

How to Check Python Version on PC or Mac

This wikiHow teaches you how to find which version of Python is installed on your Windows or macOS computer. Open Windows Search. If you don't already see a search box in the taskbar, click the magnifying glass or circle next to , or press...

Method 1 of 2:

Windows PC

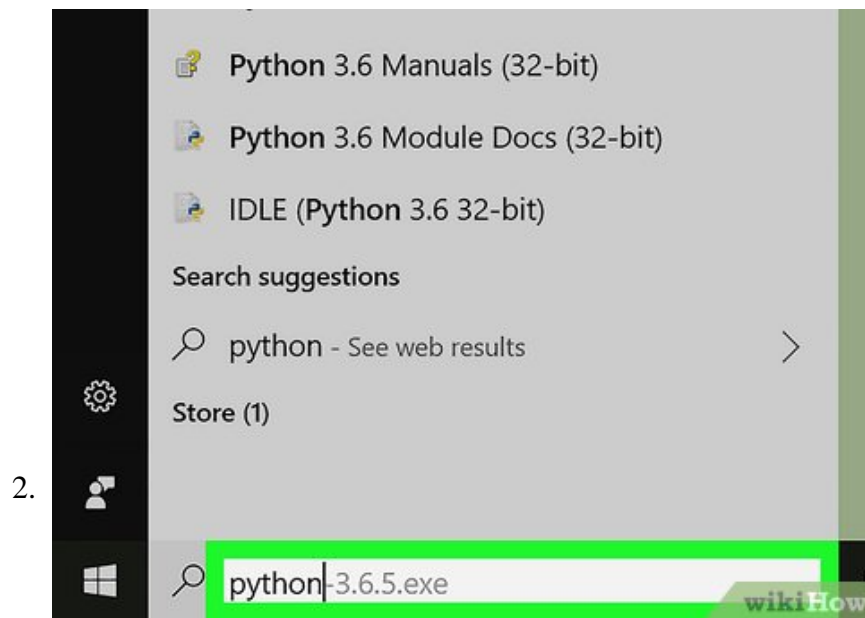
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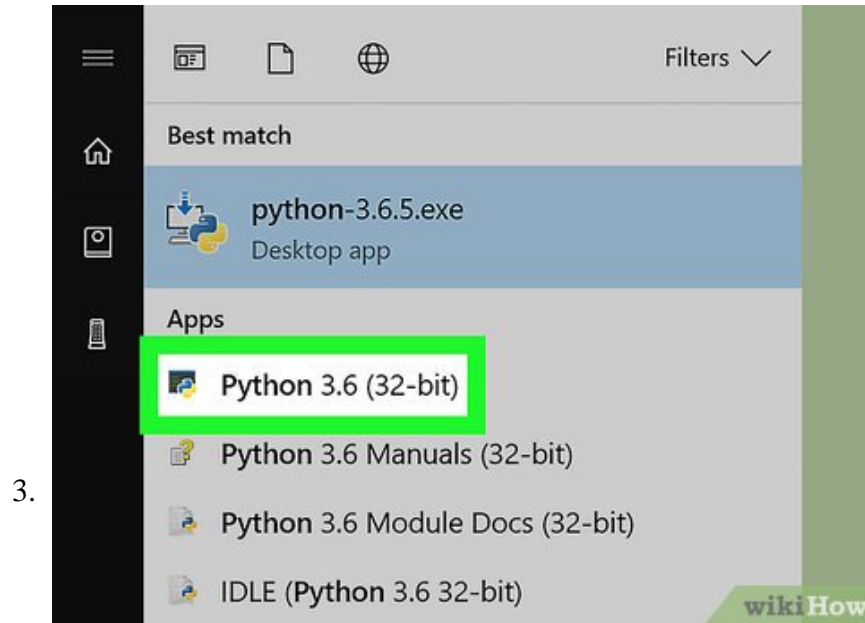
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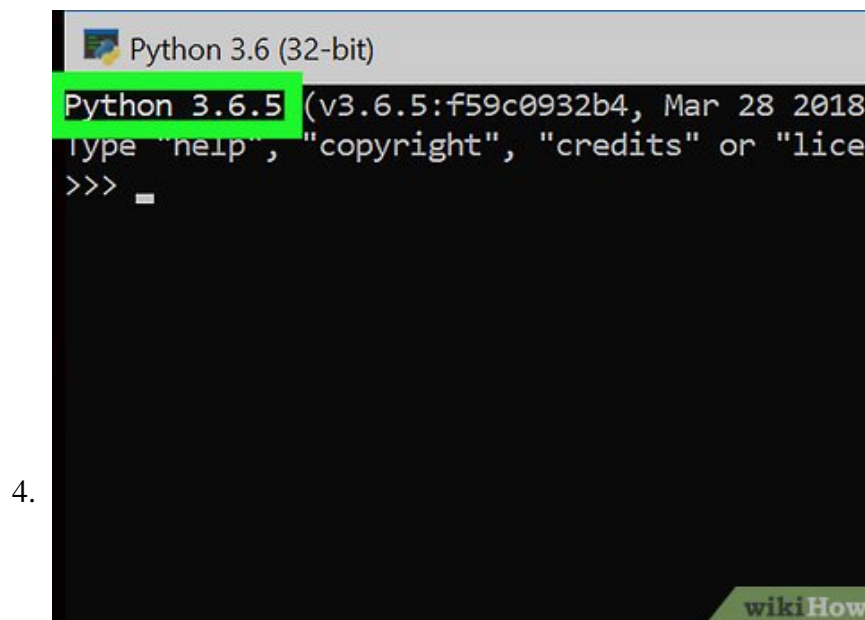
, or press **Win + S**.



Type **python** into the search bar. A list of matching results will appear.



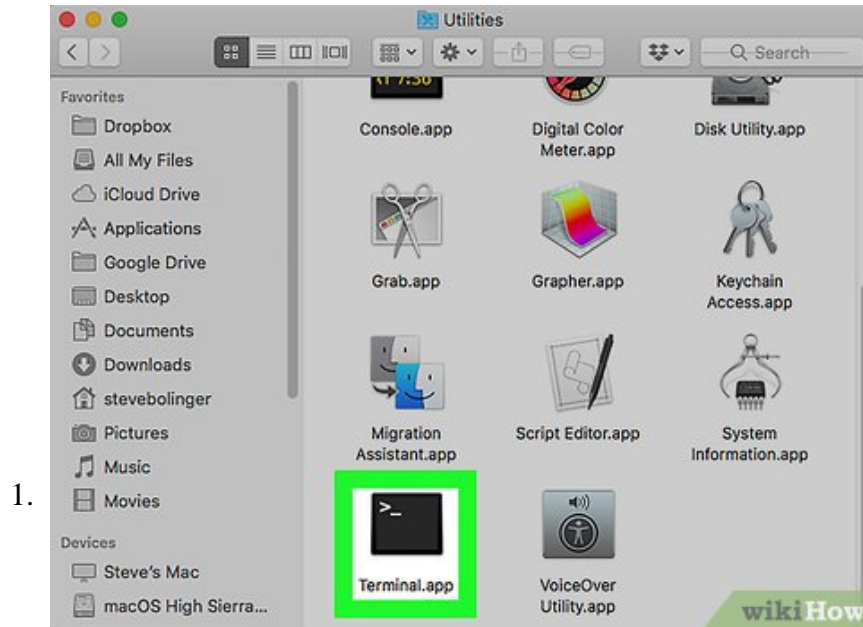
Click **Python [command line]**. This opens a black terminal window to a Python prompt.



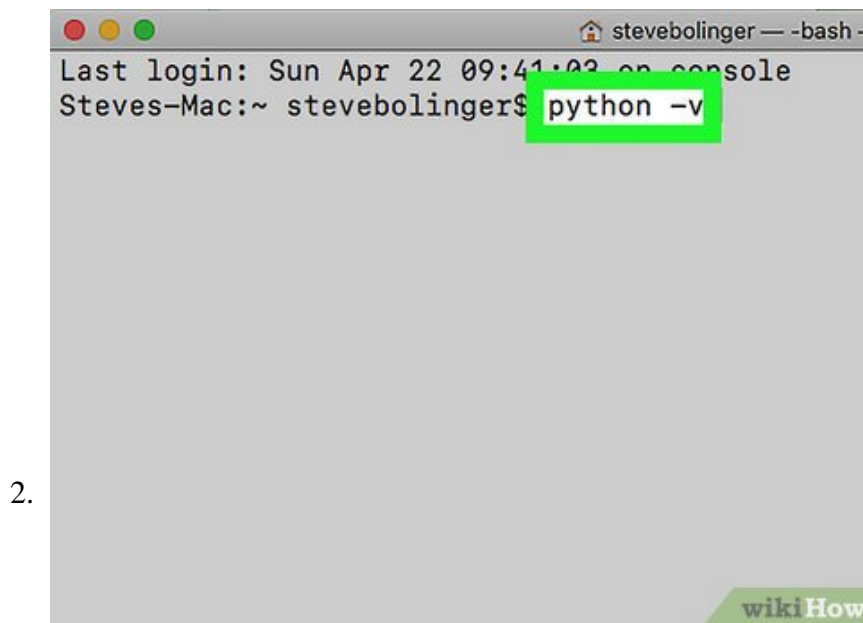
Find the version in first line. It's the number right after the word 'Python' at the top-left corner of the window (e.g. 2.7.14).

Method 2 of 2:

macOS



Open a Terminal window on your Mac. To do this, open the **Applications** folder in Finder, double-click the **Utilities** folder, then double-click **Terminal**.



Type `python -v` at the prompt (V uppercase).

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stevebolinger — python -v — 80:
# /System/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versio
pyc matches /System/Library/Frameworks/Python.framew
./codecs.py
import codecs # precompiled from /System/Library/Fra
sions/2.7/lib/python2.7/codecs.pyc
import _codecs # builtin
# /System/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versio
gs/aliases.pyc matches /System/Library/Frameworks/Py
lib/python2.7/encodings/aliases.py
import encodings.aliases # precompiled from /System/
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# /System/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versio
gs/utf_8.pyc matches /System/Library/Frameworks/Pyth
b/python2.7/encodings/utf_8.py
import encodings.utf_8 # precompiled from /System/Li
ework/Versions/2.7/lib/python2.7/encodings/utf_8.pyc
Python 2.7.10 (default, May 7 2017, 01:41:22) [How
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Press ? Return. The version number will appear on the next line after the word 'Python' (e.g. 2.7.3).

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