Programming for Data
Science

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Outline

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- Programming environments
- Google colaboration
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- Interesting websites

About Python

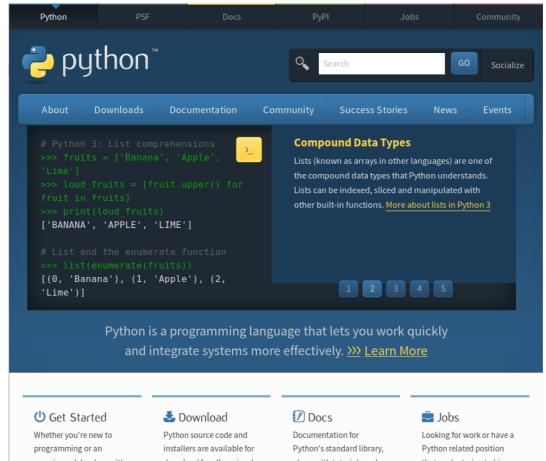
- Python 2.xx
 - Older version of Python
 - Still being used in legacy programs
- Python 3.xx
 - Newer version
 - We will use Python 3.xx in this class

Python distribution

- A distribution is
 - A set of Python interpreter + additional packages
- The most widely used ones are
 - CPython distribution (standard)
 - Anaconda distribution (CPython + packages for data science)

CPython distribution

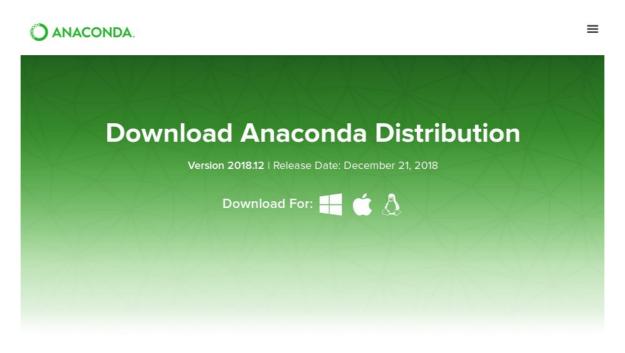
- Standard distribution
- Can be downloaded from www.python.org



Anaconda distribution

- Standard distribution + appox. 1400 packages
- Those packages are essential for data science, data mining, machine learning, etc.
- There is a smaller version of Anaconda called miniconda
- Can be downloaded from
 - www.anaconda.com

Snapshot of the webpage



High-Performance Distribution

Easily install 1,400+ data science packages Package Management

Manage packages, dependencies and environments with conda Portal to Data Science

Uncover insights in your data and create interactive visualizations

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Benefit of using Anaconda

- Support multiple virtual environments
- Excellent package manager named conda
- Conflicting packages can be easily avoided
 - You can install two versions of Numpy on the same computer, but in different virtual environments.

Running Python

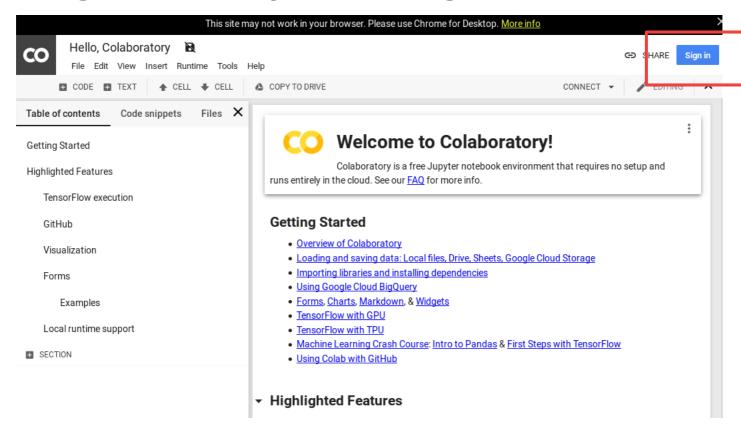
- On personal computer
 - Requires installation of python distribution
- On cloud computing service
 - Does not require software installation
 - Your codes are with you all the time
 - Usually free

Cloud computing service

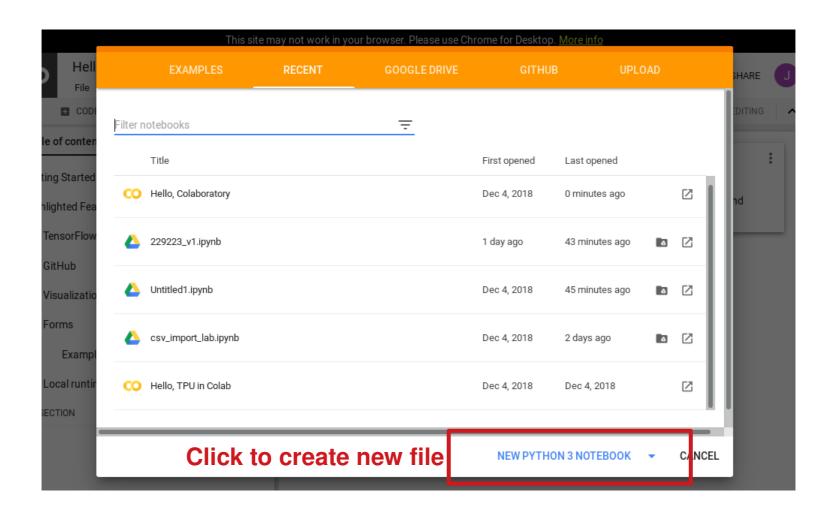
- Microsoft Azure
 - Available for CMU students for free
- Google Colaboration (colab in short)
 - Free
 - Requires Google's account (gmail)
 - Automatically links to Google drive

Google Colaboration

- Visit https://colab.research.google.com
- And sign in with your Google's credential

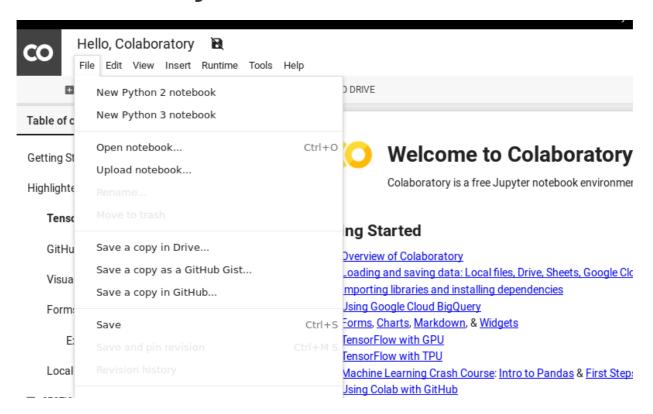


After signing in



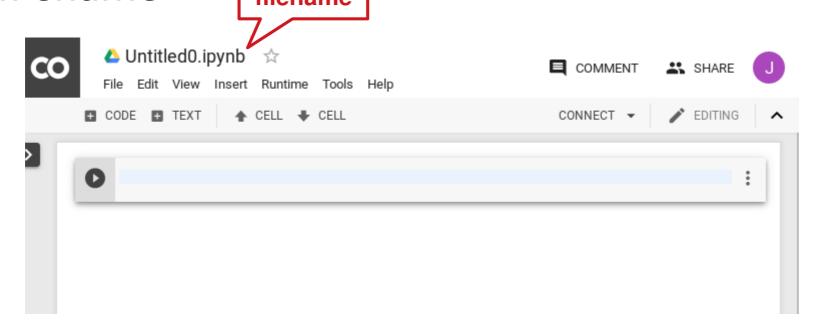
Alternatively

- You can create new file by choosing file menu on the top-left corner
 - File → New Python 3 notebook

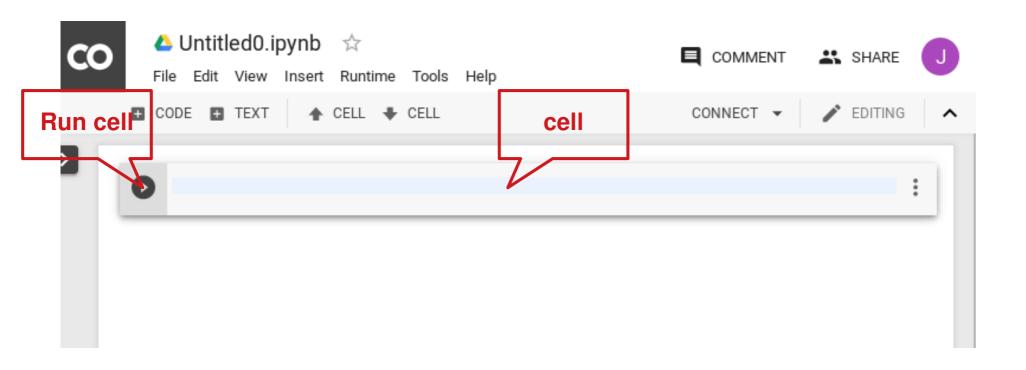


Your new Python file

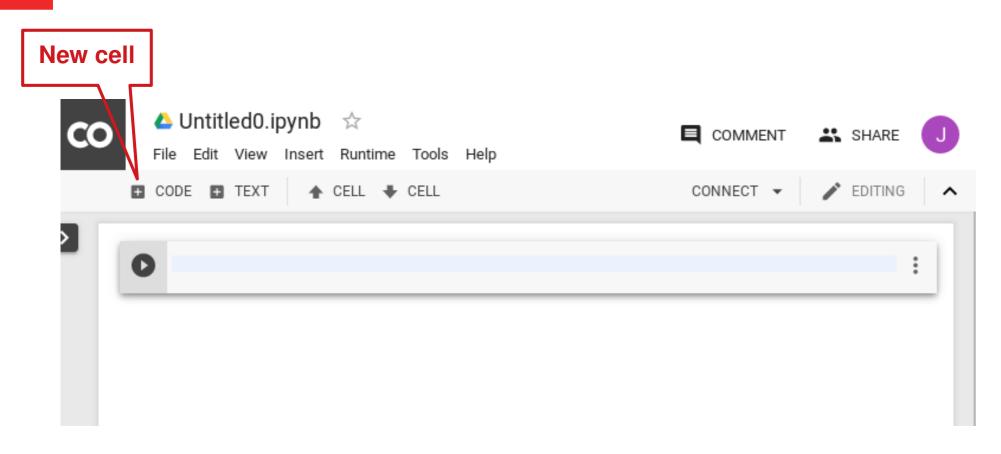
- A Python sourcecode is called a notebook
- You can rename the file by double click filename



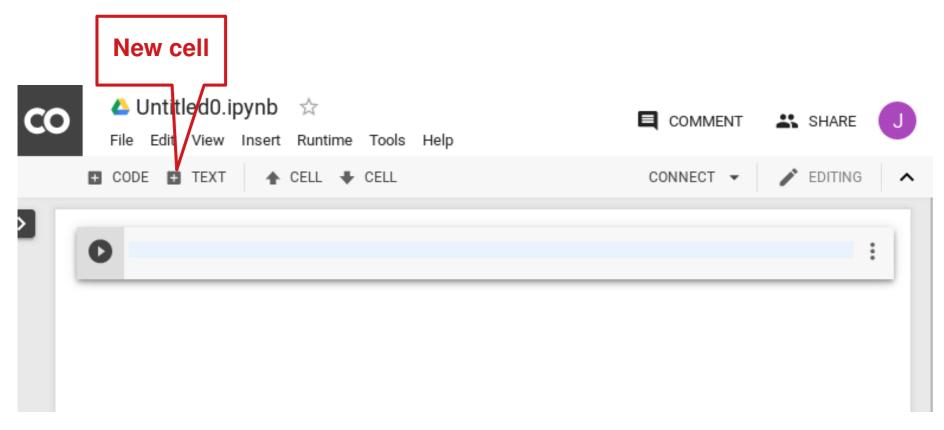
What's in a notebook?



Adding new code cell



Adding new text cell

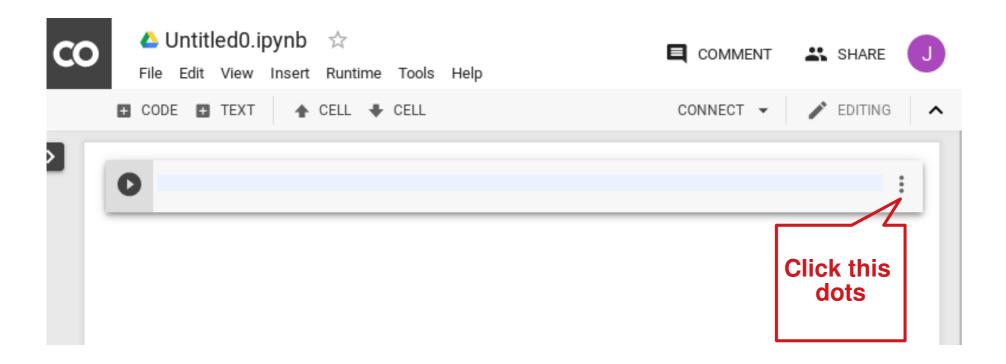


Text cell is useful for adding context to the code

Exercise 1

Add one code cell and one text cell

Deleting cell



Running a cell

- Click the `play' button in front of cell
- Or press `CTRL-ENTER'
- Let's try running the following code

```
[1] x = 2

y = 5

print(x+y)

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```

Getting input from user

 You can get input from user in the same way you did with IDLE

```
x = input('please input something |')
print(x)

please input something
```

 It waits for an input and will continue after you pressed ENTER

Notes

- Once you've defined variables in a cell (and run it), the variables can be referenced in the subsequent cells.
- You can split your BIG code into multiple cells
- It will be easier to debug your code

Example

```
[5] x = 2

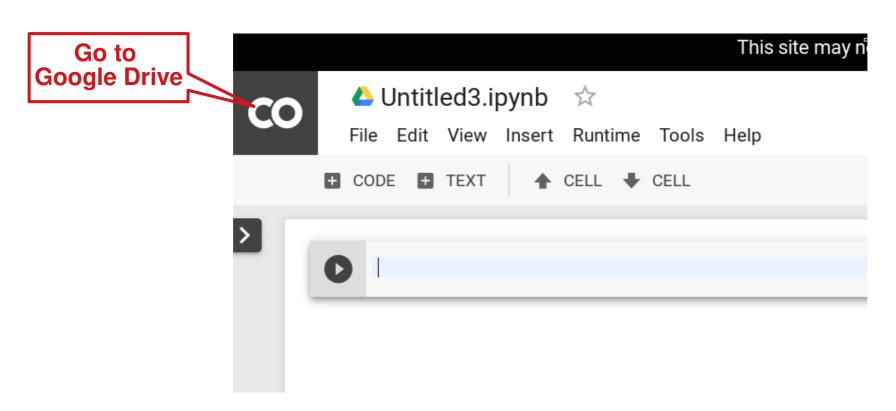
[6] y = 3

print(x+y)

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```

Colab and Google drive

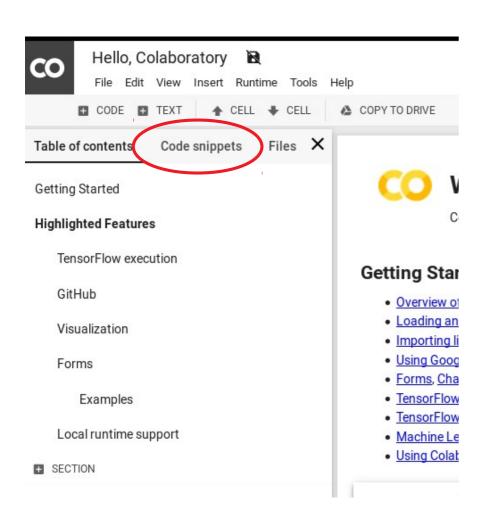
- Files will be saved on your Google drive
- Click Colab icon to open the drive

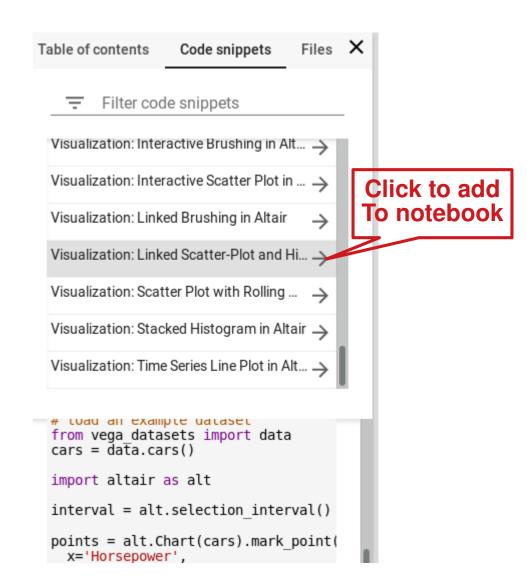


Code snippets

- A snippet is a short code for doing some specific task
- Colab provides many useful snippets as examples
- They can be reused. (Problem solving using analogy and reduction)

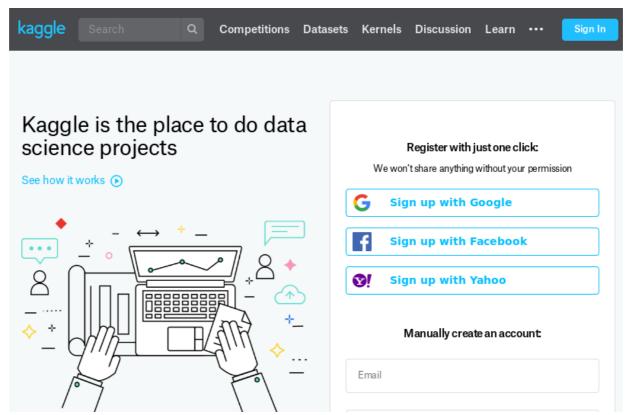
Let's try some snippet





Useful websites [1]

- Data science competition / learning hub
- https://www.kaggle.com/



Useful websites [2]

- Data sharing webset
- https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php



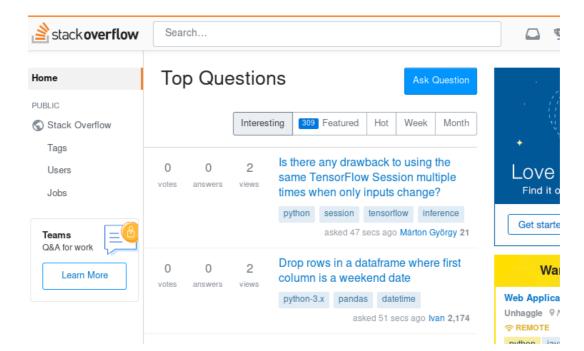
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Useful Website [3]

- For asking programming related questions
- Or looking for solutions to problems similar to yours
- https://stackoverflow.com/



The End

Thank you and have fun!!

Homework 0

Read Overview of Colaboration

