Text editors

You'll need a text editor to edit text files, such as python scripts.

You can use one of the default editors on your system (nano, Notepad, etc.), but you'll probably want one that has a little more features. Noah and Billy both use emacs, but there's a steep learning curve (Billy is happy to evangelize as to why you should use emacs if you're interested!)
Serra and Eline use Sublime. Other options are TextWrangler or Atom.