

How to Download and Install Python 3.8 for Windows

In this short guide, I'll show you how to download and install Python 3.8 from scratch. I'll also review how to run a simple code in Python.

Here are the steps that you may follow.

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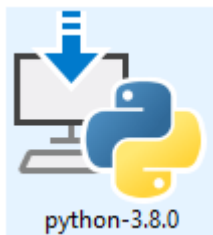
Step 1: Download Python 3.8

To start, go to python.org/downloads and then click on the button to download the latest version of Python:



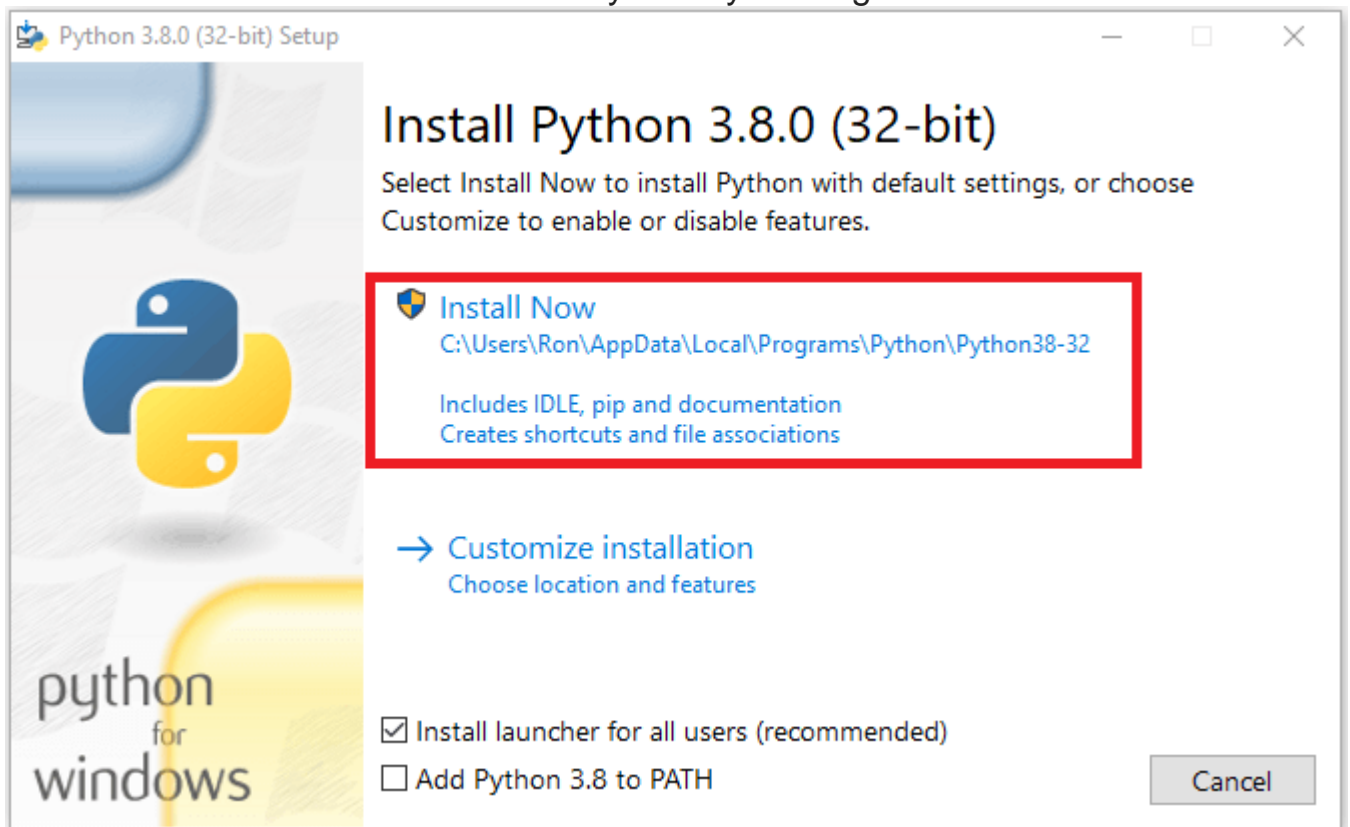
Step 2: Run the .exe file

Next, run the .exe file that you just downloaded:



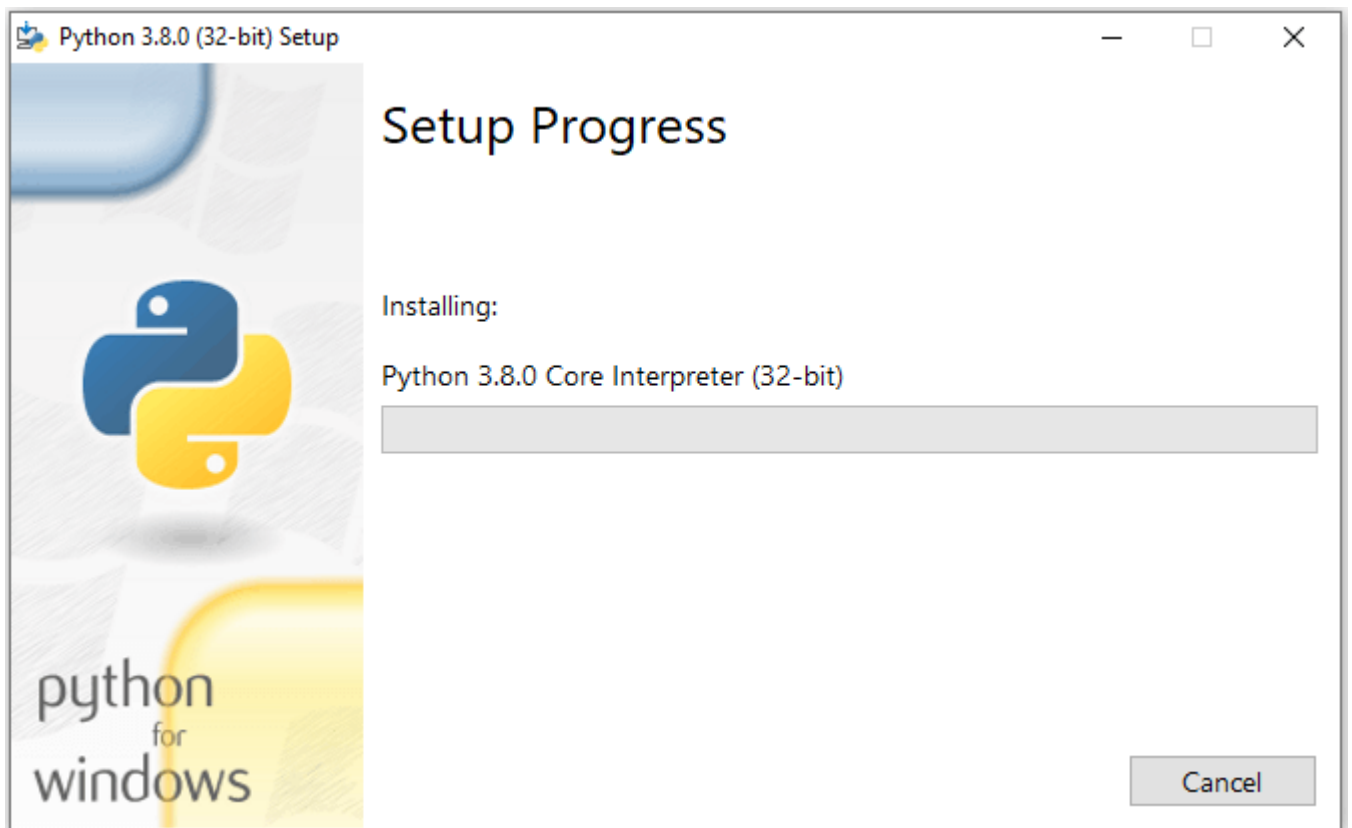
Step 3: Install Python 3.8

You can now start the installation of Python by clicking on **Install Now**:

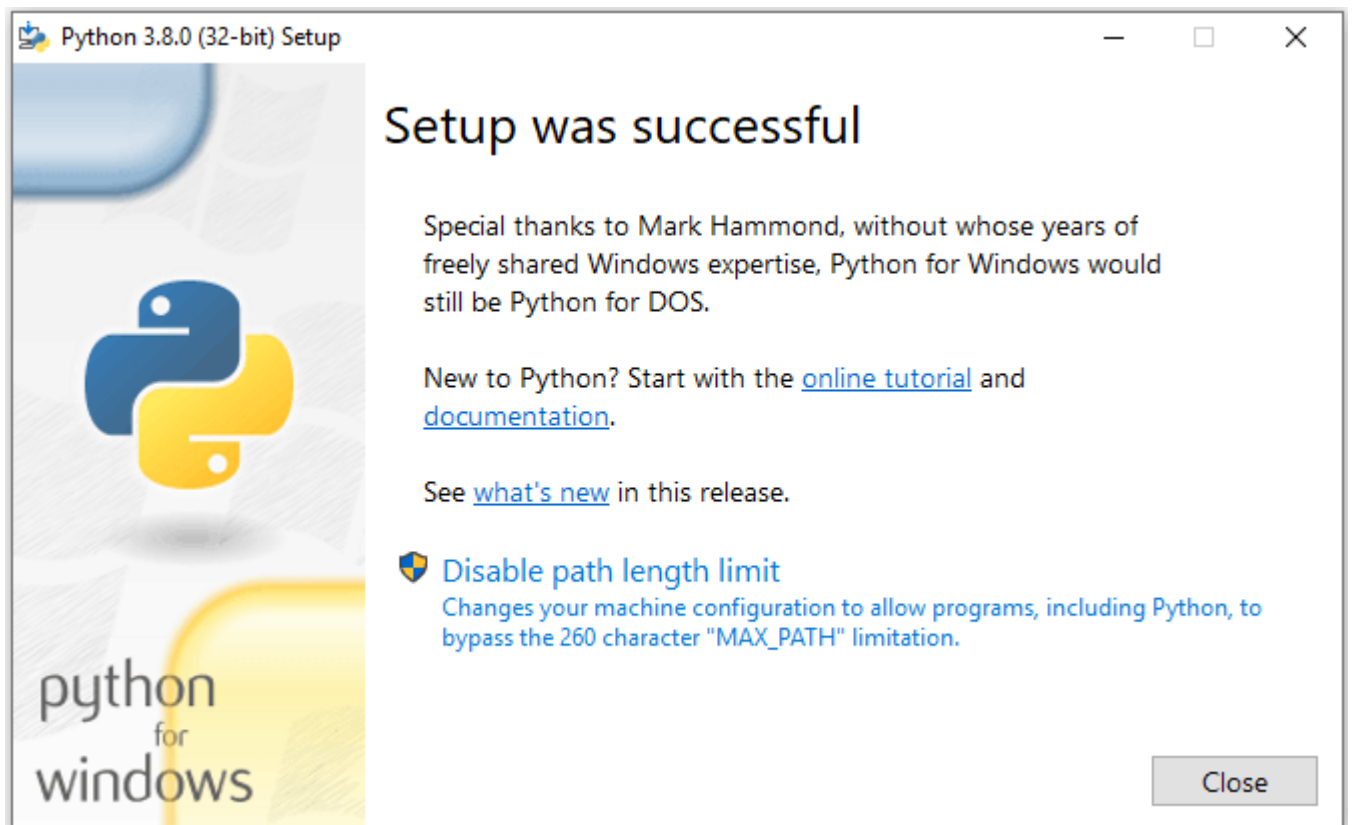


Note that depending on your needs, you may also check the box to [add Python to the Path](#).

Your installation should now begin:



After a short period of time, your setup would be completed:



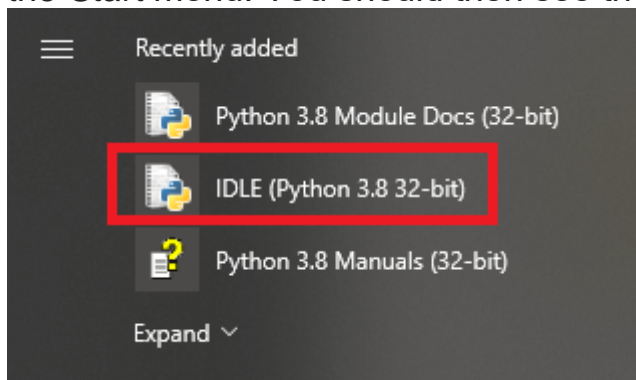
Congrats, you just installed Python for Windows!

Let's now see how to run a simple code in Python.

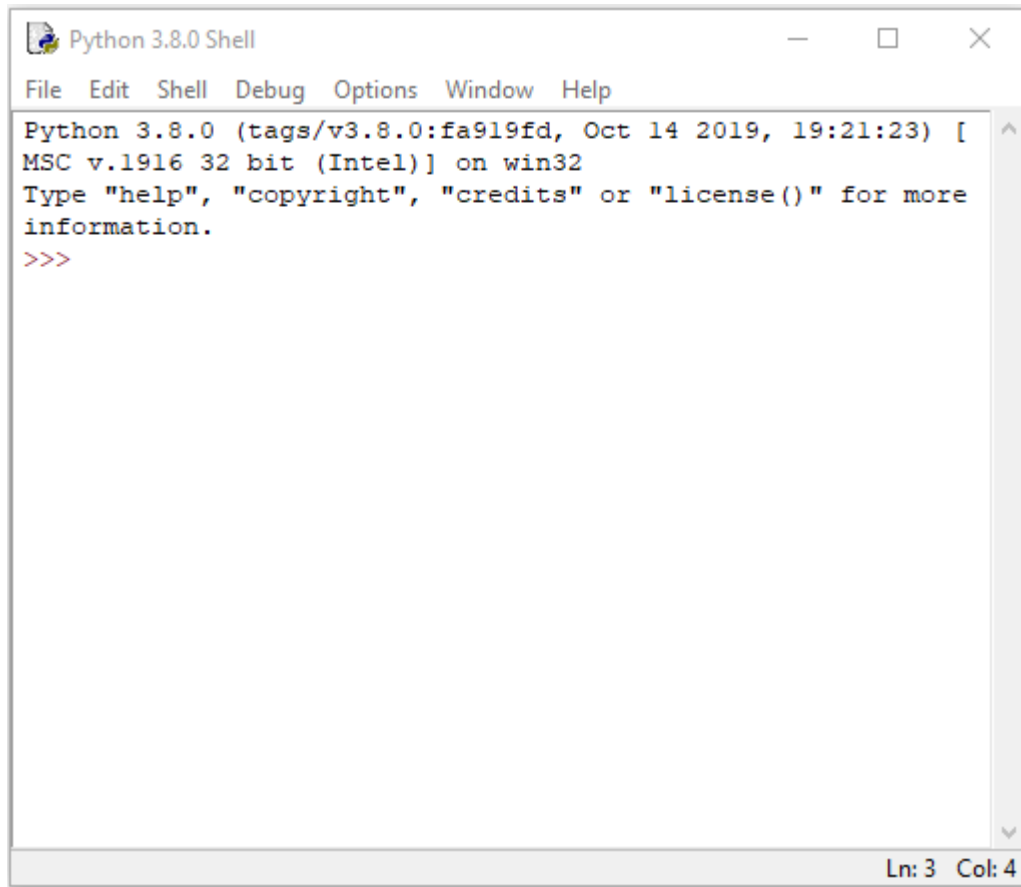
Run a Code in Python

You can run a code in Python via the Python IDLE.

A quick way to find your Python IDLE on Windows is by clicking on the *Start* menu. You should then see the IDLE under “Recently added”

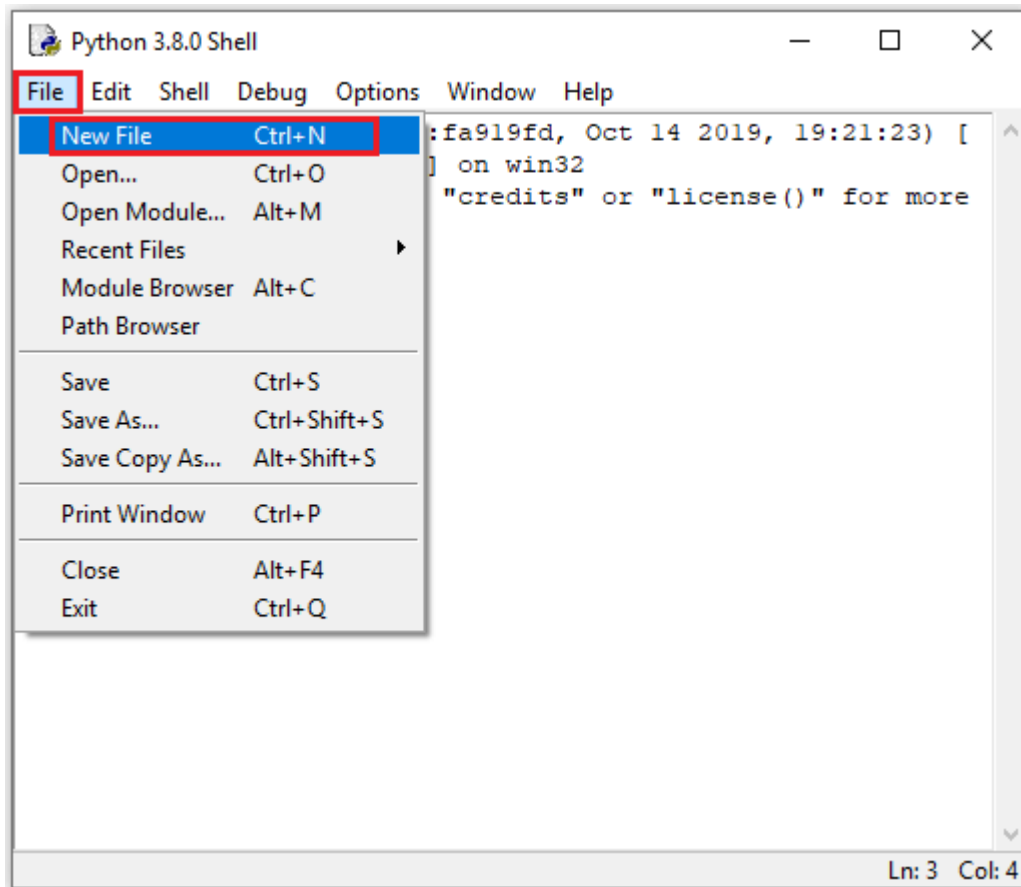


Once you click on the Python IDLE, you would then see the Shell screen:

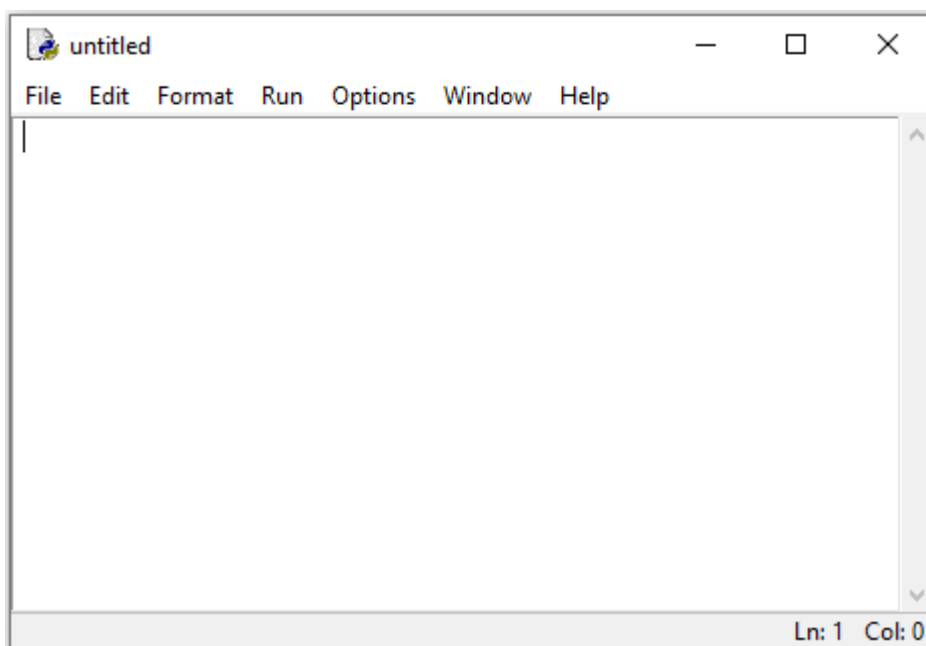


The image shows a screenshot of a Python 3.8.0 Shell window. The window title is "Python 3.8.0 Shell". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Shell", "Debug", "Options", "Window", and "Help". The main text area contains the following text:
Python 3.8.0 (tags/v3.8.0:fa919fd, Oct 14 2019, 19:21:23) [
MSC v.1916 32 bit (Intel)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more
information.
>>>
The status bar at the bottom right indicates "Ln: 3 Col: 4".

Click on **File** and then select **New File** (alternatively, you may use the keyboard shortcut of Ctrl+N):



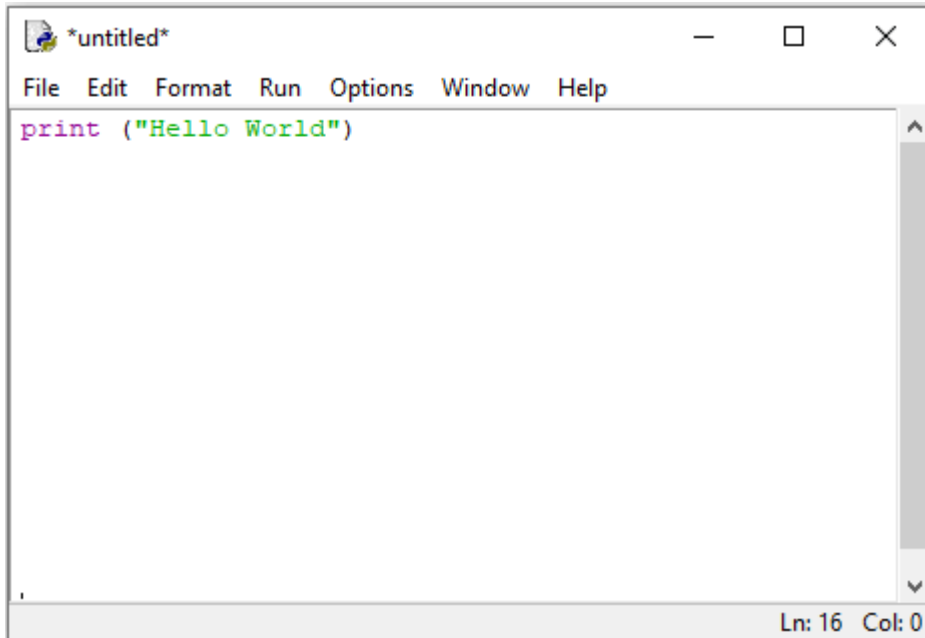
You would now see the following “untitled” box, where you can type your Python code:



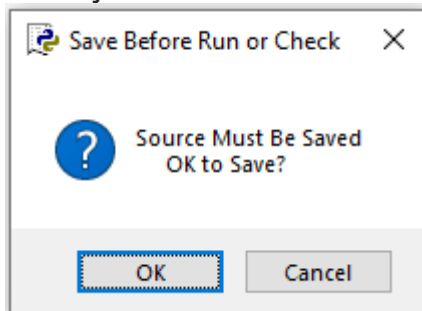
For example, type/copy the command below. This command will print the famous expression of “Hello World”

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print ("Hello World")
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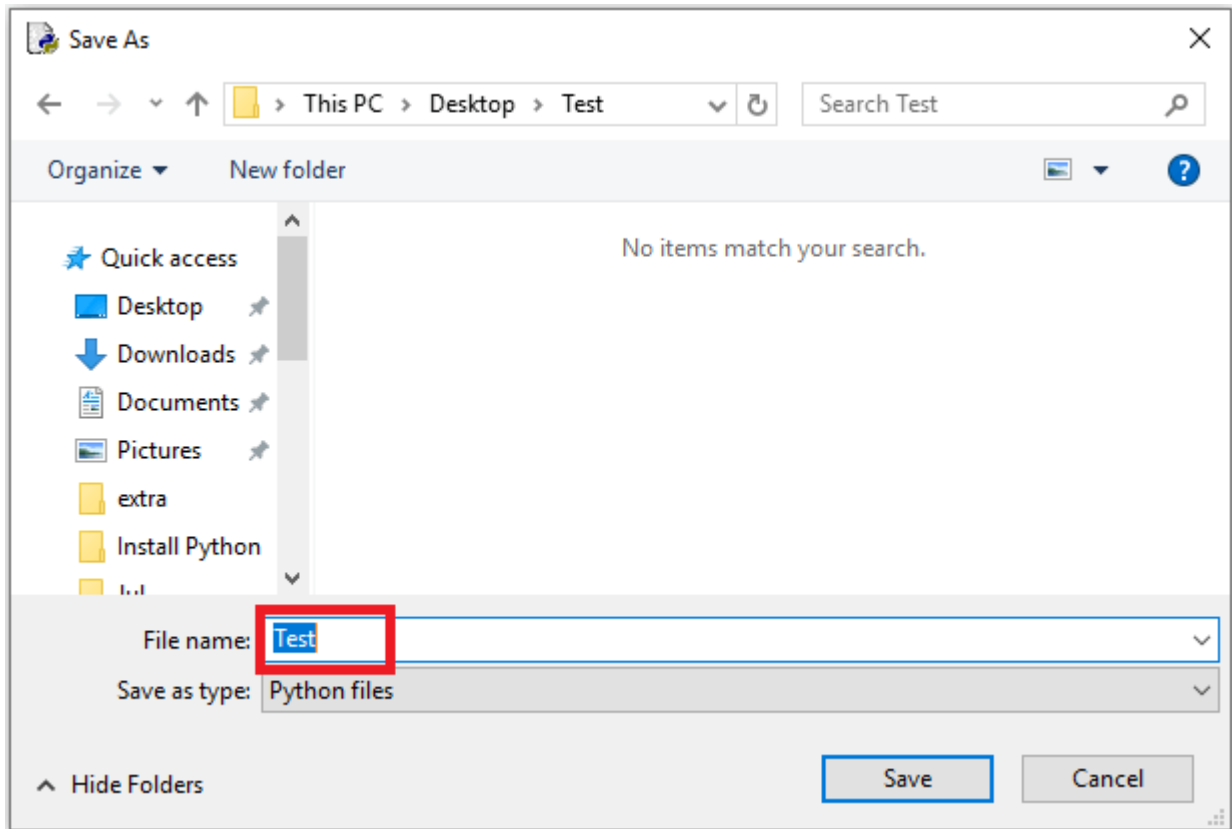
This is how the command would look like in the “untitled” box:



Press **F5** on your keyboard. You will then get the following message to save your code:



Choose a location where the Python file will be saved on your computer. You'll also need to type a name for your file. For example, I named the file as “Test”



Once you're done, press **Save**, and you would then see the "Hello World" expression printed on your Python Shell:

