My Summer at Unidata

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Meet Unidata's 2023 Summer Interns

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We at the Unidata Program Center are delighted to have three student interns with us for the 2023 Summer Internship Program. Click through to read their introductions.

Welcome Summer Intern Erin Rhoades

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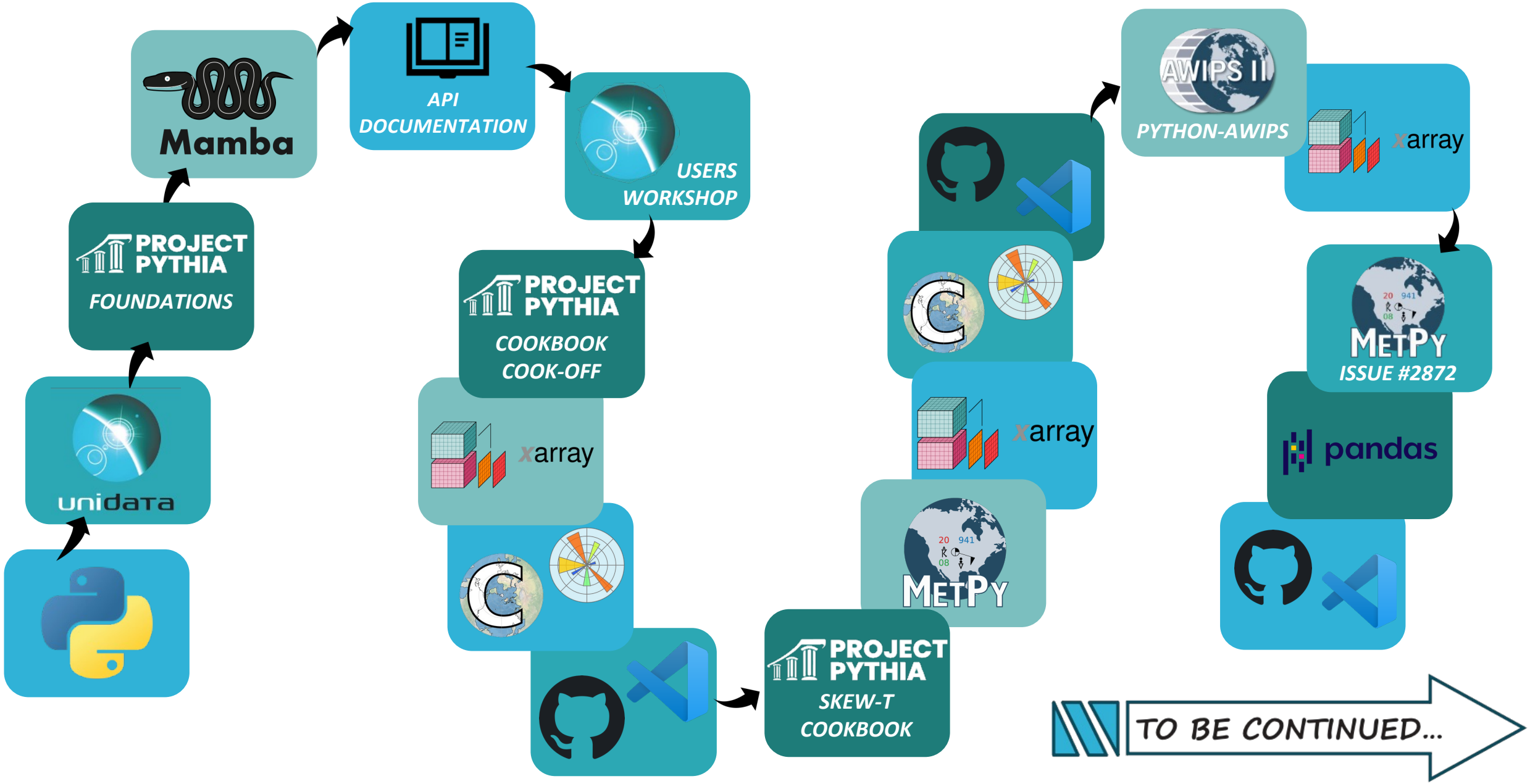
Intern

Python workflows, MetPy

Training Material, Project Pythia Cookbooks

Hobby/pastime: Chainsaw Juggling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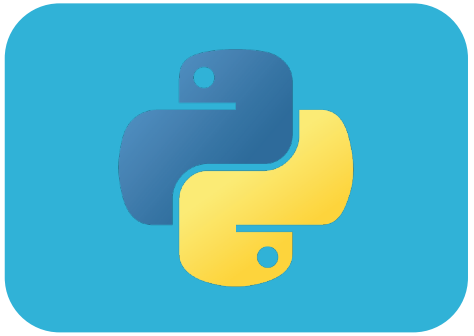
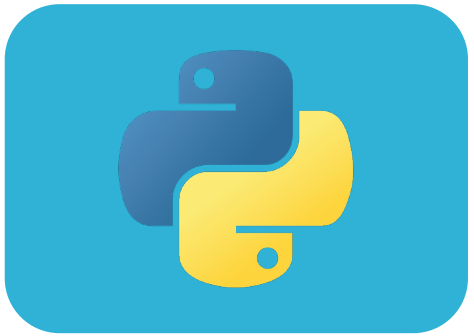
How I Got Here

- 4th year MSU Denver Meteorology student
- Experience with Unidata products
  - IDV
  - AWIPS CAVE
- Started learning Python in late 2022
- Attended AMS 2023
  - MetPy workshop
- Applied for internship and accepted!



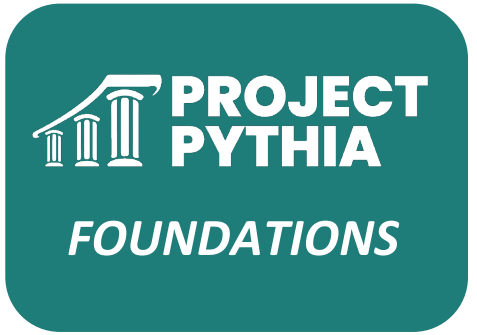
Internship Time

- Summer Goals
  - Solidify fundamental Python skills
  - Create something that can help others



Exploration

- Project Pythia Foundations
  - Work through books
- Environment management
  - Basics
  - Switch to Mamba



API Documentation

API (application programming interface) reference is a section in most package documentation. It is a reference guide that describes all the features and details in the package. API information is written inside of the core package code and is auto-generated into a readable format. It is available in the API Reference section in the package documentation site.

Function name to call Xarray = package function originates from .align = specific function

Function definition and key information

Expanded definitions of each parameter. Will state if optional argument here

* Indicates multiple arguments can be passed

States parameter default behavior

Data structure produced when using the function xarray.align ()

Further information about potential errors and exceptions that could occur

All possible parameters inputs, not all required. Parameters section below will state if optional

Link to source code on GitHub

Data structure type input options

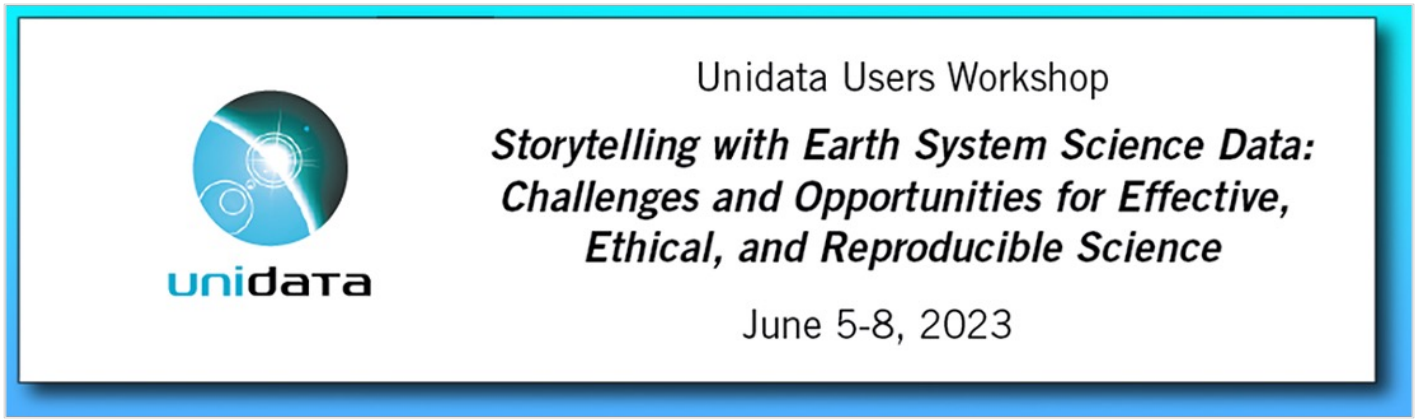
Argument options for specific parameter

Indicates optional parameter

In general, blue text (color varies depending on documentation) links to a pythonic dictionary definition or to the API reference section for the term

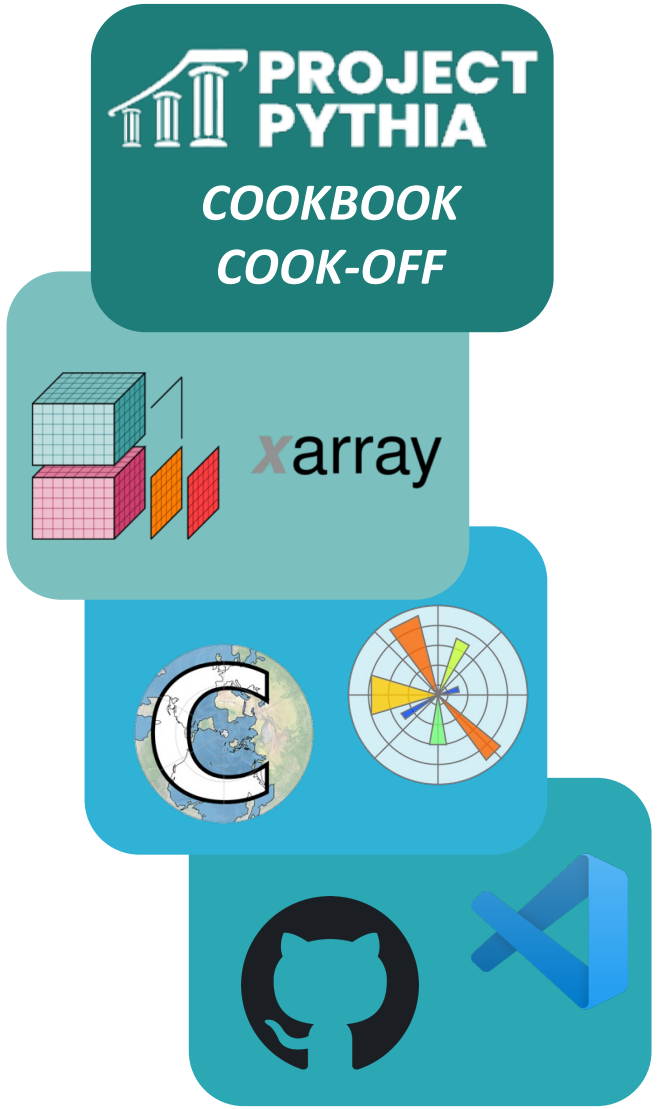
API DOCUMENTATION

Unidata Users Workshop



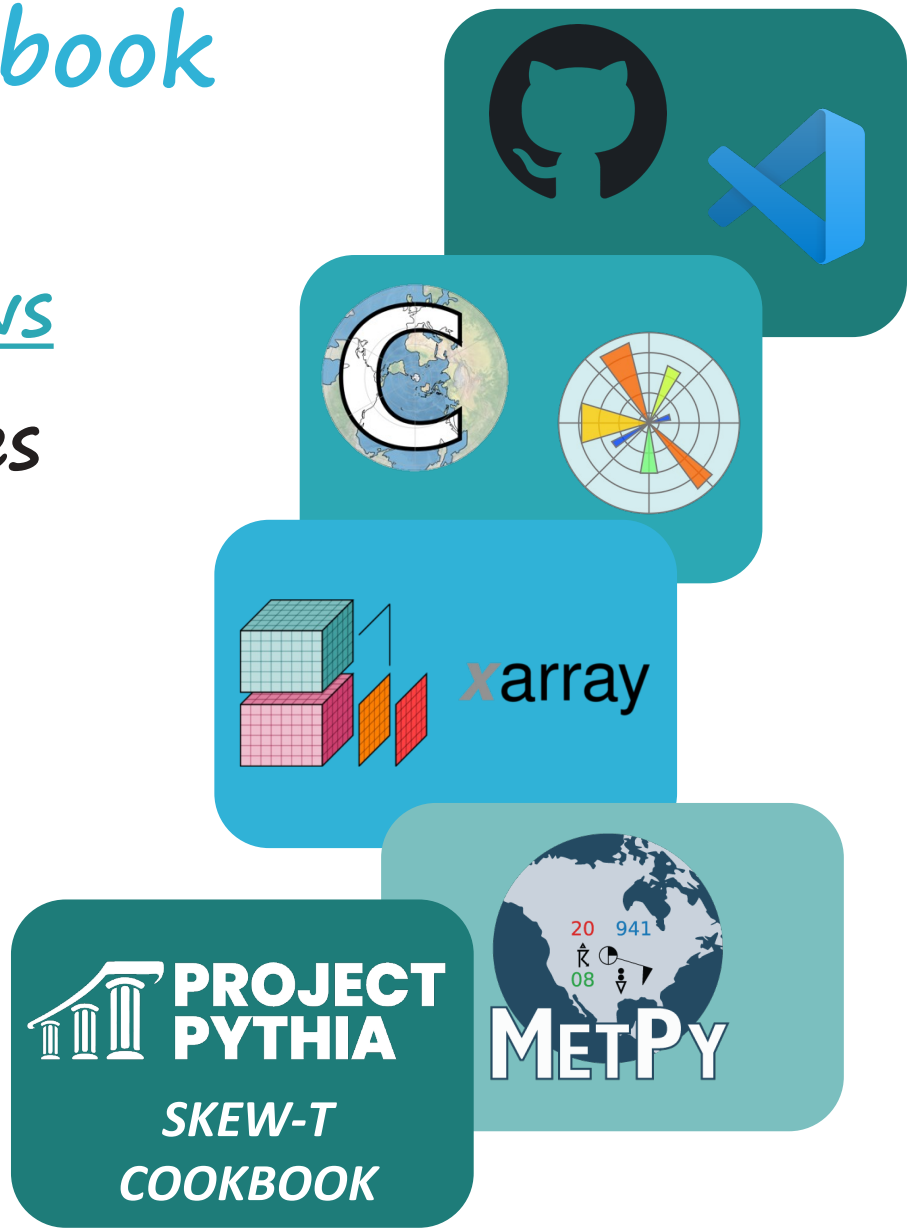
Project Pythia – Cookbook Cook-off

- Cookbook 101
- Remote data access with xarray 'mini' cookbook
- Several Python packages
  - xarray
  - Cartopy
  - Matplotlib
- Visual Studio Code
- GitHub



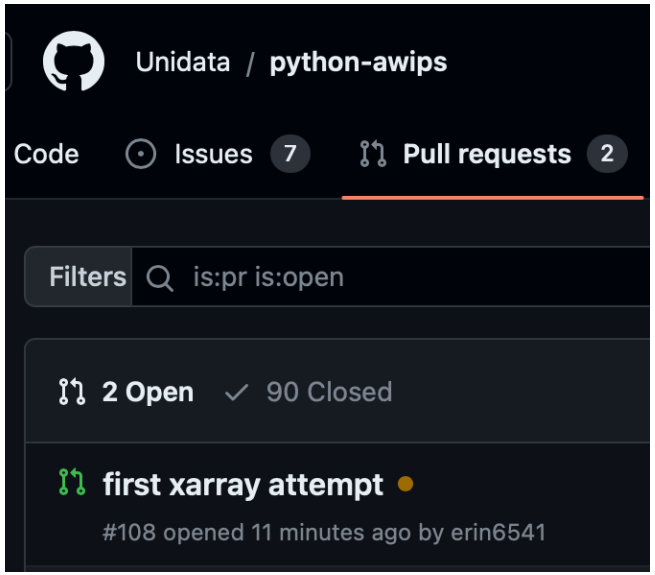
Project Pythia – Skew-T Cookbook

- Full tutorial with example workflows
- Encompasses MetPy's main purposes
- Several Python packages
  - MetPy
  - xarray
  - Matplotlib
  - Cartopy
- Visual Studio Code
- GitHub



Python-AWIPS

- Explore development side of Python
- Learn more about AWIPS
  - Unidata eLearning modules
- Change EDEX data output from NumPy arrays to xarray datasets
- Work in progress



MetPy Issue #2872

- Learn how to contribute to MetPy
- Change latitude and longitude data types from object to float32
- MetPy and pandas
- Visual Studio Code
- GitHub
- Work in progress

add_station_lat_lon yields columns with object dtype #2872

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THANK YOU!

- This summer at Unidata was incredible. I learned so much. I was able to accomplish my goals of furthering my personal Python knowledge and creating things to help others.
- Everyone has been so welcoming and made me feel like a part of the Unidata family. Thank you all for taking time out of your summer to help me grow.
- Big thank you to my mentors, Drew and Shay, for all your guidance throughout the summer!