

# My Summer at Unidata

## Meet Unidata's 2023 Summer Interns

28 June 2023



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.

*Erin Rhoades*

*July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



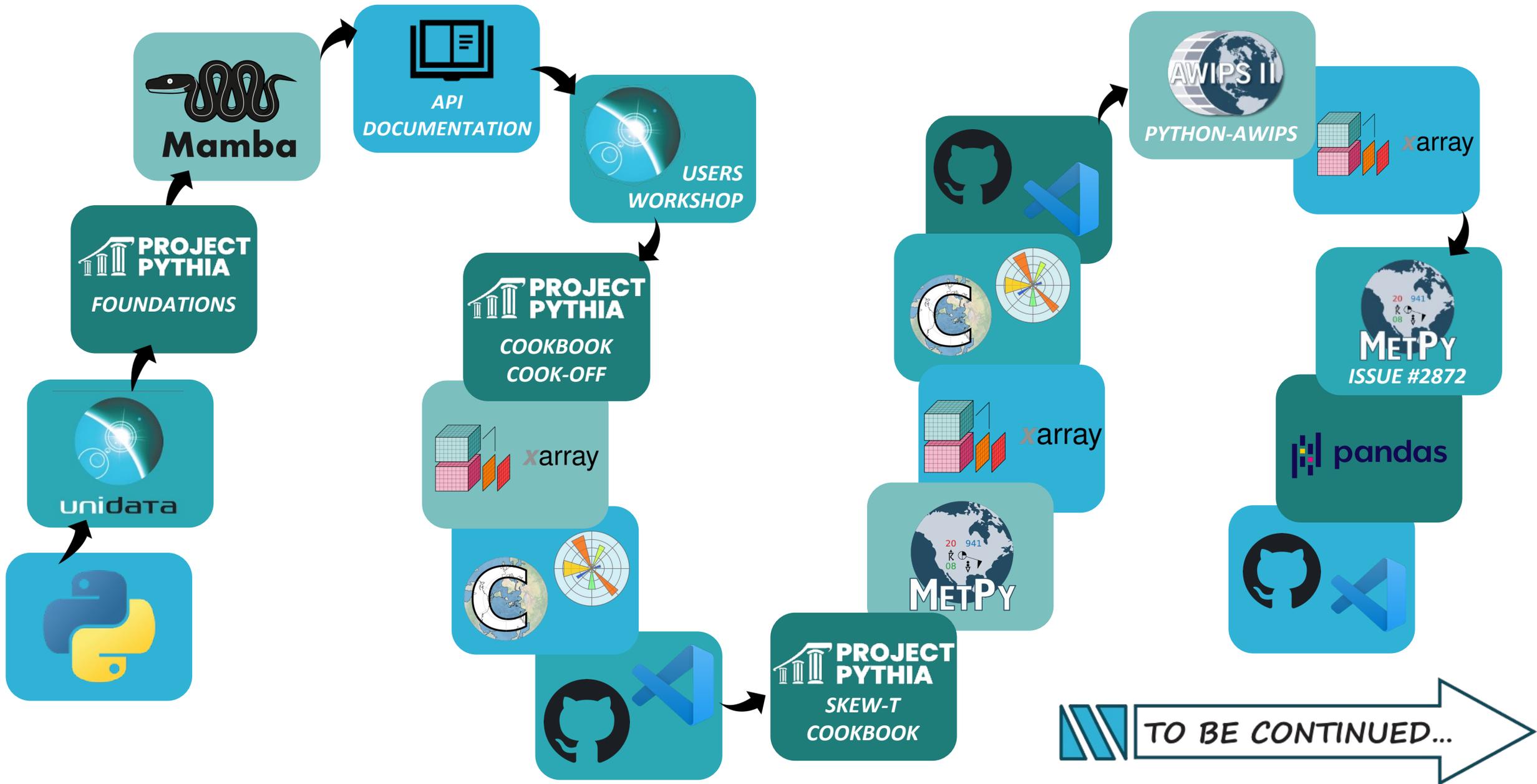
Welcome Summer Intern Erin Rhoades



Erin Rhoades

Intern

Python workflows, MetPy  
Training Material, Project Pythia  
Cookbooks  
Hobby/pastime: [Chainsaw](#)  
[Juggling](#)

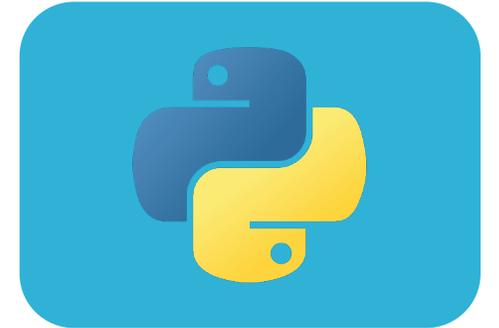


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# How I Got Here

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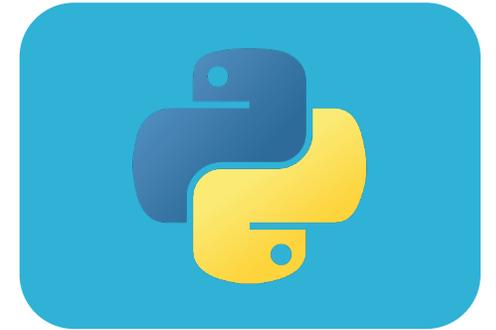
- 4th year MSU Denver Meteorology student
- Experience with Unidata products
  - IDV
  - AWIPS CAVE
- Started learning Python in late 2022
- Attended AMS 2023
  - MetPy workshop
- Applied for internship and accepted!



# Internship Time

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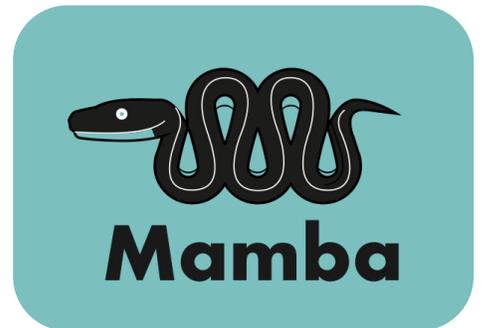
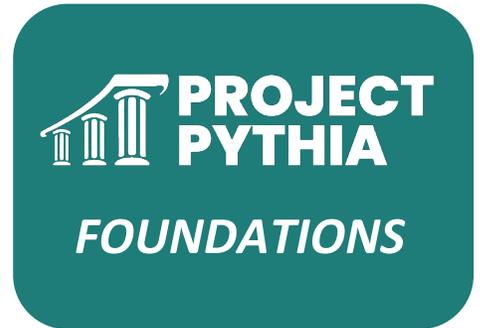
- *Summer Goals*
  - *Solidify fundamental Python skills*
  - *Create something that can help others*



# Exploration

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- *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

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xarray.align
xarray.align(*objects, join='inner', copy=True, indexes=None, exclude=frozenset(), fill_value=NaN) [source]
align()

Given any number of Dataset and/or DataArray objects, returns new objects with aligned indexes and dimension sizes.
Array from the aligned objects are suitable as input to mathematical operators, because along each dimension they have the same index and size.
Missing values (if join != 'inner') are filled with fill_value. The default fill value is NaN.

Parameters:
*objects (Dataset or DataArray) – Objects to align.
• join ("outer", "inner", "left", "right", "exact", "override"), optional – Method for joining the indexes of the passed objects along each dimension:
  ◦ "outer": use the union of object indexes
  ◦ "inner": use the intersection of object indexes
  ◦ "left": use indexes from the first object with each dimension
  ◦ "right": use indexes from the last object with each dimension
  ◦ "exact": instead of aligning, raise ValueError when indexes to be aligned are not equal
  ◦ "override": if indexes are of same size, rewrite indexes to be those of the first object with that dimension. Indexes for the same dimension must have the same size in all objects.
• copy (bool, default: True) – If copy=True, data in the return values is always copied. If copy=False and reindexing is unnecessary, or can be performed with only slice operations, then the output may share memory with the input. In either case, new xarray objects are always returned.
• indexes (dict-like, optional) – Any indexes explicitly provided with the indexes argument should be used in preference to the aligned indexes.
• exclude (sequence of str, optional) – Dimensions that must be excluded from alignment
• fill_value (scalar or dict-like, optional) – Value to use for newly missing values. If a dict-like, maps variable names to fill values. Use a data array's name to refer to its values.

Returns:
aligned (tuple of DataArray or Dataset) – Tuple of objects with the same type as *objects with aligned coordinates.

Raises:
ValueError – If any dimensions without labels on the arguments have different sizes, or a different size than the size of the aligned dimension labels.
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All possible parameters inputs, not all required. Parameters section below will state if optional

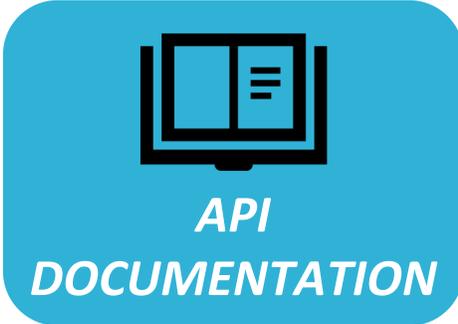
Link to source code on GitHub

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



# Unidata Users Workshop

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Unidata Users Workshop  
*Storytelling with Earth System Science Data:  
Challenges and Opportunities for Effective,  
Ethical, and Reproducible Science*

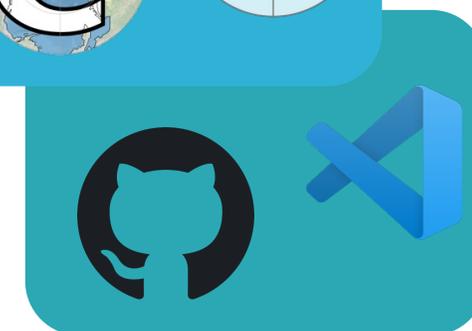
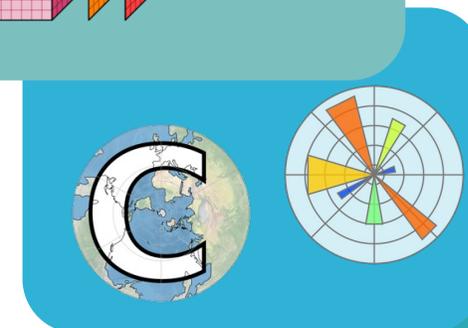
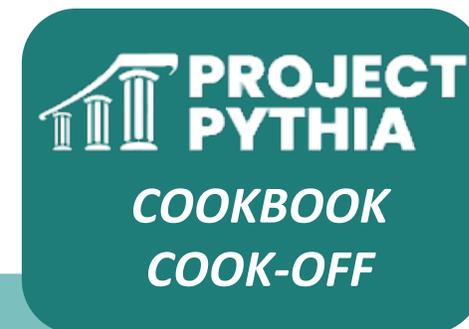
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# Project Pythia – Cookbook Cook-off

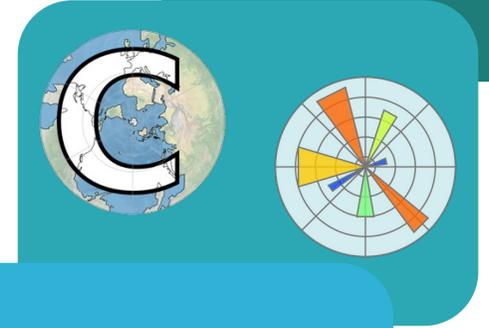
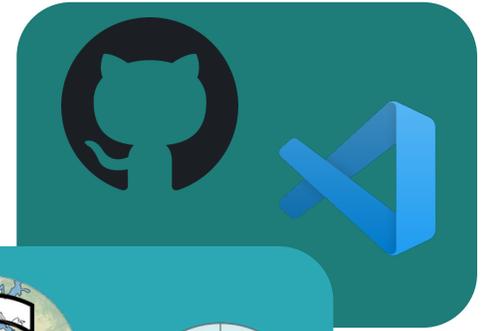
- Cookbook 101
- Remote data access with xarray 'mini' cookbook
- Several Python packages
  - xarray
  - Cartopy
  - Matplotlib
- Visual Studio Code
- GitHub





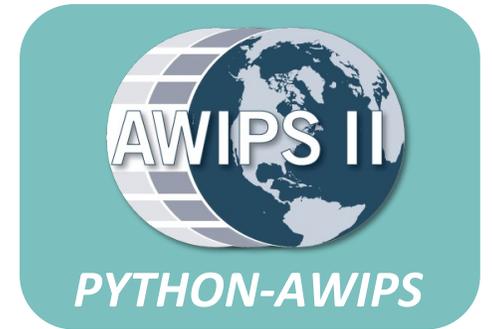
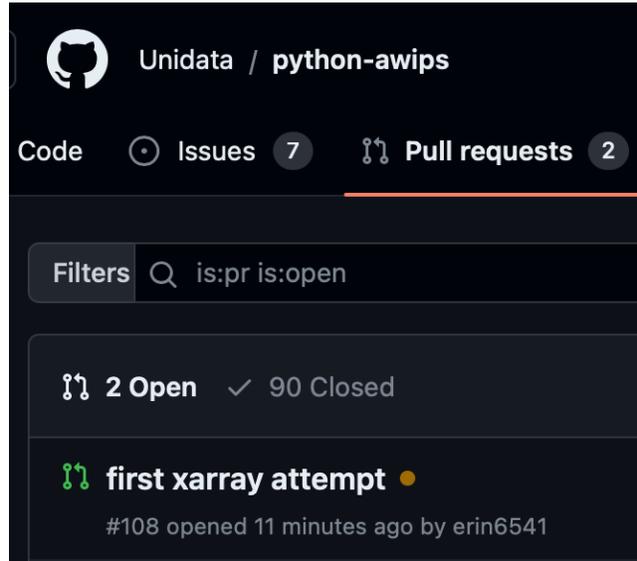
# Project Pythia – Skew-T Cookbook

- 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!

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- 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!