

Applied Data Analytics

Getting help

Strategies for getting help

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Why do you need help?

1. Learn a new concept?
2. Find out how to do something?
3. Find the cause of an error?

Four main ways to get help

1. Understand an error by reading tracebacks
2. Read the local documentation of an object
3. Search the web (traditional vs. AI)
4. Ask for help

Web search vs. local information

Local information	Web search
Can be very concise	All the information you may want to have
Usually easy to find	Can be hard to retrieve what you want
Documentation of the object in front of you	Might not apply to your version of a library
Need to have an object in memory	Can look for possible ways to do things