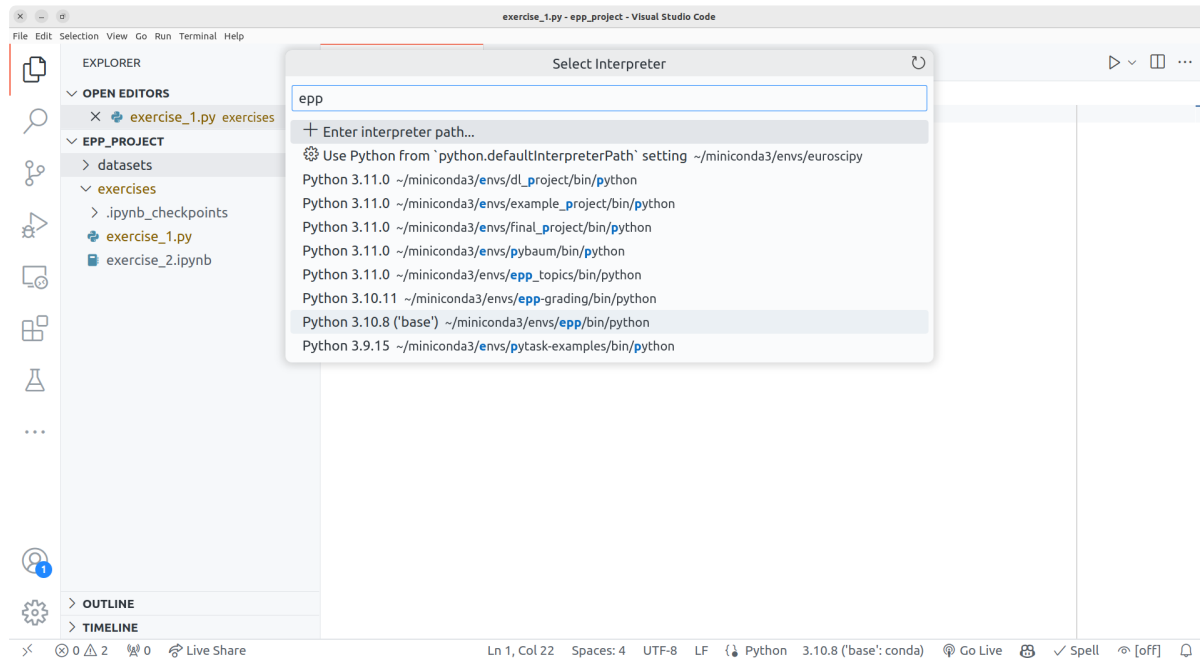
1. Open the file



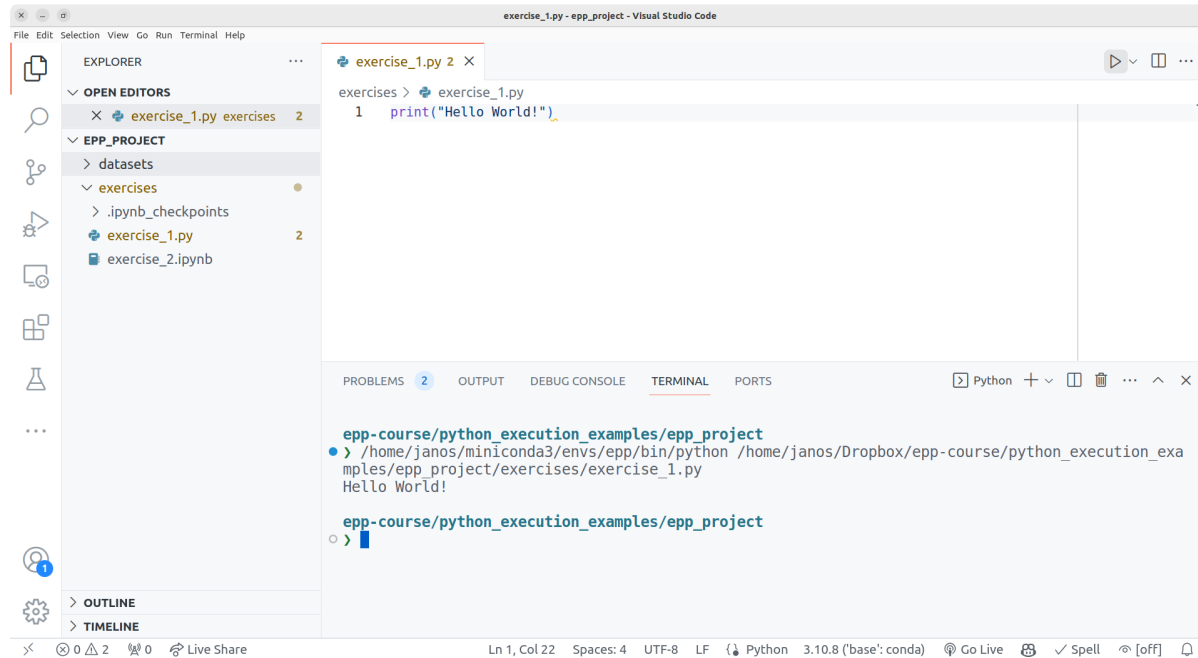
2. Command palette (ctrl + shift + p)



3. Select the epp environment



4. Run the file



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the following components:

- EXPLORER:** Shows the project structure with folders `datasets` and `exercises`. The `exercises` folder contains `exercise_1.py` and `exercise_2.ipynb`.
- EDITOR:** The file `exercise_1.py` is open, showing the code: `print("Hello World!")`.
- TERMINAL:** The terminal is active, showing the execution of the Python script. The output is `Hello World!`.

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epp-course/python_execution_examples/epp_project
> /home/janos/miniconda3/envs/epp/bin/python /home/janos/Dropbox/epp-course/python_execution_examples/epp_project/exercises/exercise_1.py
Hello World!

epp-course/python_execution_examples/epp_project
>
```