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Release Notes

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Intended Audience

The target audience for the release notes are software developers and end users of the Intel Distribution for Python* 2019 Update 3.

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1 Introduction

The Python* programming language is an open source programming language with increasing adoption by developers across many application domains and a large ecosystem of available free packages. In particular, the packages commonly used for numerical and scientific computation, called the [SciPy](#) stack, are very popular and heavily used.

Intel® Distribution for Python* is a binary distribution of Python interpreter and commonly used packages for computation and data intensive domains, such as scientific and engineering computing, big data, and data science. The product supports Python 2 and 3 for Windows, Linux, and macOS. The product simplifies Python installation by providing packages in a binary form so that everything is preconfigured and no compilation tools are needed, as well as contains all the dependences for running on popular OS platforms. Python packages have been accelerated with Intel® Performance Libraries, including [Intel® Math Kernel Library \(Intel® MKL\)](#), [Intel® Threading Building Blocks \(Intel® TBB\)](#), [Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives \(Intel® IPP\)](#), and [Intel® Data Analytics Acceleration Library \(Intel® DAAL\)](#). The packages have been optimized to take advantage of parallelism through the use of vectorization, multi-threading and multi-processing, as well as through the use of optimized communication across multiple nodes.

This document provides system requirements, installation instructions, and lists issues and limitations.

To learn more about this product, see:

- New features in the [New in this Release](#) section below, or in the product help.
- Reference documentation in the [Related Documentation](#) section below
- Installation instructions in the [Installing this Release](#) section below

2 New in this Release

2.1 Intel Distribution for Python 2019 Update 3

This release introduces a number of optimizations, bug fixes and enhancements. Some highlights:

- Extended availability of Intel® DAAL algorithms through daal4py package. All batch and online Intel® DAAL algorithms are now available through daal4py
- Daal4py distributed mode support for scale-out to clusters & support for streaming mode for efficient memory handling
- Multiple python packages were removed from the standard distribution, including the Jupyter suite and dependencies. For users who require those packages, it is best to install the latest version from existing public repositories
- Modules that have been added or updated are marked with an asterisk under [Release Content](#).

3 System Requirements

The Intel® Distribution for Python* supports the Intel® 64 architecture. For a complete explanation of this architecture name please read the following article:

[Intel Architecture Platform Terminology for Development Tools.](#)

The lists below pertain only to the system requirements necessary to support application development with Intel® Distribution for Python*. If you are using Cython*, please review the documentation for your compiler (GCC*, Microsoft Visual Studio*, or Intel® Compiler) to determine the minimum hardware and software requirements.

Minimum System Requirements

- A system based on an Intel 64 architecture processor supporting the Intel® Streaming SIMD Extensions 4.2 (Intel® SSE4.2) instructions (or compatible non-Intel processor).

NOTE:

- Incompatible or proprietary instructions in non-Intel processors may cause the analysis capabilities of this product to function incorrectly. Any attempt to analyze code not supported by Intel® processors may lead to failures in this product.
- For the best experience, a multi-core or multiprocessor system is recommended.
- 2GB free disk space for all product features and all architectures
- Supported operating systems:
 - Windows 10*
 - Windows 8*
 - Windows 8.1*
 - Windows 7*
 - Note:** SP1 is required for use of Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions (Intel® AVX)
 - Windows Server* 2008 R2 SP1 and SP2
 - Windows HPC Server 2008 R2
 - Windows Server* 2012
 - Windows Server* 2016
 - Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* 6
 - Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* 7
 - Fedora* core 25
 - Fedora* core 26
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server* 11
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server* 12
 - Debian* GNU/Linux 8
 - Debian* GNU/Linux 9
 - Ubuntu* 14.04 LTS

- Ubuntu* 16.04 LTS
- Ubuntu* 17.04
- Ubuntu* 17.10
- macOS* 10.12
- macOS* 10.13

Note: Intel® Distribution for Python* is expected to work on many more Linux distributions as well. Let us know if you have trouble with the distribution you use.

External Dependencies

For **Windows***: None

For **Linux***: glibc 2.12-2.29 supported

For **macOS***: None.

4 Installation

To download the Intel® Distribution for Python* 2019 Update 3 as a standalone product, visit <https://software.intel.com/en-us/python-distribution>.

NOTE for Intel® Parallel Studio XE customers: Installation of the Intel® Distribution for Python* can be done either during installation of Intel® Parallel Studio XE, or separately via standalone installer. If installation is done using the Intel® Parallel Studio XE installer, by default, the Intel® Distribution for Python 3 is installed. You can install Intel® Distribution for Python using the Intel® Parallel Studio XE installer, at a later time as well. If you choose to install Intel Distribution for Python* using the standalone installer, visit the Intel® Registration Center and log in using the credentials you entered during registration. The Intel Distribution for Python* is available as a direct download from the home page after login.

Installing this Release

The Intel Distribution for Python* is compatible with the Conda* package management tool. All modules included in the distribution are initially installed into the root Conda* environment.

On **Windows*** (if using the standalone installer):

1. Change directory to the installation path. Ensure **intelpython2** or **intelpython3** does not exist
2. Download the zip file for Intel Distribution for Python* and unzip the file post-download.
3. Change directory to **intelpython2** or **intelpython3** (depending on the version you've downloaded)
4. Run from command prompt : **cmd /c setup_intel_python.bat**
5. When the installation completes, activate your root Intel® python conda environment:
 - To modify only your current command shell, use the following command:

- `.\Scripts\activate`

On **Linux*** or **macOS*** (if using the standalone installer):

1. Change directory to the installation path. Ensure **intelpython2** or **intelpython3** does not exist
2. Download the tarball for Intel Distribution for Python* and un-tar the file post-download.
3. Extract the contents using the following command:
`tar -xvzf <filename>`
4. Change directory to **intelpython2** or **intelpython3** (depending on the version you've downloaded)
5. Run from shell : **bash setup_intel_python.sh**
6. When the installation completes, activate your root Intel® python conda environment:
 - To modify only your current shell, use the following commands:
 - **source ./bin/activate root**
 - To modify all future logins, do one of the following:
 - Add "source <install>/bin/activate root" to your .bashrc (bash) or other logon script.
 - Manually add the <install>/bin directory to your PATH.
 - Use the following command to ensure your environment points to the Intel® Distribution for Python*:
run "**which python**"

Default Installation Folders

Intel Distribution for Python* standalone installer uses the current directory as the installation root. Intel Distribution for Python* is installed under the installation root in **intelpython2** or **intelpython3**. Installation into a directory containing files is not supported.

Changing, Updating, or Removing the Product

Intel® Parallel Studio XE updates: If there is a prior installation of Intel Distribution for Python*, the installer will add new conda packages to the conda_channel directory included in Parallel Studio. That directory will be in your conda configuration file unless you have removed it. **The installer will NOT modify any python environments.** To update your python environments, use the conda commands listed following the next paragraph.

Intel Distribution for Python* standalone updates: On **Windows***, **Linux*** or **macOS***: Delete the installation directory and remove additions to your PATH.

You can also use the Conda* package management tool to update individual modules. You can find the Conda* tool in the bin directory on Linux*/ macOS* or in the Scripts directory on Windows*. Use these commands to do the following with the Conda* tool:

- To install a new module: `conda install <module name>`

- To update an existing module: `conda update <module name>`
- To remove an existing module: `conda remove <module name>`

5 Release Content

Intel Distribution for Python* complies with the SciPy Stack 1.0 specification

<http://www.scipy.org/stackspec.html>. (New*, Updated**)

Name	Version	Platform
asn1crypto	0.24.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
backports	1.0	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
backports.functools_lru_cache	1.5	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
bzip2	1.0.6	Linux,Windows,macOS
certifi	2018.1.18	Linux,Windows,macOS
cfffi	1.11.5	Linux,Windows,macOS
chardet	3.0.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
conda	4.3.31	Linux,Windows,macOS
conda-env	2.6.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
cryptography	2.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
cycler	0.10.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
cython**	0.29.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
daal**	2019.3	Linux,Windows(3.6),macOS
daal4py**	2019.3	Linux,Windows(3.6),macOS
enum34	1.1.6	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
freetype	2.9	Linux,Windows,macOS
funcsigs*	1.0.2	Linux,Windows,macOS
functools32	3.2.3.2	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
icc_rt**	2019.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
idna	2.6	Linux,Windows,macOS
impi_deactivate*	0.1.0	Linux
impi_rt**	2019.3	Linux,Windows
intel-openmp**	2019.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
intelpython**	2019.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
ipaddress	1.0.22	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
ipp**	2019.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
kiwisolver	1.0.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
libffi	3.2.1	Linux,macOS
libpng**	1.6.36	Linux,Windows,macOS
llvmlite**	0.27.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
matplotlib**	2.2.3,3.0.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
menuinst	1.4.1	Windows
mkl**	2019.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
mkl-service	1.0.0	Linux,Windows,macOS

mkl_fft**	1.0.11	Linux,Windows,macOS
mkl_random**	1.0.2	Linux,Windows,macOS
mpi4py	3.0.0	Linux,Windows
numba**	0.42.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
numexpr	2.6.8	Linux,Windows,macOS
numpy**	1.16.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
numpy-base**	1.16.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
openssl**	1.0.2r	Linux,Windows,macOS
pandas**	0.24.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
pip**	10.0.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
pycosat	0.6.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
pycparser	2.18	Linux,Windows,macOS
pyeditline	2.0.0	Linux(3.6)
pyopenssl	17.5.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
pyparsing	2.2.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
pysocks	1.6.7	Linux,Windows,macOS
python	2.7.15,3.6.8	Linux,Windows,macOS
python-dateutil	2.6.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
pytz	2018.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
pyyaml	4.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
requests	2.20.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
ruamel_yaml	0.11.14	Linux,Windows,macOS
scikit-learn**	0.20.2	Linux,Windows,macOS
scipy**	1.2.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
setuptools	39.0.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
singledispatch	3.4.0.3	Linux(2.7),Windows(2.7),macOS(2.7)
six	1.11.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
smp	0.1.4	Linux
sqlite**	3.27.2	Linux,Windows(3.6),macOS
tbb**	2019.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
tbb4py**	2019.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
tcl	8.6.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
tk	8.6.4	Linux,Windows,macOS
urllib3	1.24.1	Linux,Windows,macOS
vc	14.0,9.0	Windows
vs2008_runtime	9.00.30729.6161	Windows(2.7)
vs2015_runtime	14.0.25420	Windows
wheel	0.31.0	Linux,Windows,macOS
win_inet_pton	1.0.1	Windows
wincertstore	0.2	Windows
xgboost**	0.81	Linux
xz	5.2.3	Linux,Windows,macOS
yaml	0.1.7	Linux,macOS
zlib	1.2.11	Linux,Windows,macOS

The installation package contains all the necessary native libraries required by the packages.

6 Known Issues

Please refer to the **Known Issues** in the **Resources** section of the document that is available online:

<https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-distribution-for-python-support-and-documentation>

7 Related Documentation

Name	Documentation
asn1crypto	https://github.com/wbond/asn1crypto
backports.functools_lru_cache	https://github.com/jaraco/backports.functools_lru_cache
bzip2	http://www.bzip.org/docs.html
certifi	https://certifi.io
cffi	http://cffi.readthedocs.org
chardet	https://github.com/chardet/chardet
conda	http://conda.pydata.org/docs/
cryptography	https://cryptography.io
cycler	http://matplotlib.org/cycler/
cython	http://cython.org/#documentation
enum34	https://pypi.python.org/pypi/enum34
freetype	http://freetype.sourceforge.net/freetype2/documentation.html
funcsigs	http://funcsigs.readthedocs.org/en/latest/
functools32	http://docs.python.org/3.2/library/functools.html
idna	https://github.com/kjd/idna
intel-openmp	http://software.intel.com
ipaddress	https://github.com/phi hag/ipaddress
ipp	http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-ipp/
libffi	http://sourceware.org/libffi/
libpng	http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/libpng.html
llvmlite	https://github.com/numba/llvmlite
matplotlib	http://matplotlib.org/contents.html#
menuinst	https://pypi.python.org/pypi/menuinst/
mkl	http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-mkl/
mkl_fft	http://github.com/IntelPython/mkl_fft
mkl_random	http://github.com/IntelPython/mkl_random
mpi4py	http://mpi4py.readthedocs.org/
numba	http://numba.pydata.org/
numexpr	https://github.com/pydata/numexpr/wiki/Numexpr-Users-Guide
numpy	http://numpy.scipy.org/

openssl	http://www.openssl.org/
pandas	http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/
pip	https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/
pycosat	https://github.com/ContinuumIO/pycosat
pycparser	https://github.com/eliben/pycparser
pyopenssl	https://pyopenssl.readthedocs.org/en/stable/
pyparsing	http://pyparsing.wikispaces.com/Documentation
pysocks	https://github.com/Anorov/PySocks
python	https://www.python.org/doc/versions/
python-dateutil	https://dateutil.readthedocs.org/en/latest/
pytz	http://pytz.sourceforge.net/
pyyaml	http://pyyaml.org/
requests	http://docs.python-requests.org/
ruamel_yaml	https://bitbucket.org/ruamel/yaml
scikit-learn	http://scikit-learn.org/stable/
scipy	http://www.scipy.org/docs.html
setuptools	http://pythonhosted.org/setuptools/
singledispatch	http://docs.python.org/3/library/functools.html#functools.singledispatch
six	http://pythonhosted.org/six/
smp	https://github.com/IntelPython/smp
sqlite	http://www.sqlite.org/docs.html
tbb	http://www.threadingbuildingblocks.org
tcl	http://www.tcl.tk/doc/
tk	http://www.tcl.tk/doc/
urllib3	https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/
vc	https://github.com/conda/conda/wiki/VC-features
vs2008_runtime	http://www.microsoft.com
vs2015_runtime	http://www.microsoft.com
wheel	http://wheel.readthedocs.org/en/latest/
win_inet_pton	https://github.com/hickeroar/win_inet_pton
wincertstore	https://bitbucket.org/tiran/wincertstore
xgboost	https://github.com/dmlc/xgboost
xz	http://tukaani.org/xz/
yaml	http://yaml.org/
zlib	http://zlib.net/manual.html

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