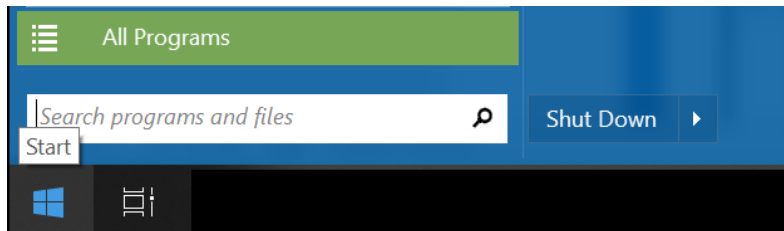


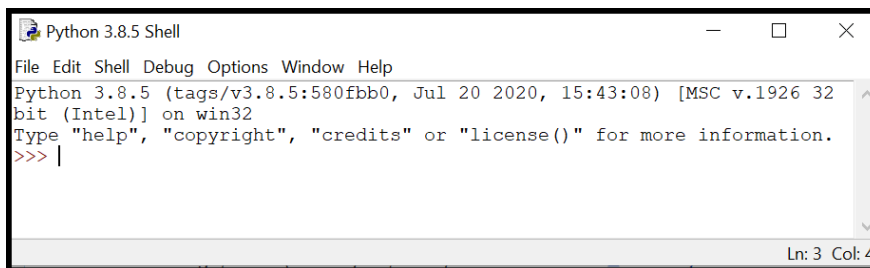
## Working with IDLE

### Getting Started with IDLE

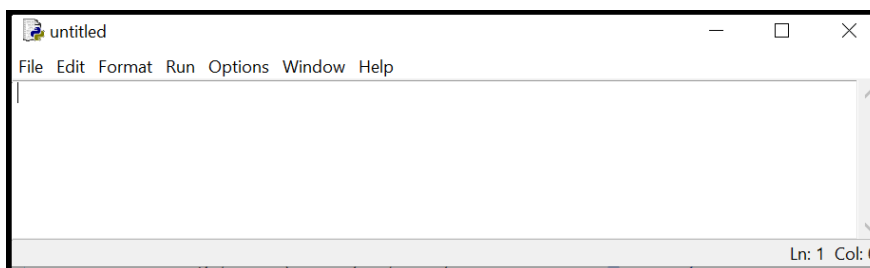
Once you have installed the Python interpreter, you can begin to write programs by clicking on the Windows “Start” button in the bottom left-hand side of the screen, and type in the word “idle” into the search box that appears.



You will be presented with a list, and under the heading of “Programs” you will see an option called “IDLE (Python)”, click on it and a window like this will open:



This window is your **output window**, all of the results of your programs will be printed out in this window. The title of the window is always going to be “Python XX Shell”. So the next thing we need to do is to create an input window, so if you click on the “File” menu, and select “New File”, and you will get a new window like this:



This window is your **input window** and the good news is that it works almost exactly the same as a notepad file, so if you select the “File” menu, and click on the “Save As...” option, you can give your program a name. So if, for example, you want to the program a particular name like “MyFirstProgram”, and click on the “Save” button. All Python programs have an extension of “.py” Once you have written a few Python programs you can select the “File” menu, and click on the “Open” option and that will allow you to select a particular file you have already saved.