

Installing Eclipse IDE on Windows for Python Developers

Brief walkthrough for Python developers explains how to install Python IDE in Eclipse on Windows

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Introduction

Eclipse Python Development Toolkit (PyDev) is an add-on to Eclipse IDE. See more information at <https://www.pydev.org/>

For more detailed explanation of Eclipse installation, update, configuration, etc. see the companion document “[Installing Eclipse IDE on Windows for Java and C/C++ Developers](#)”.

There are following steps that you need to perform before you can develop Python programs using Eclipse

- Install Eclipse IDE
- Install Python interpreter
- Install Eclipse Python development toolkit (PyDev) add-on
- Configure Python specific Eclipse workspace preferences

After all components are installed and configured, you shall write a sample Python program in Eclipse and run it.

Installing Eclipse IDE

We recommend to follow the companion document “[Installing Eclipse IDE on Windows for Java and C/C++ Developers](#)”. But you can install Eclipse in any other way.

Install whatever Eclipse variant you desire, for example, Eclipse IDE for Java. Or you can install Eclipse Platform, Java EE, C/C++ Developers, etc.

You shall perform the following steps before proceeding to Python specific tasks

Step to perform	Companion document section
Overview	Introduction
Install Java SE Development Kit (JDK)	Java Standard Edition (Java SE)
Install Eclipse IDE itself	Installing Eclipse IDE
Run Eclipse IDE	Running Eclipse IDE the First Time

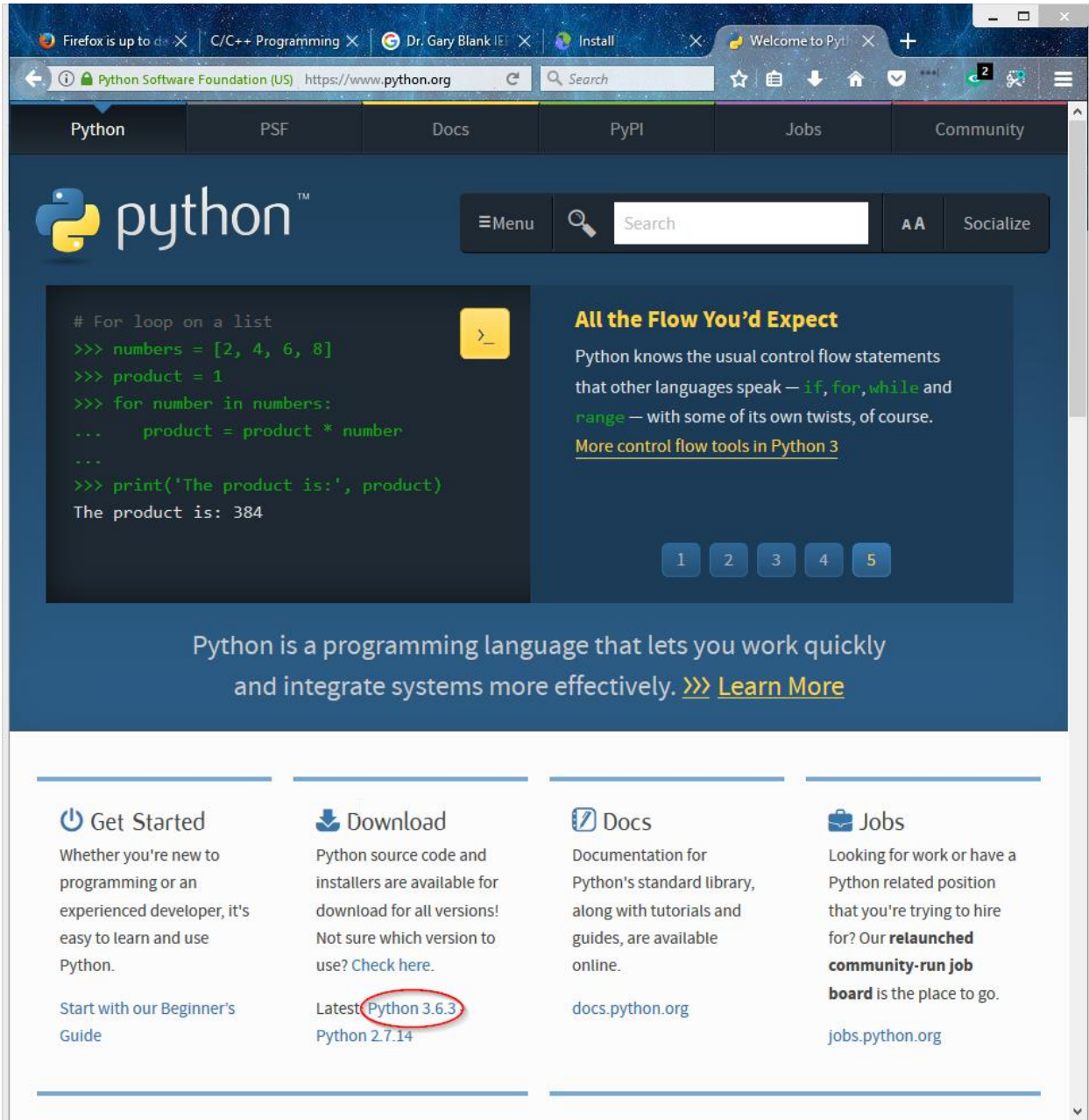
Return to this document after all abovementioned steps are completed.

Installing Python Interpreter

Vendor's instructions are at <https://docs.python.org/3.7/using/windows.html#installing-python>. Note that 3.7 shall be replaced with the Python version that you intend to install. Also note that if you use Windows version prior to Windows Vista (for example, Windows XP) you shall install Python 3.4.

You shall read the vendor's instructions but do not have to. This document provides enough details.

Use your browser to open <https://www.python.org/> website. The screenshots were taken when the last version was Python 3.6.3, but you will see more recent version.



The screenshot shows the Python.org website in a browser window. The page features the Python logo, a search bar, and navigation tabs for Python, PSF, Docs, PyPI, Jobs, and Community. A code block on the left shows a Python script calculating the product of a list of numbers. The main content area has a heading "All the Flow You'd Expect" and a "Learn More" link. At the bottom, there are four columns: "Get Started", "Download", "Docs", and "Jobs". In the "Download" column, the text "Latest Python 3.6.3" is circled in red.

```
# For loop on a list
>>> numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8]
>>> product = 1
>>> for number in numbers:
...     product = product * number
...
>>> print('The product is:', product)
The product is: 384
```

All the Flow You'd Expect

Python knows the usual control flow statements that other languages speak — *if*, *for*, *while* and *range* — with some of its own twists, of course.

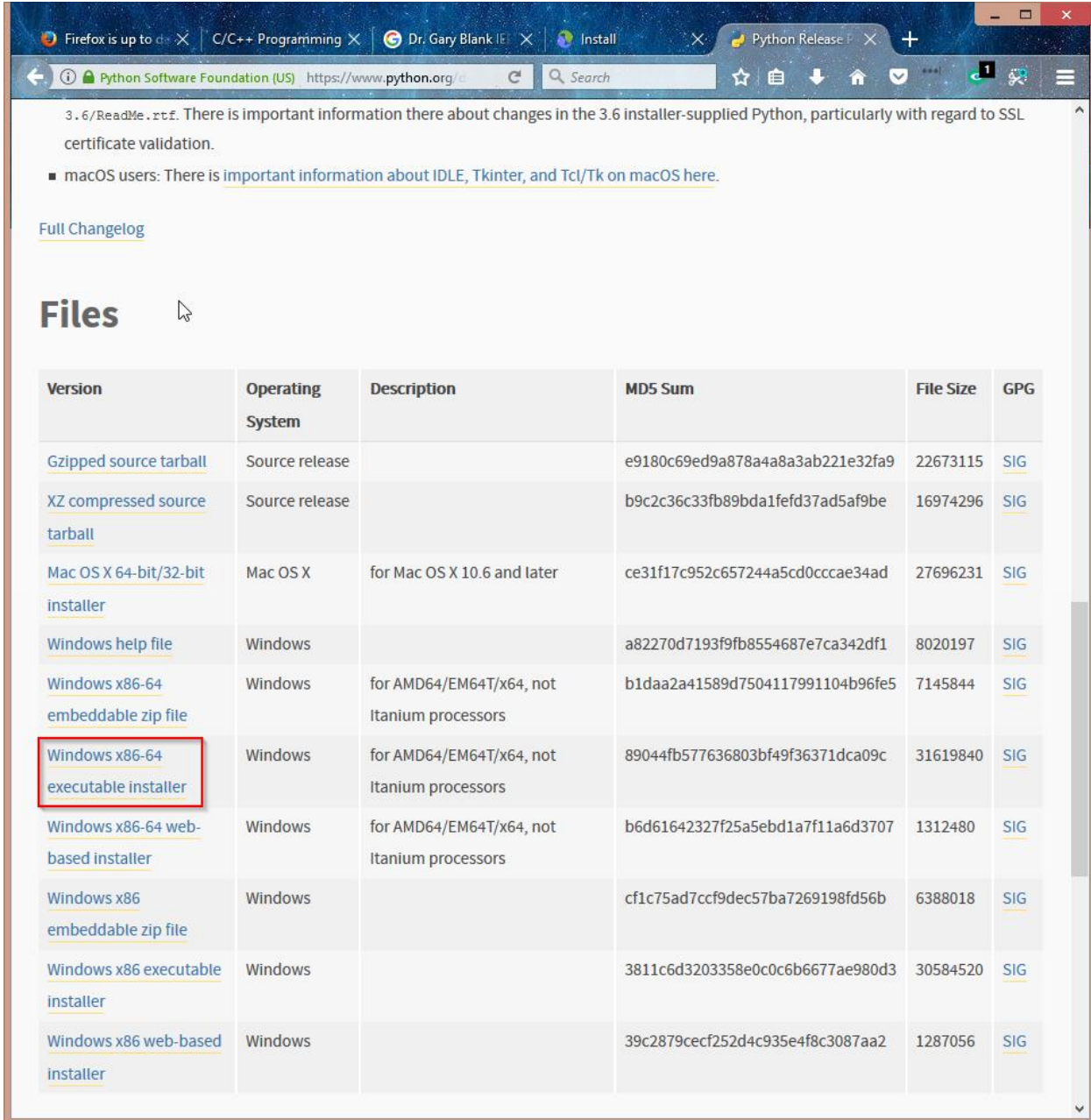
[More control flow tools in Python 3](#)

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Get Started	Download	Docs	Jobs
Whether you're new to programming or an experienced developer, it's easy to learn and use Python.	Python source code and installers are available for download for all versions! Not sure which version to use? Check here.	Documentation for Python's standard library, along with tutorials and guides, are available online.	Looking for work or have a Python related position that you're trying to hire for? Our relaunched community-run job board is the place to go.
Start with our Beginner's Guide	Latest Python 3.6.3 Python 2.7.14	docs.python.org	jobs.python.org

Click on the latest Python version in **Download** section.



3.6/ReadMe.txt. There is important information there about changes in the 3.6 installer-supplied Python, particularly with regard to SSL certificate validation.

- macOS users: There is [important information about IDLE, Tkinter, and Tcl/Tk on macOS here](#).

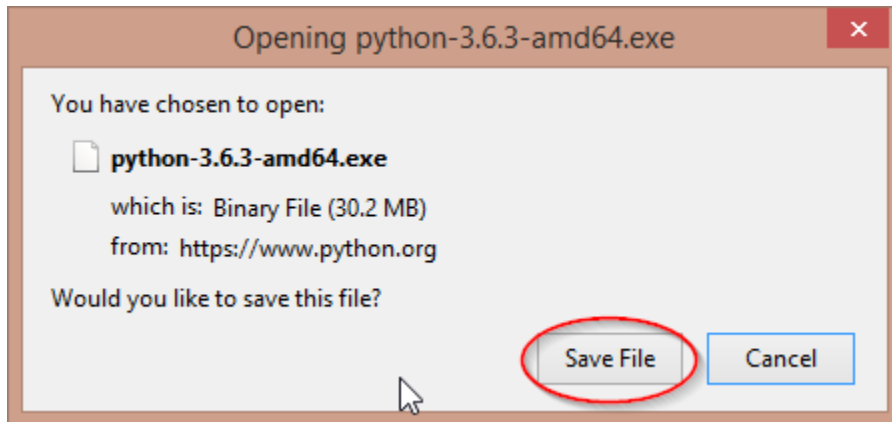
[Full Changelog](#)

Files

Version	Operating System	Description	MD5 Sum	File Size	GPG
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XZ compressed source tarball	Source release		b9c2c36c33fb89bda1febd37ad5af9be	16974296	SIG
Mac OS X 64-bit/32-bit installer	Mac OS X	for Mac OS X 10.6 and later	ce31f17c952c657244a5cd0cccae34ad	27696231	SIG
Windows help file	Windows		a82270d7193f9fb8554687e7ca342df1	8020197	SIG
Windows x86-64 embeddable zip file	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64, not Itanium processors	b1daa2a41589d7504117991104b96fe5	7145844	SIG
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Windows x86 web-based installer	Windows		39c2879cecf252d4c935e4f8c3087aa2	1287056	SIG

On the next page scroll down to **Files** section and click on **Windows x86-64 executable installer** (or, if you are running older 32bit Windows, **Windows x86 executable installer**).

Save the downloaded file somewhere. Specific file dialogs depend on the browser and the version of Windows. Here is an example for Firefox.



Find the downloaded Python installer and run it.

You will see the window below.



You need to decide whether you want to add Python to **PATH** environment variable. Note that this setting does not affect Eclipse.

When Python is in the **PATH** and you run Python program from a command line

- If you have exactly one Python version, it easier to run Python
- If you have multiple Python versions, it may become confusing what version is used

Below is assumed that Python is added to **PATH**. Adjust it as needed.

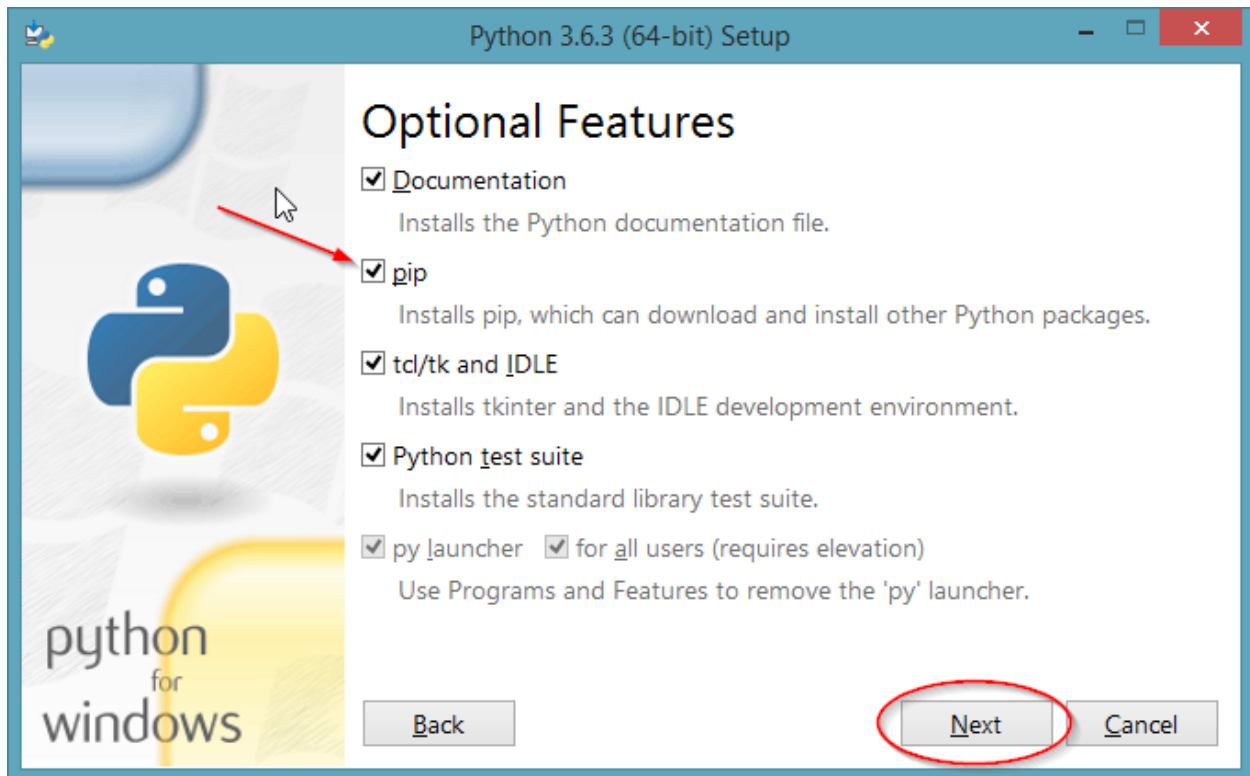
If you are installing Python for yourself

- Check **Add Python 3.N to Path** ①
- Click on **Install Now** (2A)

If you are doing shared Python installation (so all users can use Python) or need to choose different location or features

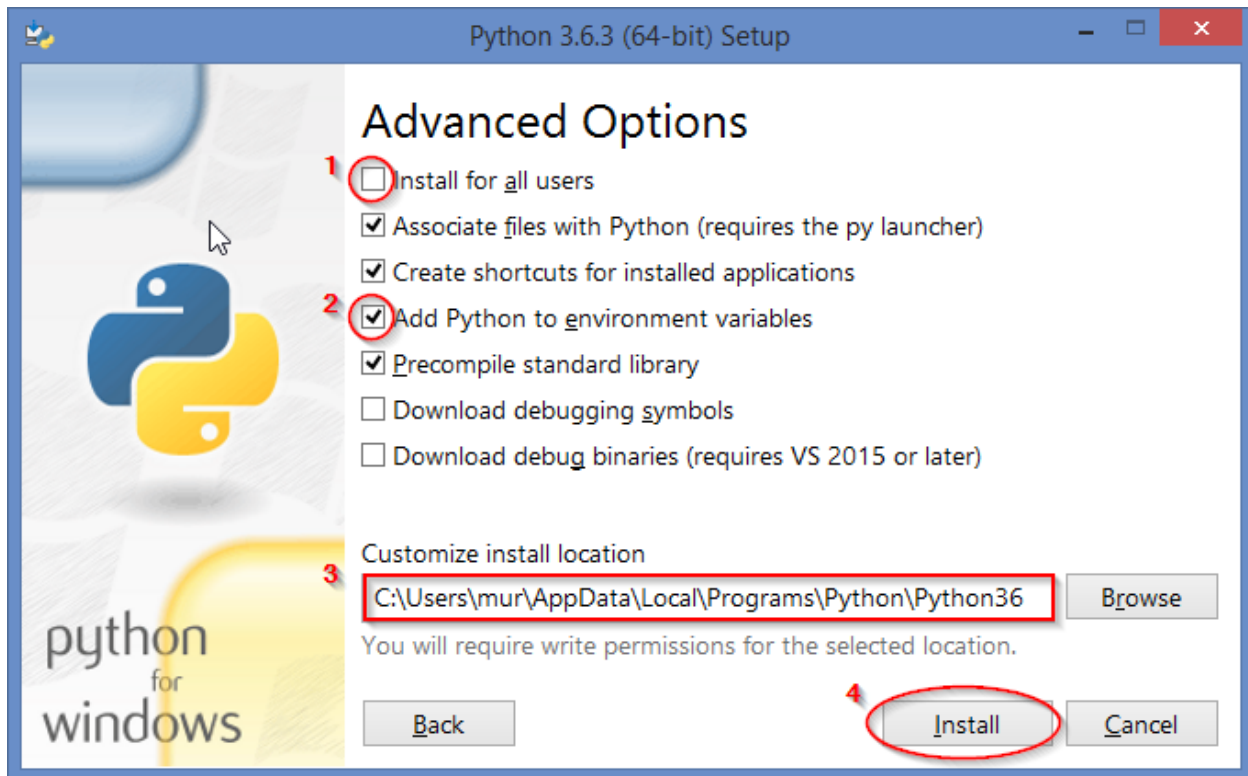
- Check **Add Python 3.N to Path** ①
- Click on **Customize installation** (2B)

If you select custom installation, the following window will appear.



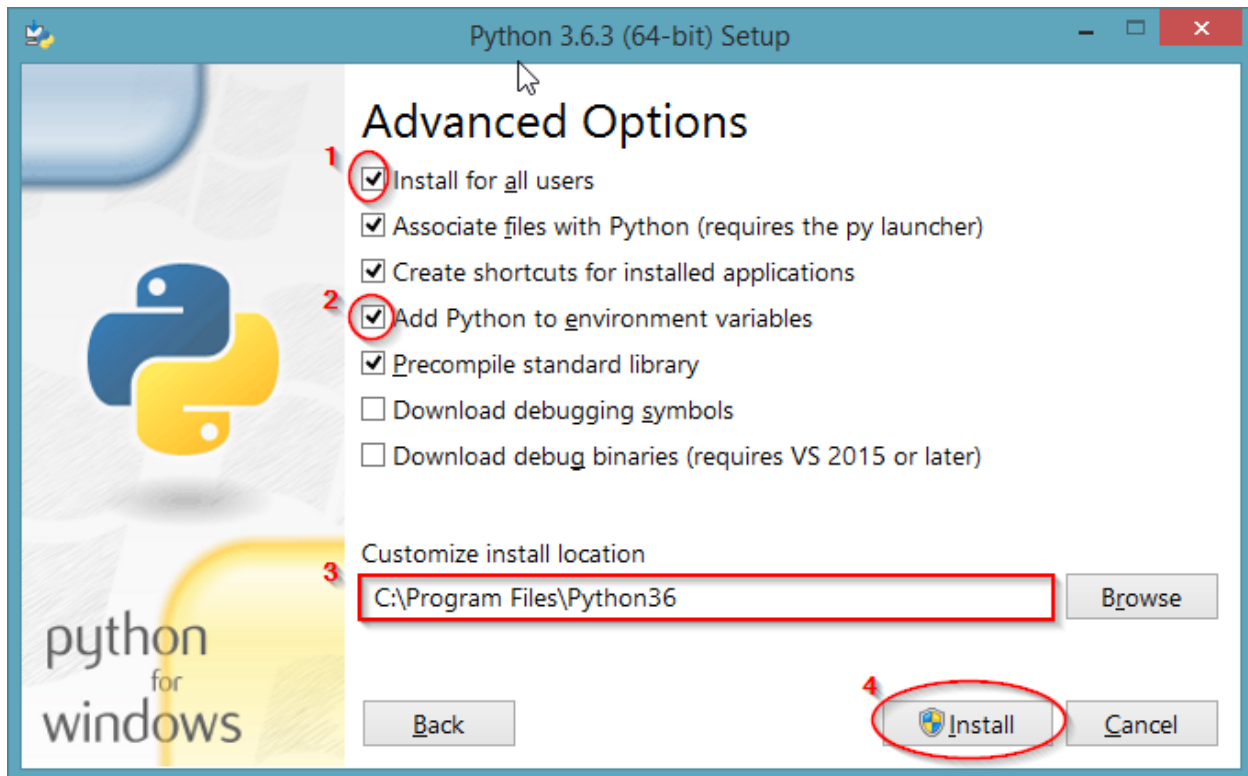
Select desired features (we recommend pip to be always selected). Press **Next** button.

Advanced Options window will appear. If you are installing Python for yourself



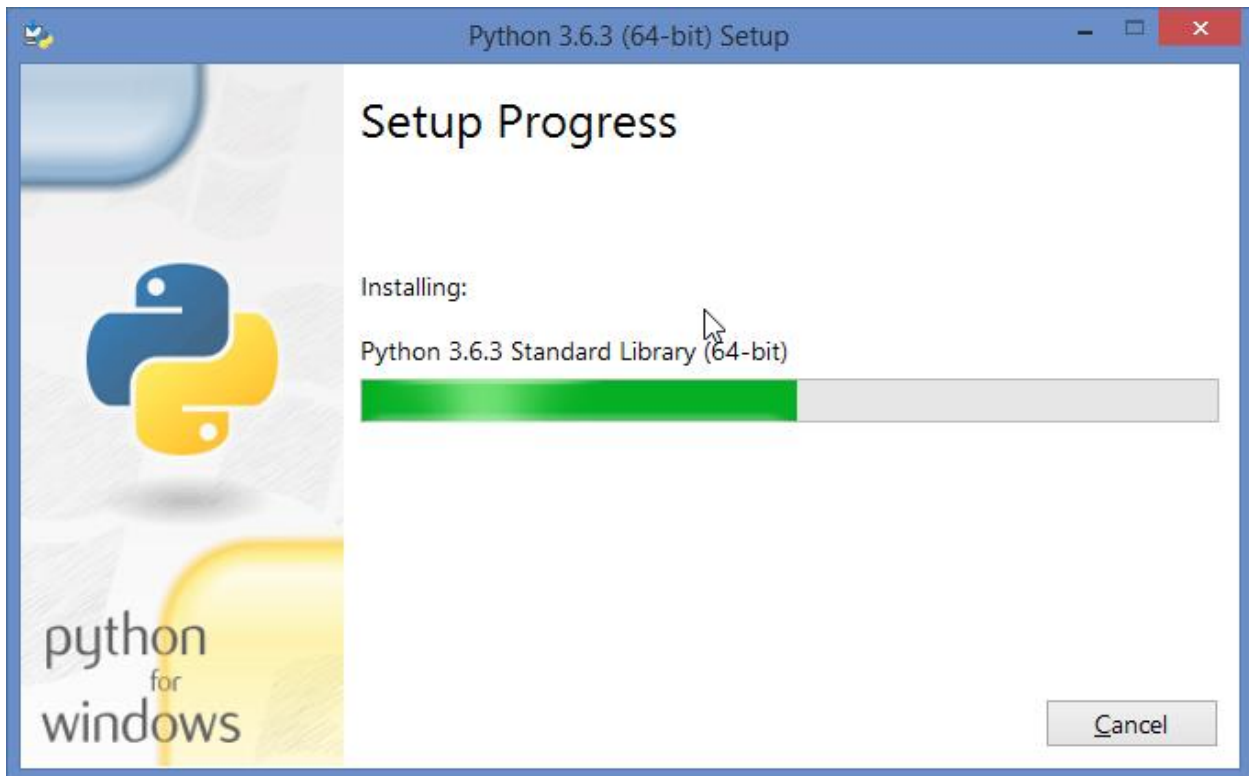
- Leave **Install for all users** unchecked ①
- Be sure that **Add Python to environment variables** is checked ②
- Select appropriate options and install location ③, defaults are OK
- Press **Install** button ④

If you are doing shared Python installation

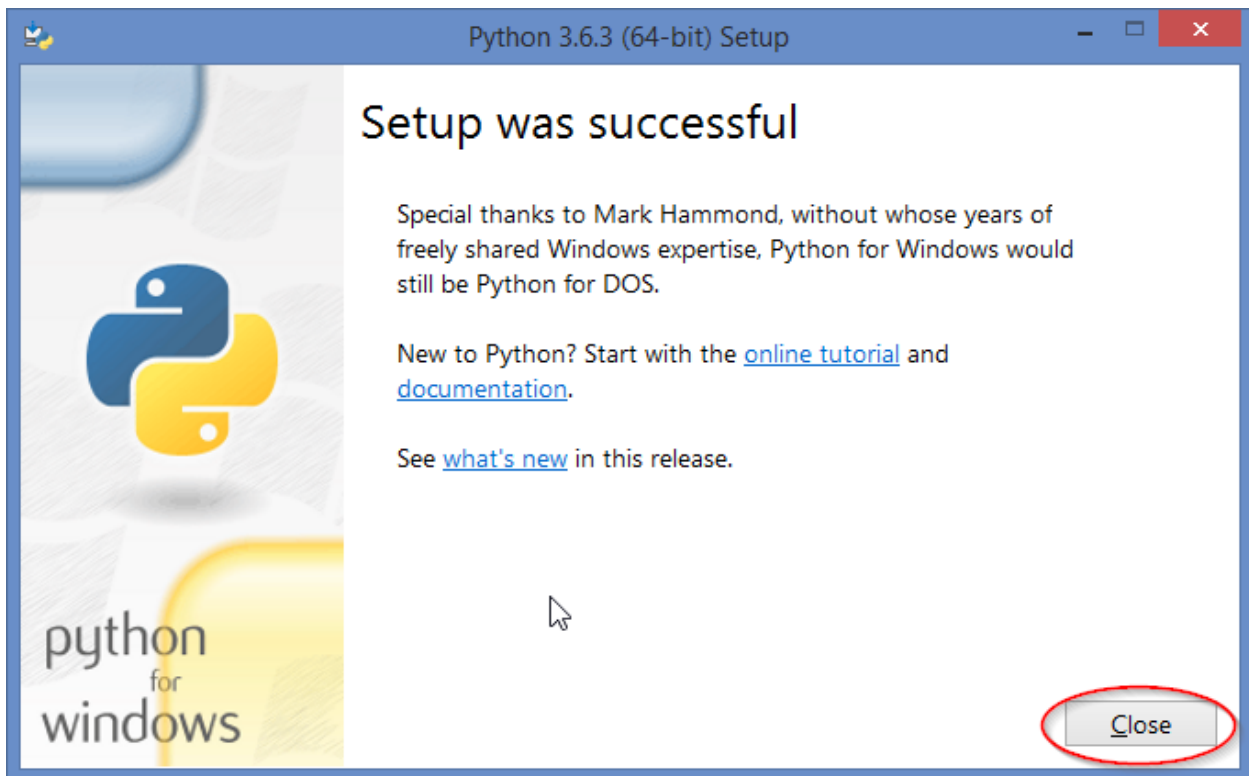


- Check **Install for all users** ①
- Be sure that **Add Python to environment variables** is checked ②
- Select appropriate options and install location ③, defaults are OK
- Press **Install** button ④

Wait until the install process completes.



Press **Close** button to exit the installer.



Installing Eclipse Python Development Toolkit (PyDev) Add-on

If you have Eclipse IDE for Java or C/C++ Developers or any other Eclipse IDE variant and want to do Python development, you will have to install PyDev add-on.

This document provides detailed installation instructions. If you prefer, you can follow brief instructions at https://www.pydev.org/manual_101_install.html. It does not matter which way is used to install PyDev, as long as it is done properly.

To be able to install add-ons (or update), Eclipse requires an Internet access. By default, Eclipse uses the same settings as Windows browser, so if you can browse the Internet, you, very probably, will be able to use install/update features in Eclipse. See the companion's "[Appendix 3 - Configuring Eclipse for Internet Access](#)", if you are having Internet connectivity problems in Eclipse.

If you are using Windows 10, 8, 7, or Vista and Eclipse is installed in some folder inside `\Program Files` or some other similar folder

- ✓ You have to run Eclipse as Administrator in order to be able to install Eclipse add-ons or update Eclipse software. In such a case close all open Eclipse windows. Start Eclipse again with "**Run as Administrator**" option (move mouse pointer over Eclipse icon, right click to open a context menu, select "**Run as Administrator**"). After a workspace selection window appears, select an appropriately named workspace that is not used for anything else (for example, `C:\Users\Kamilla\Workspace\Administrator`). See companion's "[Appendix 4 – Managing Eclipse Software](#)" for details.

- ✓ After Eclipse software is installed/updated exit the Eclipse and start it again regular way.

- ✓ IMPORTANT! Do not run Eclipse "as Administrator" unless you are doing Eclipse software install/update!

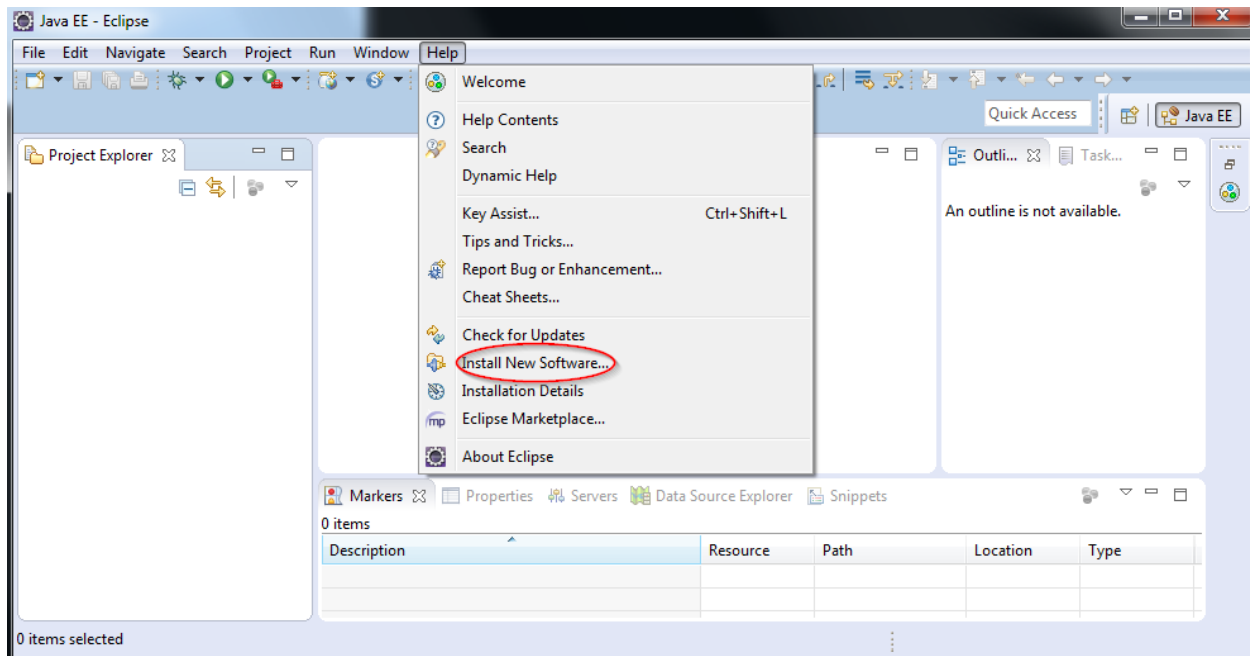
If Eclipse is installed in your user data folder or you are not using Windows 10, 8, 7, or Vista

- ✓ You can install Eclipse add-ons and update Eclipse software by launching Eclipse regular way, using any Eclipse workspace.

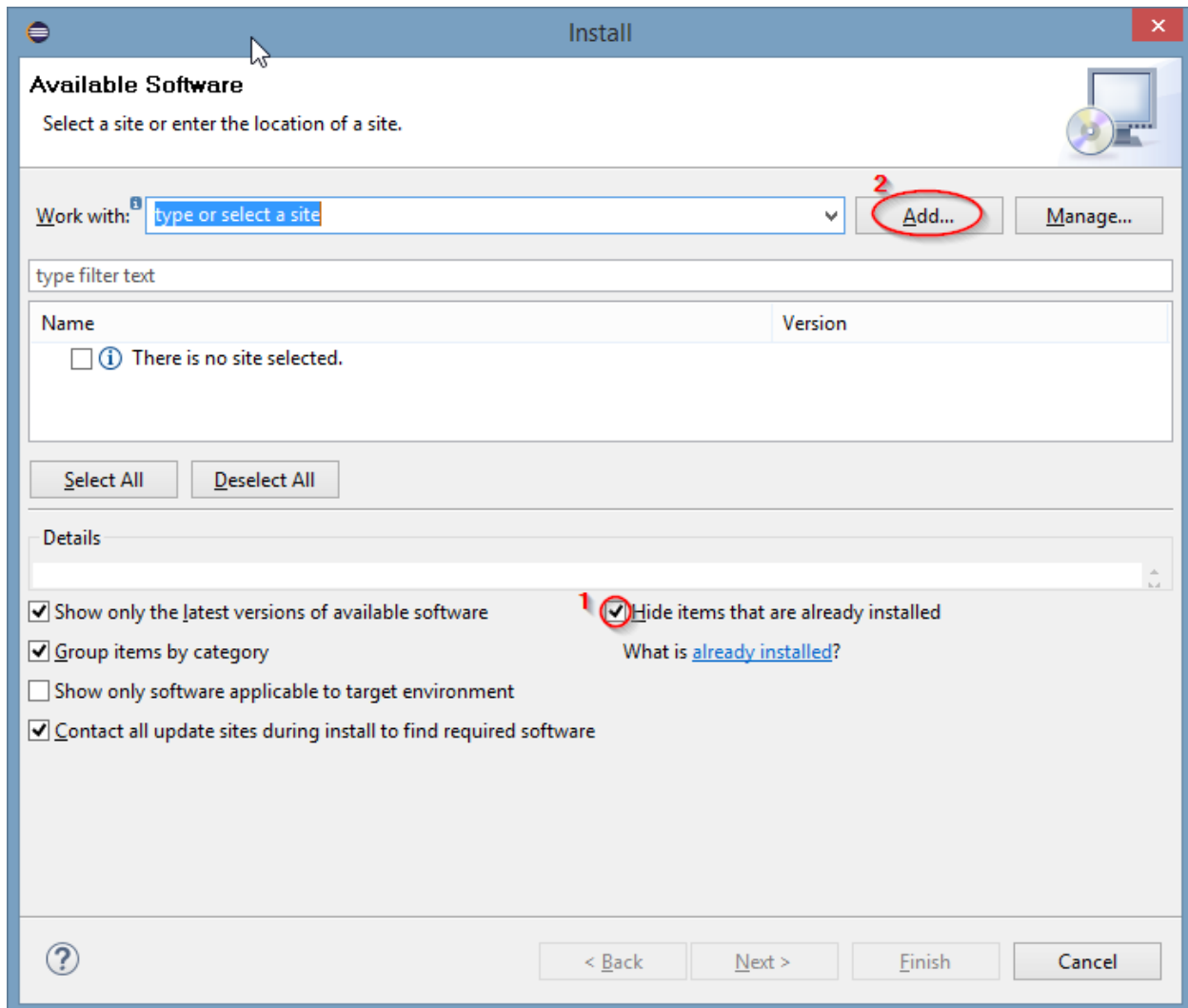
- ✓ You can use existing workspace or create new workspace dedicated to Python.

Start Eclipse as Administrator, if needed.

In the Eclipse window, open **Help** menu, select **Install New Software** option.

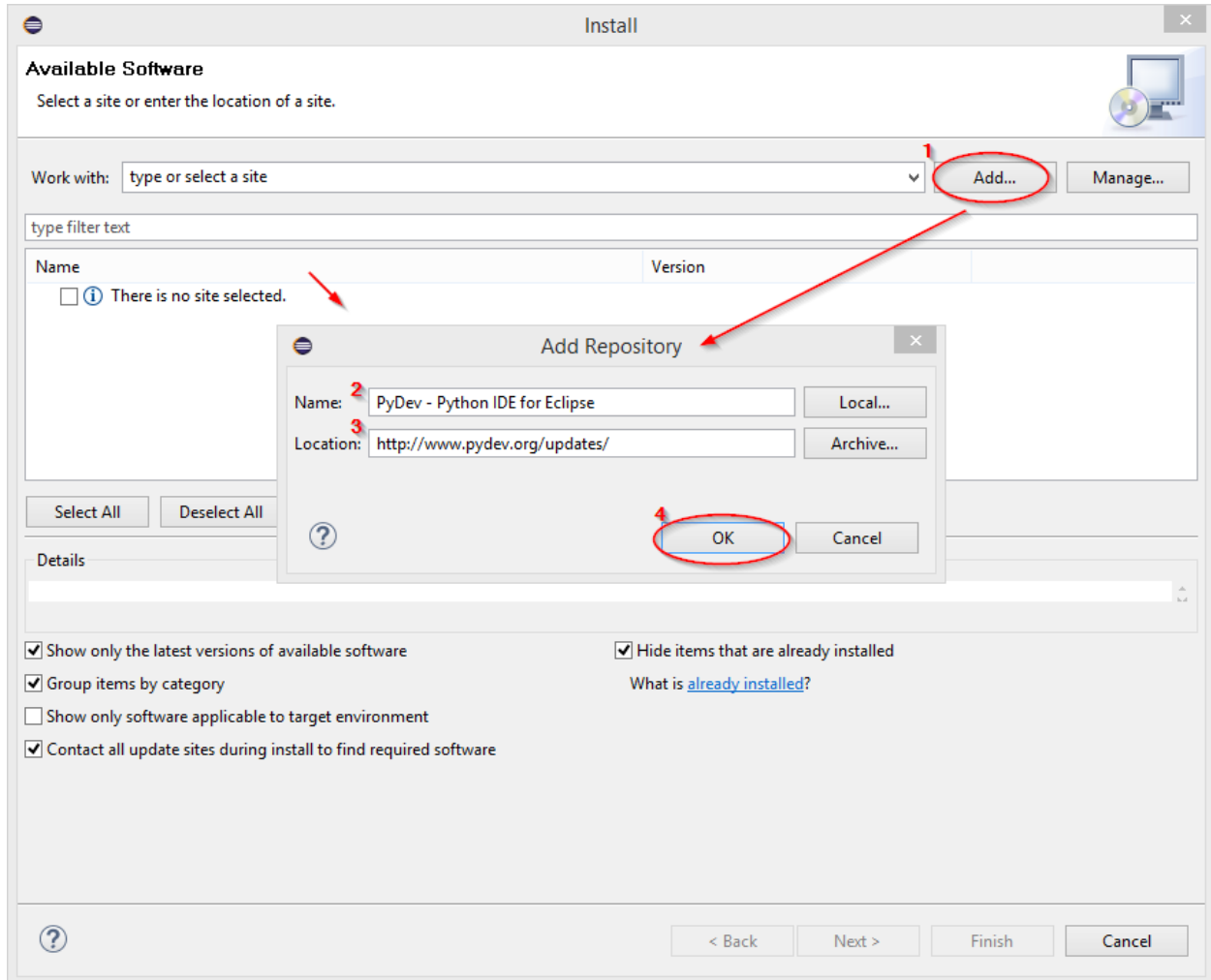


You will see the following window



Check **Hide items that are already installed** ① if it is not checked already. Press **Add** button ② to add PyDev update site to Eclipse.

When all components are selected click **Next** button and complete the installation.

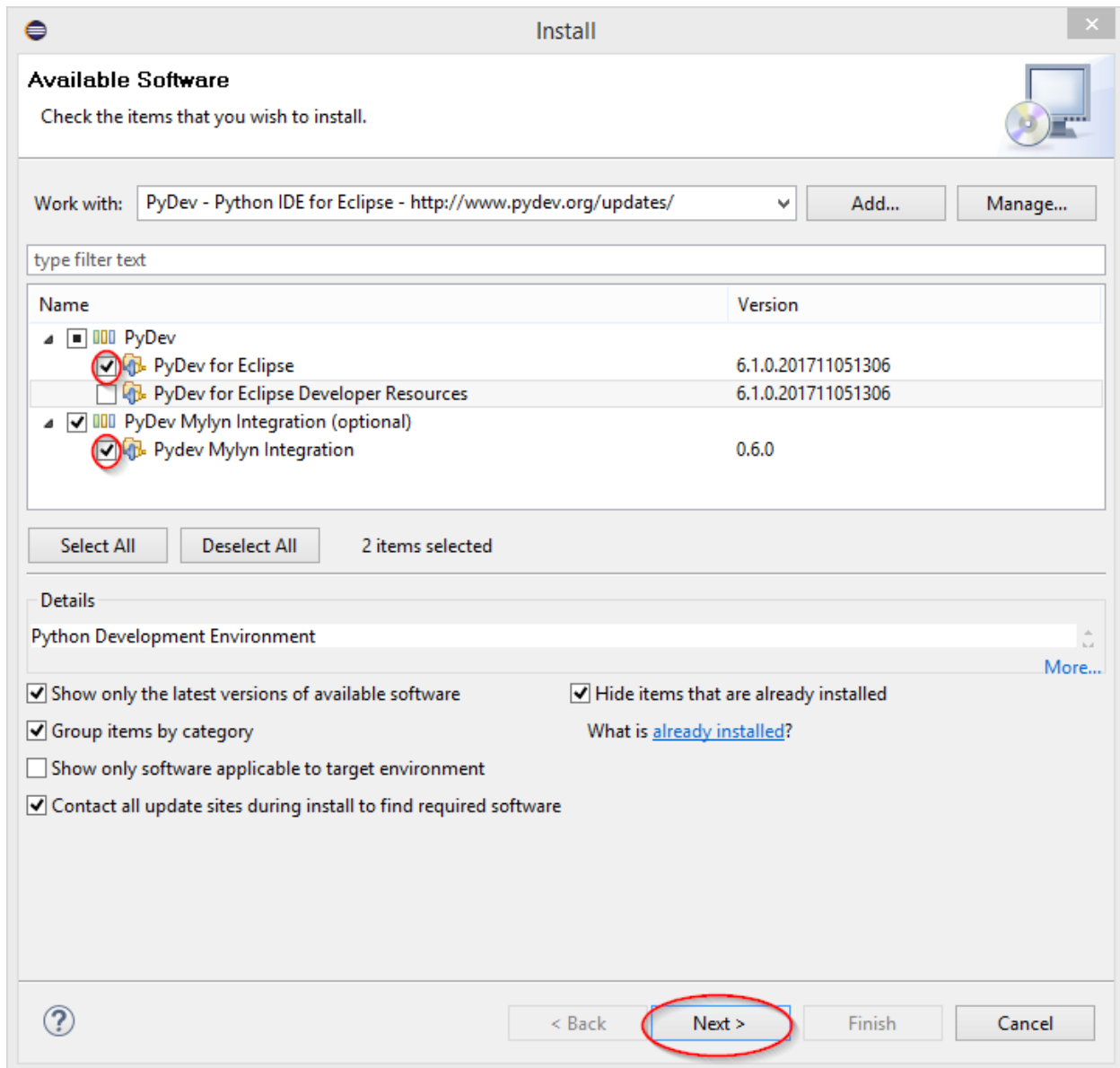


After you press Add button ①, you will see the pop-up window above. Enter the following

Name ②	PyDev - Python IDE for Eclipse
Location ③	https://www.pydev.org/updates/

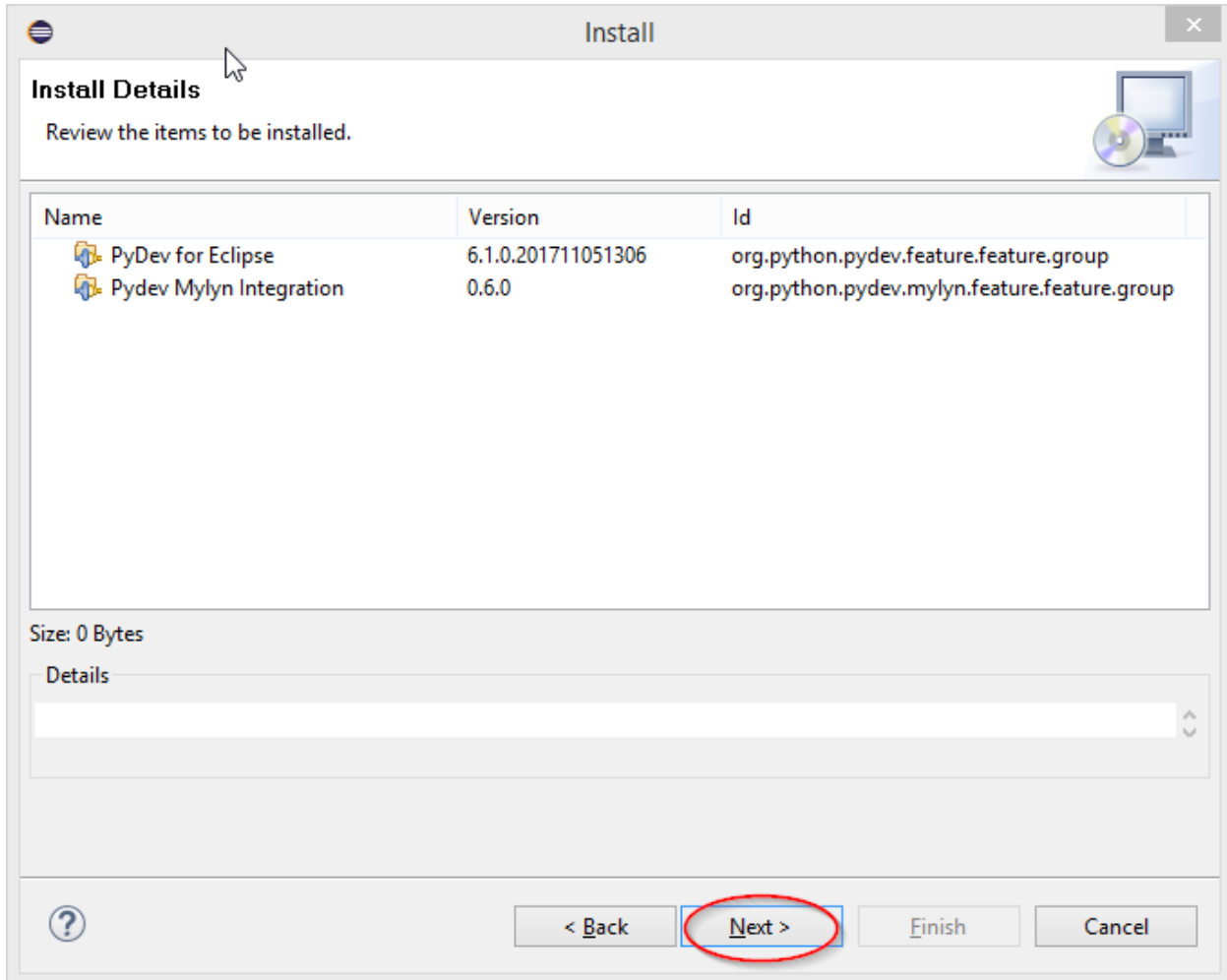
and press **OK** button ④.

Now select **PyDev for Eclipse** and **PyDev Mylyn Integration** and click **Next** button.



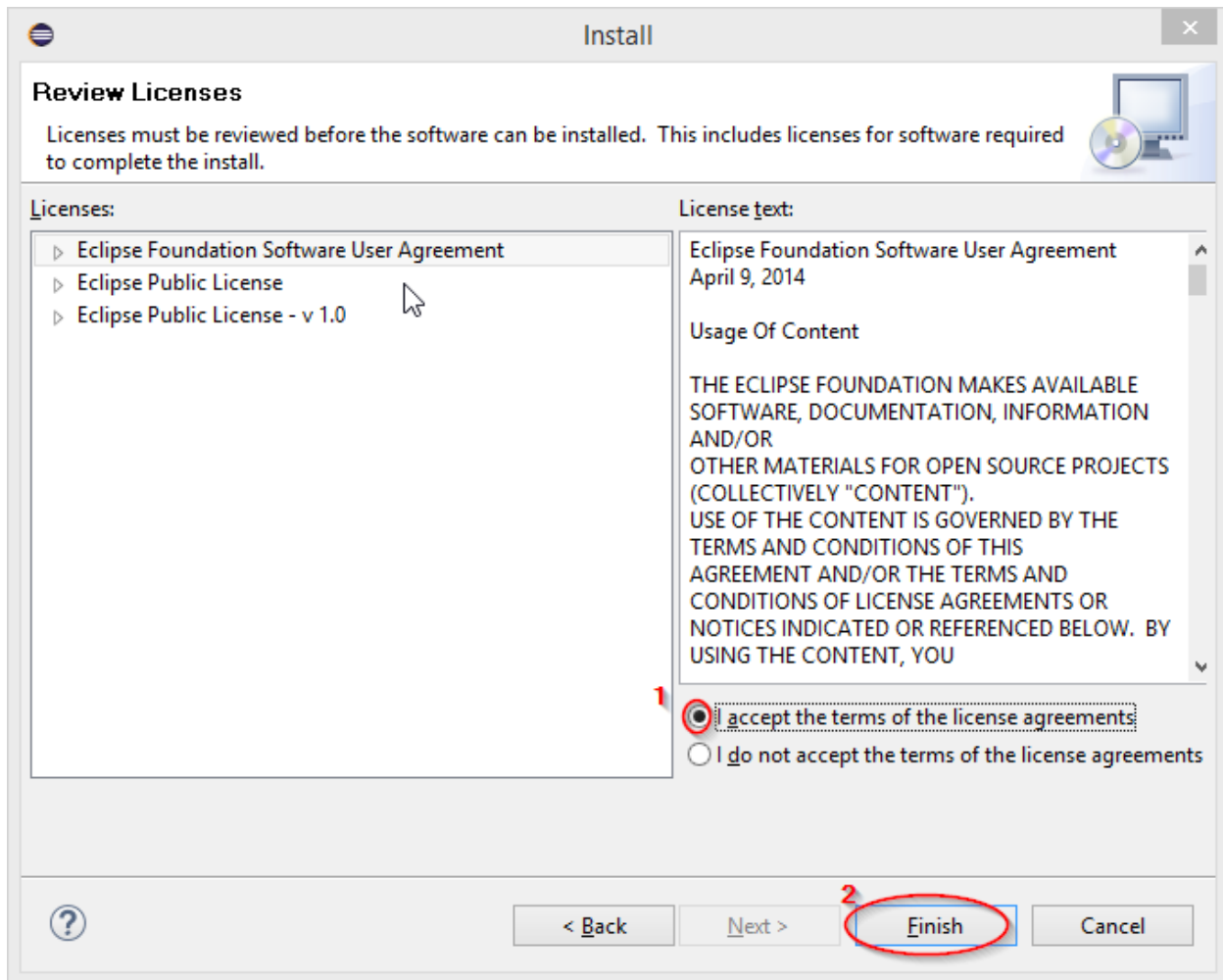
Note. If you do not see PyDev for Eclipse and PyDev Mylyn Integration, or see “**All items are installed**” message – it means that PyDev components are already installed. In such a case, just cancel the installation wizard.

You will see a window with a list of components to be installed. You may see more components than shown below if, for example, you installing Mylyn for the first time.

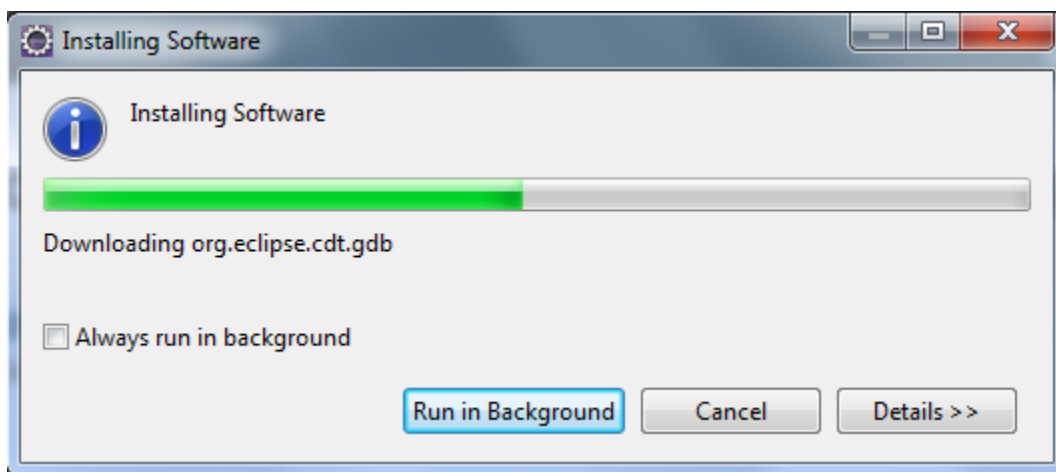


Press **Next** button to continue.

You will see the following window

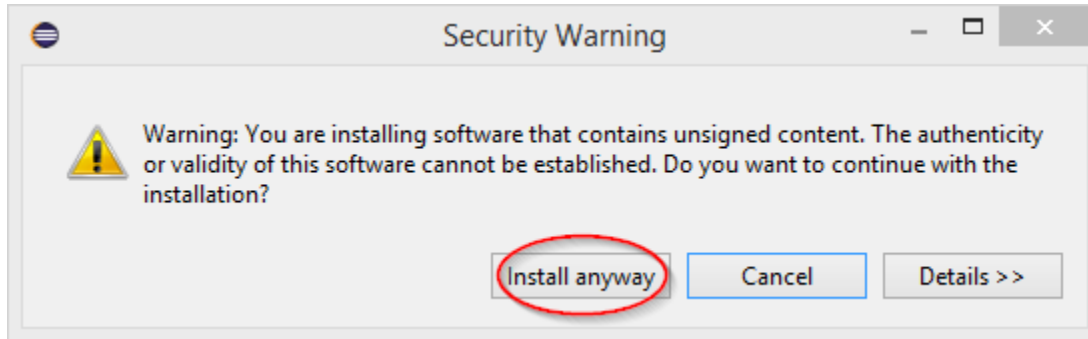


Review the licenses. Select “I accept the terms of the license agreements” ① and press **Finish** button ②.



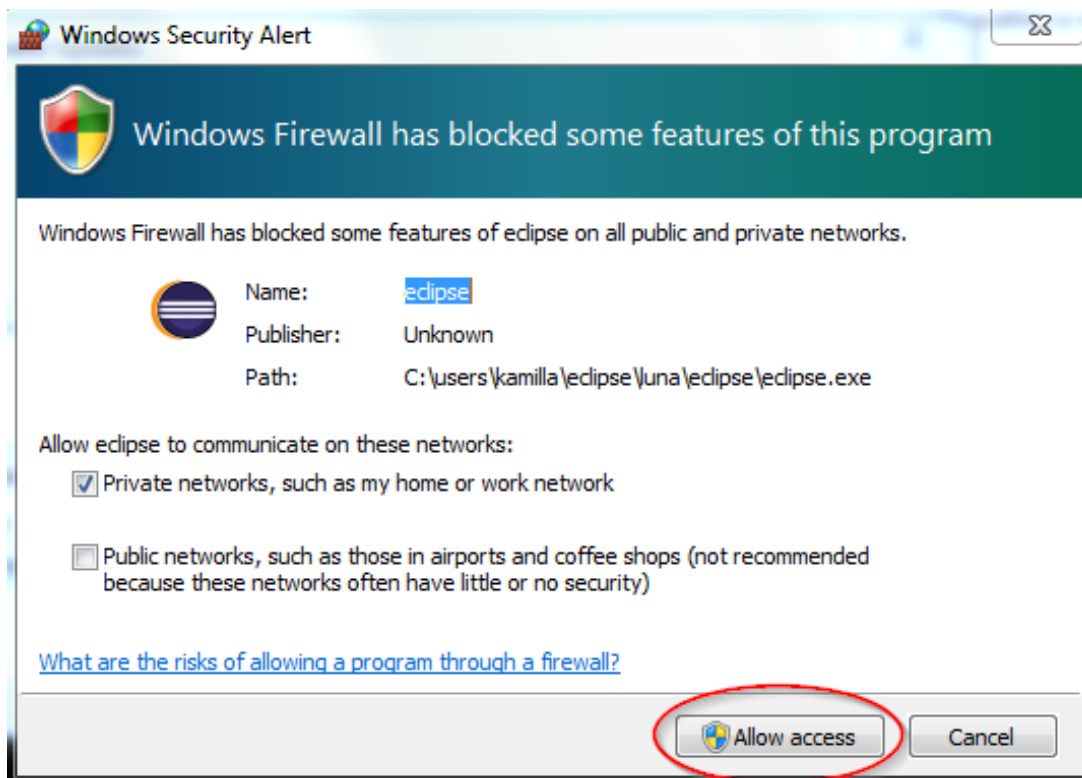
Wait until the installation is completed.

If you get the Security Warning popup window below



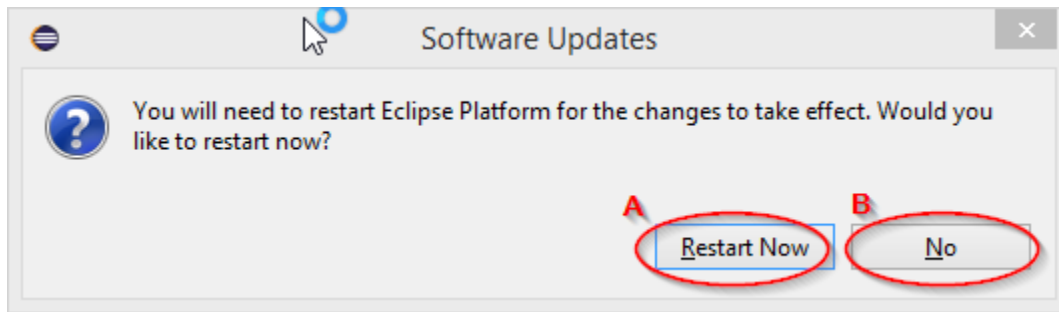
press **Install anyway** button.

When the installation is done you might see another security pop-up window asking to confirm that you want to allow Eclipse an access to the Internet.



Click **Allow access** button.

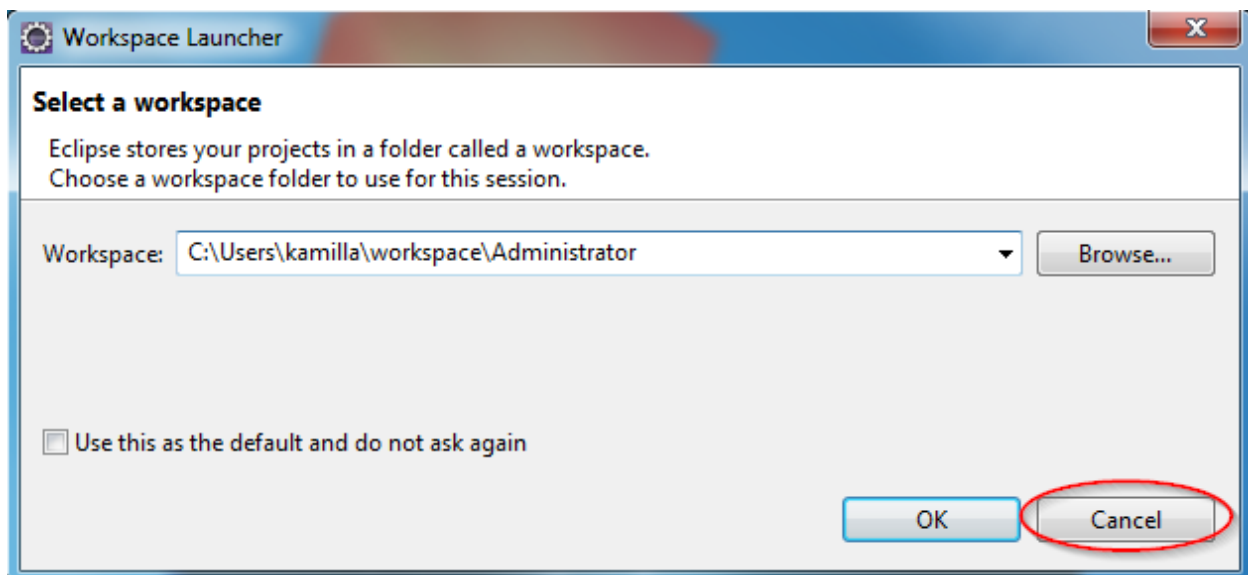
Next you will see a window prompting to restart Eclipse.



if Eclipse is running under your username, press **Restart Now** button (A) to restart.

Otherwise, press **No** button (B), exit Eclipse, and start Eclipse again (as regular user).

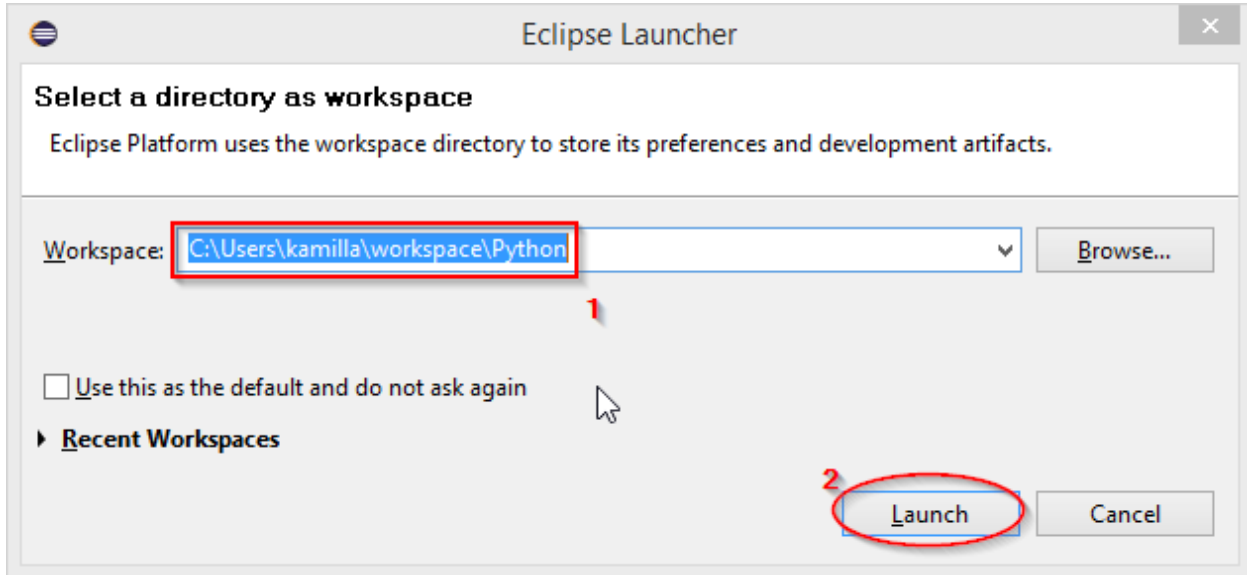
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- ✓ If Eclipse is running as Administrator and you pressed **Restart Now** button - do not select a workspace, press **Cancel** button instead to exit Eclipse.



- ✓ If you prefer the workspace configuration to be done later, that is it.
 - ✓ Otherwise, start Eclipse again in regular way.
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Python Specific Eclipse Workspace Configuration

Be sure that you are running Eclipse as regular user. After you restarted (or started) Eclipse, you will see Workspace Launcher window asking to select a workspace.



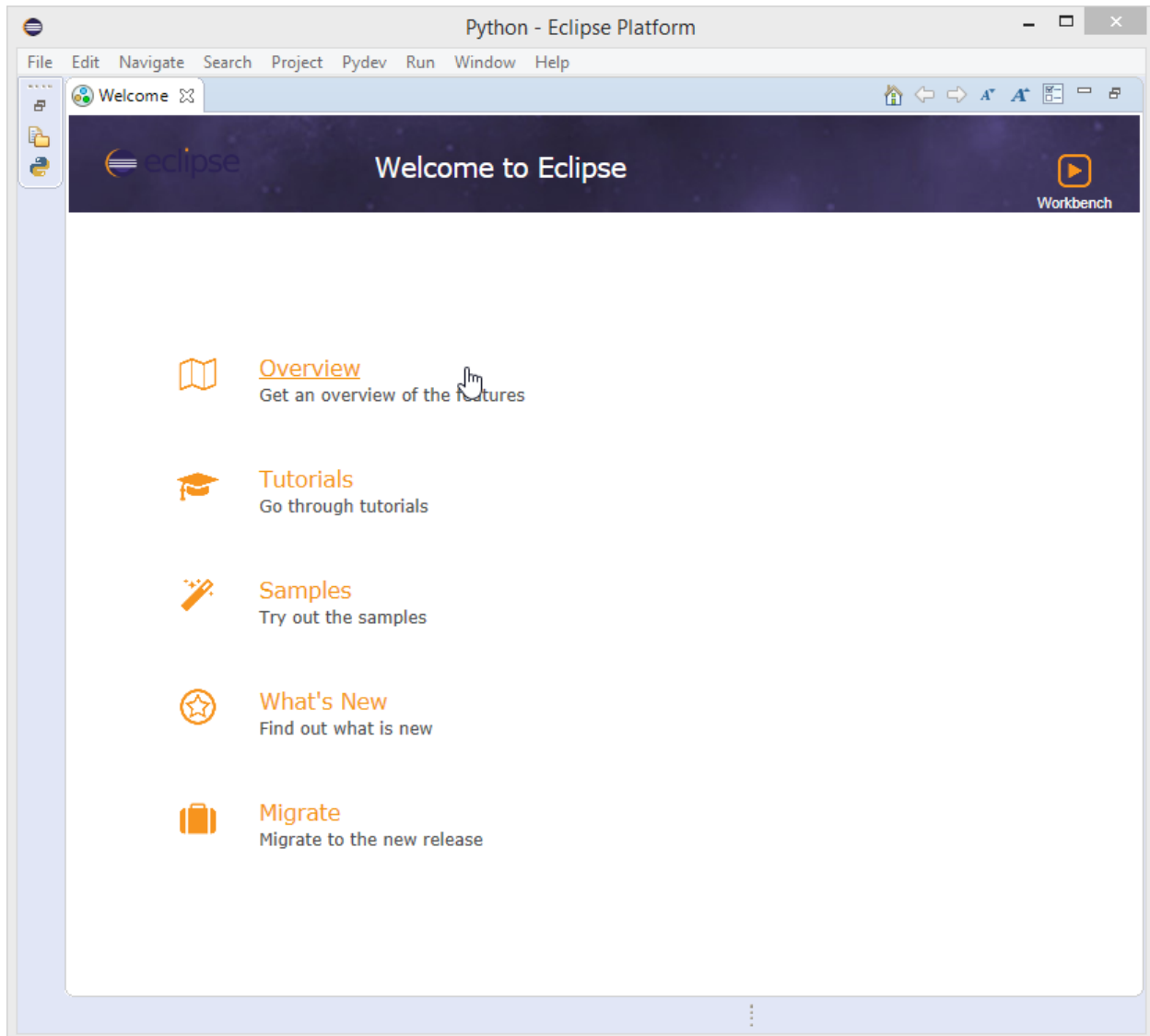
Select an appropriate workspace. If you use different workspace for different languages you might want to enter new workspace name, for example, `Python` ①.

Press **OK** button ②. You will see Eclipse splash window.



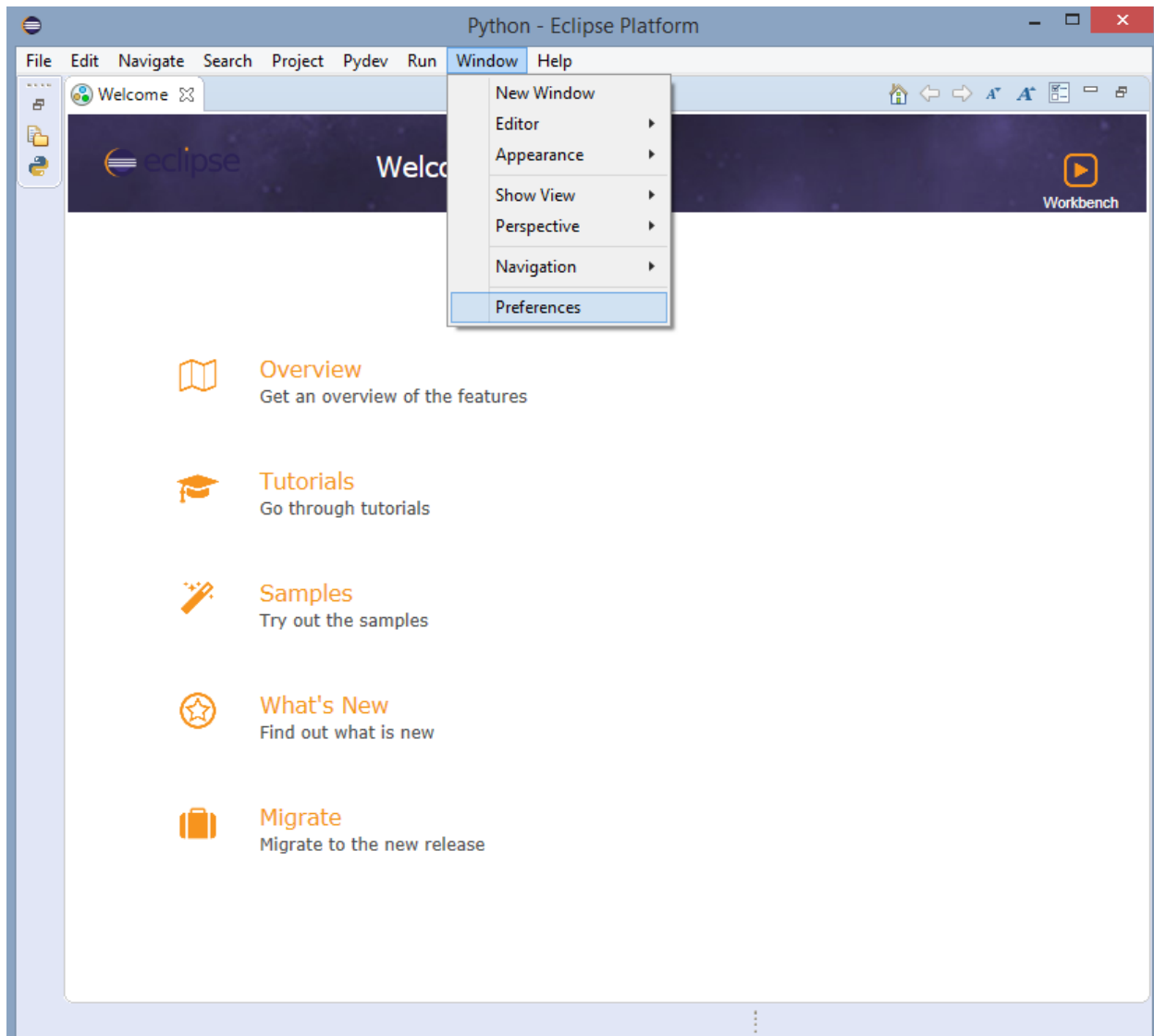
Wait until the main Eclipse window appears.

After few seconds you will see a welcome window. The specific window depends on what Eclipse version/variant is installed – Eclipse IDE for Java, Java EE, C/C++ Developers, etc.

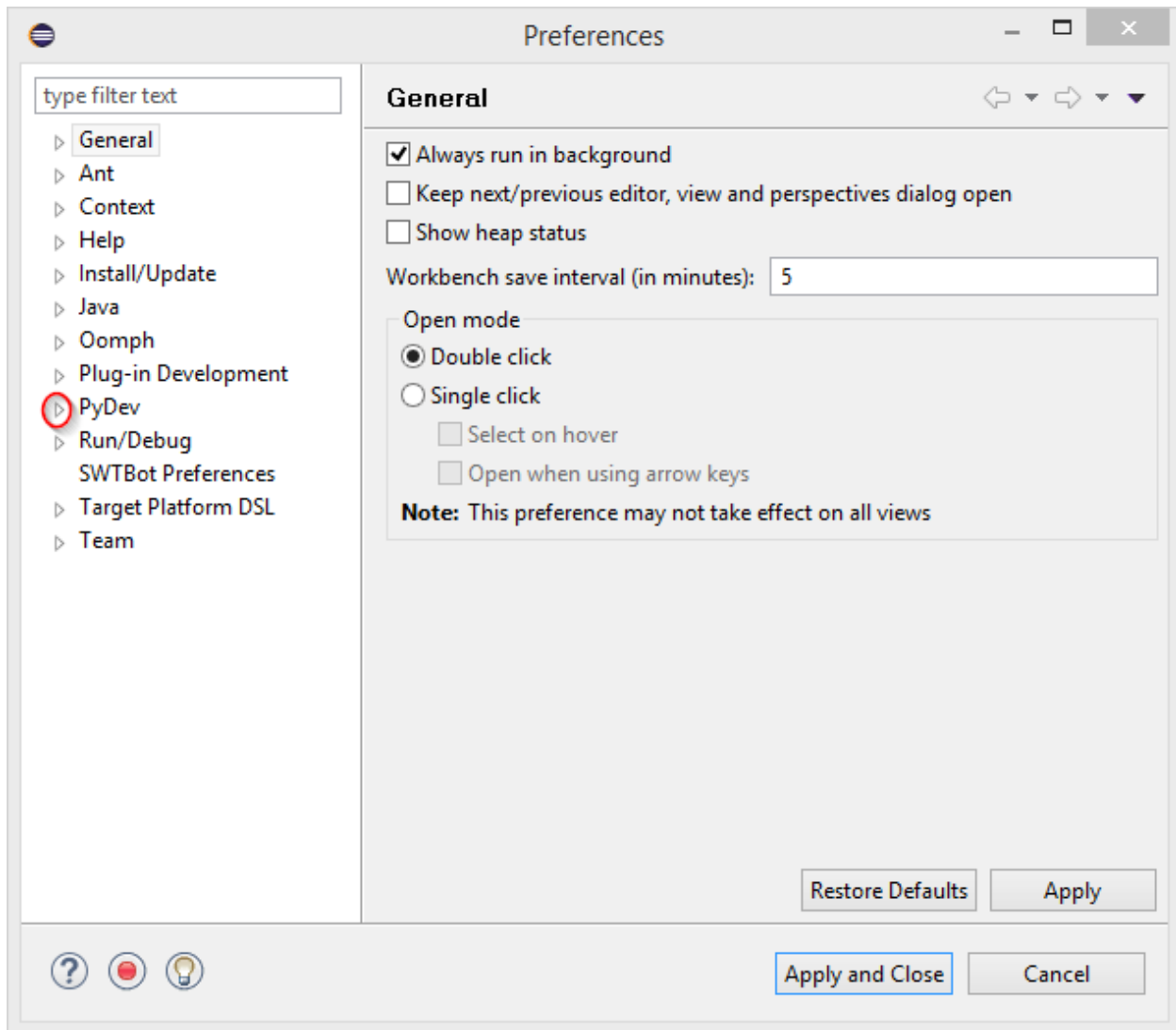


Eclipse PyDev is installed, but to be able to run and debug Python programs, it is necessary to adjust some Eclipse preferences.

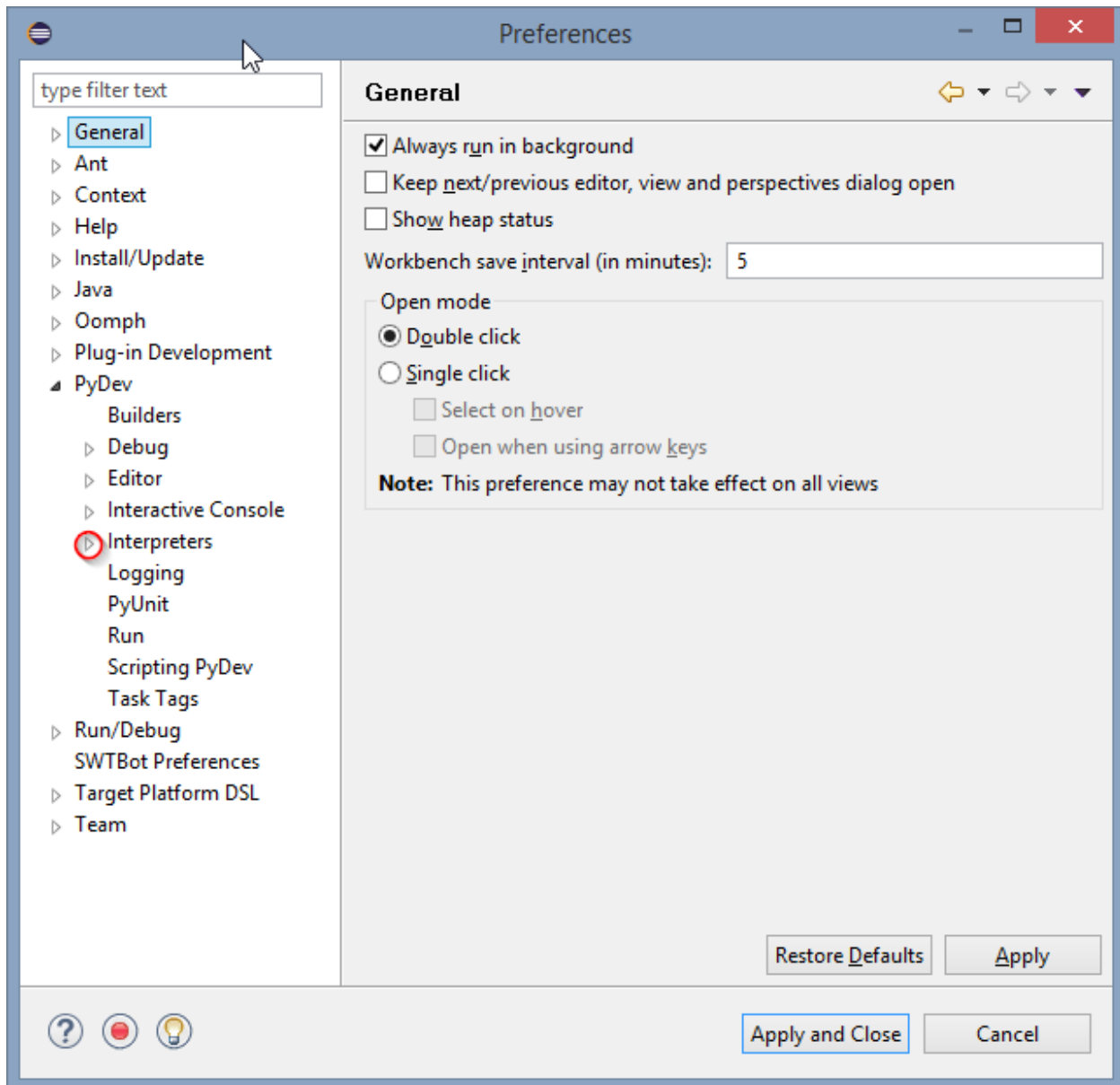
To adjust the preferences, open **Window** menu and select **Preferences** option.



You will see Eclipse preferences window.

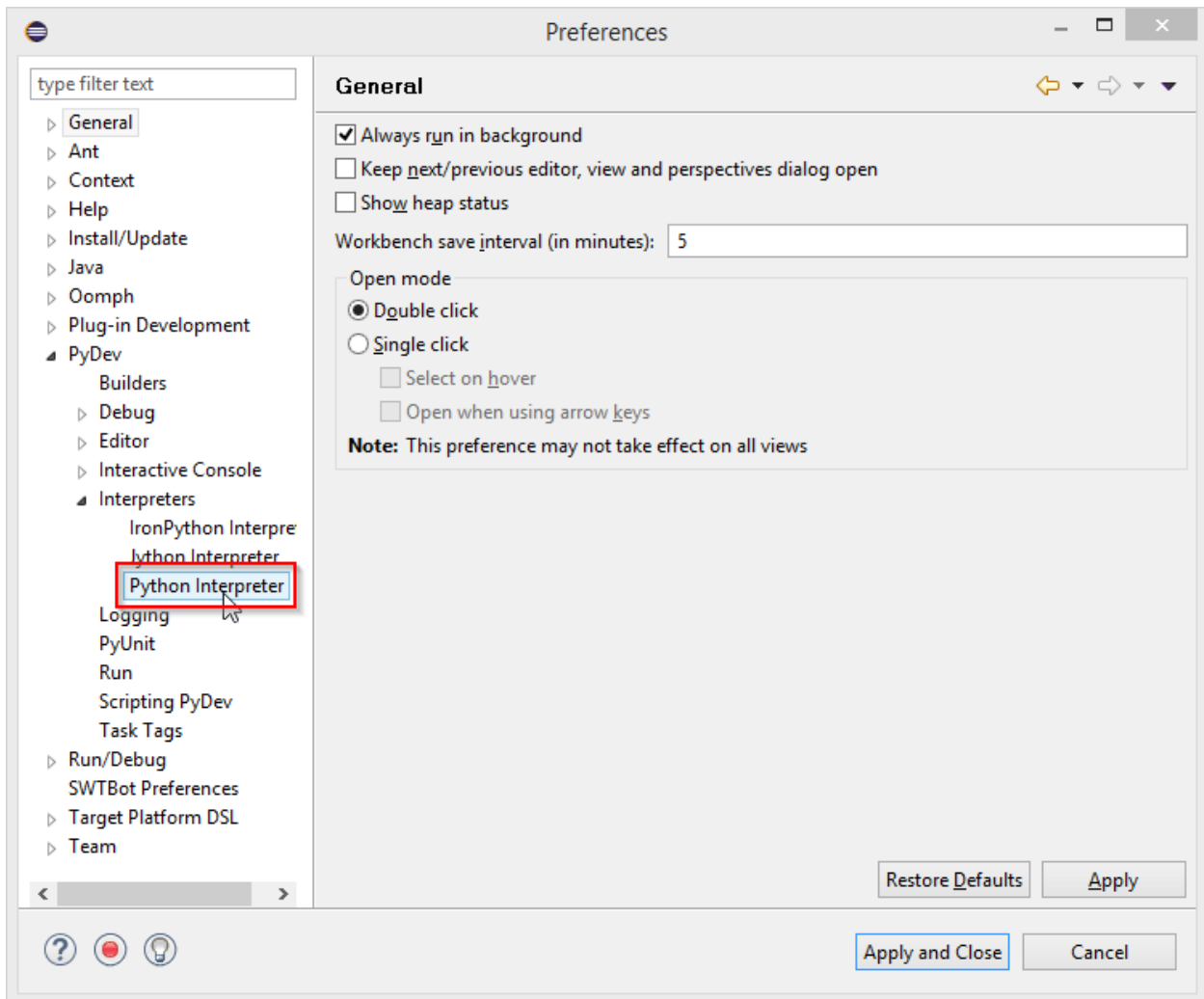


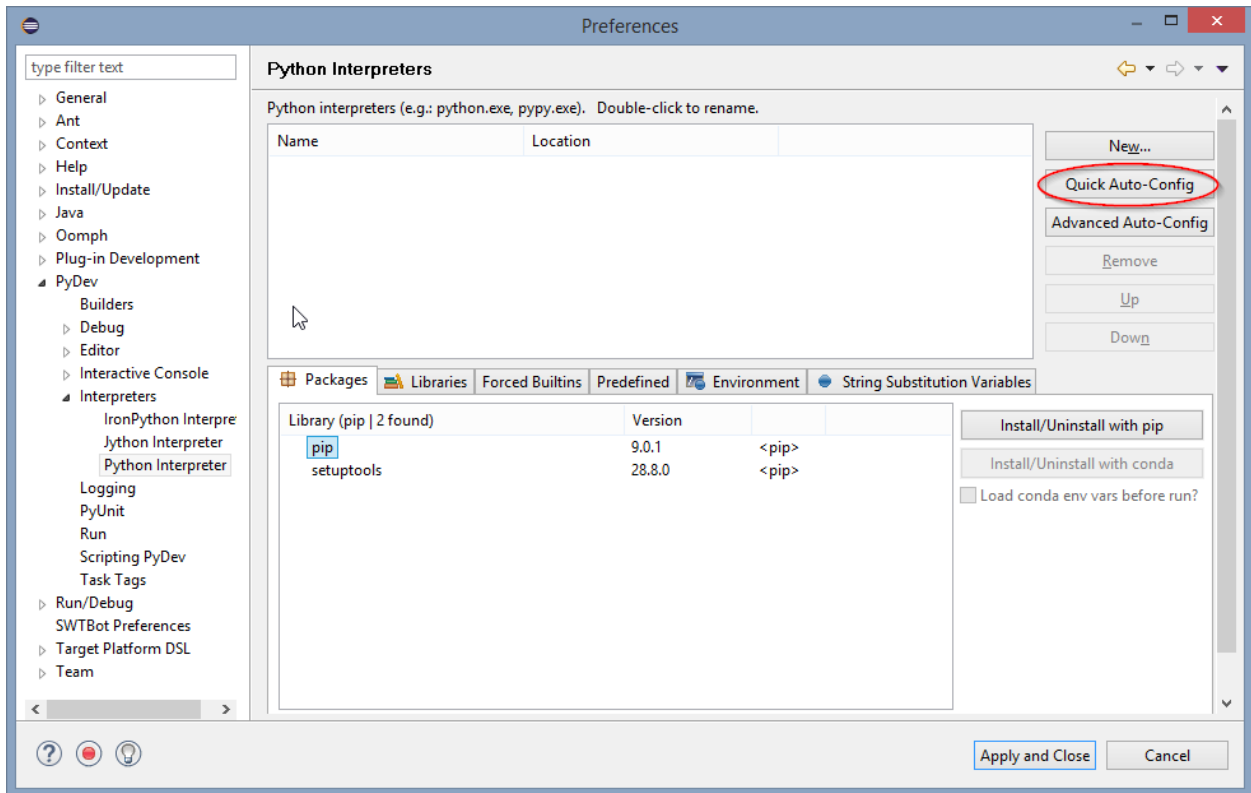
Click on a small white triangle ▸ (or angle >) left to the “**PyDev**” to open PyDev preferences (if you do not see the (tri)angles move mouse pointer to the left (white) panel and they will appear).



Click on a small white triangle ▸ (or angle >) left to "Interpreters" preferences to see a list of supported interpreter types.

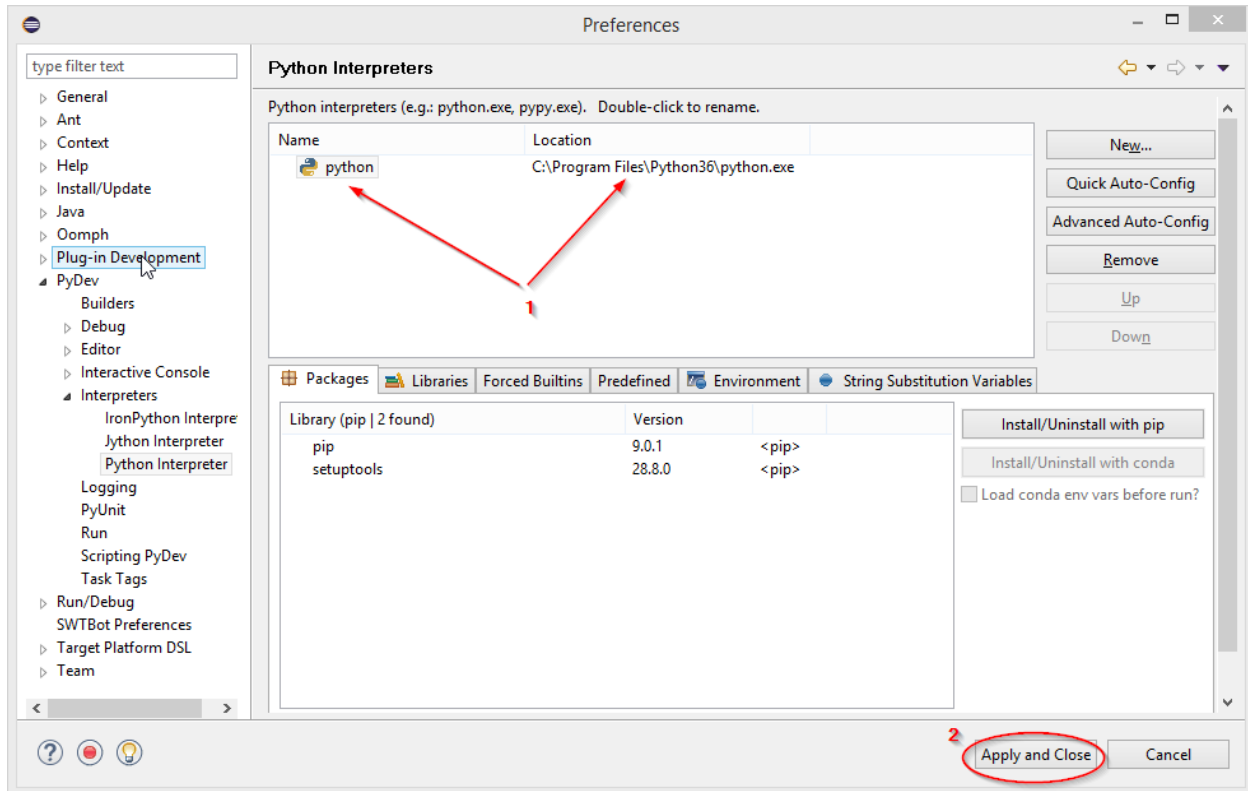
Click on “Python Interpreter” to select Python interpreter preferences.





Press **Quick Auto-Config** button to add the Python interpreter (that you have previously installed).

The preference window will show a list of found Python interpreters ①. If there are multiple interpreters, be sure to move the interpreter (that you have installed) to the top using **Up** and **Down** buttons.



Press **Apply and Close** button ② to save the preferences.

Further Reading

See http://www.pydev.org/manual_101_root.html for PyDev manuals.