

## **Downloading IDLE - Directions**

If you have a Windows machine, go to the following link:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/windows/>

then click on "Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1" and follow the directions.

If you have a Mac, go to the following link:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/mac-osx/>

then click on "Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1" and follow the directions.

To run IDLE, double click on the icon that is labeled, "IDLE (Python GUI)" as opposed to the one labeled "Python (command line)".

When you run IDLE, there are two ways in which we can use it:

1. Just typing individual Python commands into the main IDLE window. When you do this, you should see the results of your command immediately. This tool is really useful when first learning a new Python command since you can immediately see what a single instruction does.
2. Opening a separate window, typing several Python commands into that window, saving that file as a .py file, and then, from the window, selecting the "Run" menu, and from that menu selecting "Run Module". This is what we'll primarily do for our assignments. When you complete an assignment, you'll submit your .py file to get graded.