

Setup your local environment

1- Install [Anaconda](#) (choose your system to install the correct one)

The screenshot shows the 'Anaconda Installers' page. It is divided into three columns for different operating systems: Windows, MacOS, and Linux. Each column lists two installer options for Python 3.8. Below these columns is a box labeled 'ADDITIONAL INSTALLERS' with a message about older versions and a link to the Miniconda installer homepage.

Operating System	Installer Type	Size
Windows	64-Bit Graphical Installer	466 MB
	32-Bit Graphical Installer	397 MB
MacOS	64-Bit Graphical Installer	462 MB
	64-Bit Command Line Installer	454 MB
Linux	64-Bit (x86) Installer	550 MB
	64-Bit (Power8 and Power9) Installer	290 MB

ADDITIONAL INSTALLERS
The archive has older versions of Anaconda Individual Edition installers. The Miniconda installer homepage can be found here.

2- After installing it, open it, you will see the following packages already available like Jupyterlab, Jupyter Notebook, etc.

The screenshot shows the Anaconda Navigator interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Home, Environments, Learning, and Community. The main area displays a grid of application cards. Each card includes an icon, the application name, version number, a brief description, and a button to either 'Launch' or 'Install' the application. A 'Sign in to Anaconda Cloud' button is visible in the top right corner.

Application	Version	Action
JupyterLab	1.2.6	Launch
Jupyter Notebook	6.0.3	Launch
Qt Console	4.6.0	Launch
Spyder	4.0.1	Launch
Glueviz	0.15.2	Install
Orange 3	3.23.1	Install
RStudio	1.1.456	Install

You can either use this interface and click on Launch for Jupyter Notebook OR you can use the terminal.

3- If you want to use the terminal (which is highly recommended and used by all the Data Scientists).

Because Anaconda is already installed in our system we can either type:

```
> jupyter notebook
```

```
mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % jupyter notebook
[I 16:17:10.658 NotebookApp] Loading IPython parallel extension
[W 16:17:10.659 NotebookApp] Error loading server extension jupyter_nbextensions_configurator
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/notebook/notebookapp.py", line 1670, in init_server_extensions
    mod = importlib.import_module(modulename)
  File "/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/importlib/__init__.py", line 127, in import_module
    return _bootstrap._gcd_import(name[level:], package, level)
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 1006, in _gcd_import
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 983, in _find_and_load
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 965, in _find_and_load_unlocked
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'jupyter_nbextensions_configurator'
[I 16:17:12.703 NotebookApp] JupyterLab extension loaded from /opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/jupyterlab
[I 16:17:12.703 NotebookApp] JupyterLab application directory is /opt/anaconda3/share/jupyter/lab
[I 16:17:12.707 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /Users/mac
[I 16:17:12.707 NotebookApp] The Jupyter Notebook is running at:
[I 16:17:12.707 NotebookApp] http://localhost:8888/?token=29b5b567a453458ac4b2bc1744ce496b0eb5483183bd2c7a
[I 16:17:12.707 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=29b5b567a453458ac4b2bc1744ce496b0eb5483183bd2c7a
[I 16:17:12.707 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
[C 16:17:12.756 NotebookApp]

To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
  file:///Users/mac/Library/Jupyter/runtime/nbserver-95084-open.html
Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
  http://localhost:8888/?token=29b5b567a453458ac4b2bc1744ce496b0eb5483183bd2c7a
  or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=29b5b567a453458ac4b2bc1744ce496b0eb5483183bd2c7a
```

Then a browser onlet is going to open with direct access to your current directory where you can create your own notebooks.



Or you can create a special environment for your Data Science projects OR a special environment by project (recommended if you are going to be pushing that project to production as it will be easier to track the needed dependencies for that project).

4- To create a special environment, you can simply type:

```
> conda create --name your_env_name python=3.8 -y
```

```

mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda create --name test python=3.8 -y
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done

==> WARNING: A newer version of conda exists. <==
  current version: 4.8.3
  latest version: 4.9.0

Please update conda by running

  $ conda update --n base --c defaults conda

## Package Plan ##
  environment location: /opt/anaconda3/envs/test
  added / updated specs:
    - python=3.8

The following packages will be downloaded:

package | build | size
-----|-----|-----
ca-certificates-2020.10.14 | 0 | 121 KB
certifi-2020.6.20 | py38_0 | 186 KB
openssl-1.1.1h | haf1a3a3_0 | 2.2 MB
pip-20.2.4 | py38_0 | 1.7 MB
python-3.8.5 | h26836e1_1 | 20.6 MB
setuptools-50.3.0 | py38h0dc7051_1 | 725 KB
sqlite-3.33.0 | hffcf06c_0 | 1.3 MB
tk-8.6.10 | hb0a8c7e_0 | 3.0 MB
wheel-0.35.1 | py_0 | 37 KB

Total: 29.9 MB

The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

ca-certificates pkgs/main/osx-64::ca-certificates-2020.10.14-0
certifi pkgs/main/osx-64::certifi-2020.6.20-py38_0
libcxx pkgs/main/osx-64::libcxx-10.0.0-1
libedit pkgs/main/osx-64::libedit-3.1.20191231-h1de35cc_1
libffi pkgs/main/osx-64::libffi-3.3-hb1e8313_2
ncurses pkgs/main/osx-64::ncurses-6.2-h0a44026_1
openssl pkgs/main/osx-64::openssl-1.1.1h-haf1e3a3_0
pip pkgs/main/osx-64::pip-20.2.4-py38_0
python pkgs/main/osx-64::python-3.8.5-h26836e1_1
readline pkgs/main/osx-64::readline-8.0-h1de35cc_0
setuptools pkgs/main/osx-64::setuptools-50.3.0-py38h0dc7051_1
sqlite pkgs/main/osx-64::sqlite-3.33.0-hffcf06c_0
tk pkgs/main/osx-64::tk-8.6.10-hb0a8c7e_0
wheel pkgs/main/noarch::wheel-0.35.1-py_0
xz pkgs/main/osx-64::xz-5.2.6-h1de35cc_0
zlib pkgs/main/osx-64::zlib-1.2.11-h1de35cc_3

Downloading and Extracting Packages
openssl-1.1.1h | 2.2 MB | ##### | 100%
sqlite-3.33.0 | 1.3 MB | ##### | 100%

```

In this command, the **'python=3.8'** portion specifies which version of python you want to set up the environment in.

You can use **'-n'** instead of **'-- name'**; they mean exactly the same thing.

The **'-y'** flag essentially tells the command line to say 'yes' to all of the prompts that follow (not required but saves from having to type it each time to confirm you agree to the installation of specific packages).

5- To activate this environment, use:

```
> conda activate test
```

```

[mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda activate test
(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % █

```

6- To deactivate an active environment, use:

```
> conda deactivate
```

```
[(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda deactivate  
mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % █
```

7- To list all available environments, use:

```
> conda env list
```

```
[mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda env list  
# conda environments:  
#  
base * /opt/anaconda3  
datascience_devenv /opt/anaconda3/envs/datascience_devenv  
deep-learning /opt/anaconda3/envs/deep-learning  
detectron2-pipeline /opt/anaconda3/envs/detectron2-pipeline  
face_mask /opt/anaconda3/envs/face_mask  
maskrcnn /opt/anaconda3/envs/maskrcnn  
py36 /opt/anaconda3/envs/py36  
py38 /opt/anaconda3/envs/py38  
test /opt/anaconda3/envs/test  
tl-proj /opt/anaconda3/envs/tl-proj  
/usr/local/anaconda3
```

For a snippet of all the commands available, use this [sheet cheat](#).

8- If you want to install a library, you can either use ``conda`` or ``pip``:

Example with conda:

```
> conda install -c pytorch pytorch
```

Make sure to google it as there may be some changes.

PyTorch is an optimized tensor library for deep learning using GPUs and CPUs.

Conda	Files	Labels	Badges
<p> License: BSD 3-Clause</p> <p> Home: http://pytorch.org/</p> <p> 8655203 total downloads</p> <p> Last upload: 2 months and 26 days ago</p>			

Installers

conda install

-  linux-64 v1.6.0
-  win-64 v1.6.0
-  osx-64 v1.6.0

To install this package with conda run:

```
conda install -c pytorch pytorch
```

```

(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda install -c pytorch pytorch
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done

## Package Plan ##

environment location: /opt/anaconda3/envs/test

added / updated specs:
- pytorch

The following packages will be downloaded:

package | build | size |
-----|-----|-----|
mkl-service-2.3.0 | py38hfbe908c_0 | 42 KB |
mkl_fft-1.2.0 | py38hc64f4ea_0 | 143 KB |
mkl_random-1.1.1 | py38h959d312_0 | 290 KB |
ninja-1.10.1 | py38h879752b_0 | 103 KB |
numpy-1.19.1 | py38h3b9f5b6_0 | 21 KB |
numpy-base-1.19.1 | py38hcfb5961_0 | 4.1 MB |
pytorch-1.6.0 | py3.8_0 | 54.6 MB | pytorch
-----|-----|-----|
Total: | 59.2 MB |

The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

blas | pkgs/main/osx-64::blas-1.0-mkl |
intel-openmp | pkgs/main/osx-64::intel-openmp-2019.4-233 |
mkl | pkgs/main/osx-64::mkl-2019.4-233 |
mkl-service | pkgs/main/osx-64::mkl-service-2.3.0-py38hfbe908c_0 |
mkl_fft | pkgs/main/osx-64::mkl_fft-1.2.0-py38hc64f4ea_0 |
mkl_random | pkgs/main/osx-64::mkl_random-1.1.1-py38h959d312_0 |
ninja | pkgs/main/osx-64::ninja-1.10.1-py38h879752b_0 |
numpy | pkgs/main/osx-64::numpy-1.19.1-py38h3b9f5b6_0 |
numpy-base | pkgs/main/osx-64::numpy-base-1.19.1-py38hcfb5961_0 |
pytorch | pkgs/main/osx-64::pytorch-1.6.0-py3.8_0 |
six | pkgs/main/noarch::six-1.15.0-py_0 |

Proceed ([y]/n)? y

Downloading and Extracting Packages
mkl-service-2.3.0 | 42 KB | #####
mkl_fft-1.2.0 | 143 KB | #####
numpy-base-1.19.1 | 4.1 MB | #####
pytorch-1.6.0 | 54.6 MB | #####
mkl_random-1.1.1 | 290 KB | #####
ninja-1.10.1 | 103 KB | #####
numpy-1.19.1 | 21 KB | #####

```

Example with pip:

```
> pip install torch
```

You can use `pip` or `pip3` according to the python version you have installed in your system. It is better to install using conda as they sometimes provide some better versions.

After installing, check if the installation works correctly.

For example in this case you can type:

```
> python
> import torch
```

```
[(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % python
Python 3.8.5 (default, Sep  4 2020, 02:22:02)
[Clang 10.0.0 ] :: Anaconda, Inc. on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
[>>> import torch
>>> ]
```

If everything is alright then you won't get an error otherwise you will.

9- If you want to export the configurations in your environment into a text file, use:

```
> conda env export > my_environment.txt
```

```
[(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda env export > my_environment.txt
[(test) mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % cat my_environment.txt
name: test
channels:
  - pytorch
  - defaults
dependencies:
  - blas=1.0=mkl
  - ca-certificates=2020.10.14=0
  - certifi=2020.6.20=py38_0
  - intel-openmp=2019.4=233
  - libcxx=10.0.0=1
  - libedit=3.1.20191231=h1de35cc_1
  - libffi=3.3=hb1e8313_2
  - mkl=2019.4=233
  - mkl-service=2.3.0=py38hfbe908c_0
  - mkl_fft=1.2.0=py38hc64f4ea_0
  - mkl_random=1.1.1=py38h959d312_0
  - ncurses=6.2=h0a44026_1
  - ninja=1.10.1=py38h879752b_0
  - numpy=1.19.1=py38h3b9f5b6_0
  - numpy-base=1.19.1=py38hcfb5961_0
  - openssl=1.1.1h=haf1e3a3_0
  - pip=20.2.4=py38_0
  - python=3.8.5=h26836e1_1
  - pytorch=1.6.0=py3.8_0
  - readline=8.0=h1de35cc_0
  - setuptools=50.3.0=py38h0dc7051_1
  - six=1.15.0=py_0
  - sqlite=3.33.0=hffcfc06c_0
  - tk=8.6.10=hb0a8c7a_0
  - wheel=0.35.1=py_0
  - xz=5.2.5=h1de35cc_0
  - zlib=1.2.11=h1de35cc_3
prefix: /opt/anaconda3/envs/test
```

10- Delete an environment, use:

```
> conda env remove --name test
```

```
[mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda env remove --name test  
Remove all packages in environment /opt/anaconda3/envs/test:
```

Troubleshooting:

In case your environment doesn't show up in the dropdown list, use:

```
> conda install nb_conda
```

And the run:

```
> jupyter notebook
```

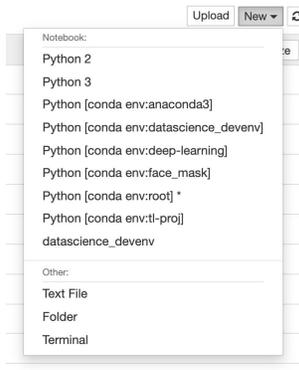
```
mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % conda install nb_conda  
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done  
Solving environment: done  
  
## Package Plan ##  
  
environment location: /opt/anaconda3  
  
added / updated specs:  
- nb_conda  
  
The following packages will be downloaded:  


| package                | build  | size  |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| nb_conda-2.2.1         | py37_0 | 32 KB |
| nb_conda_kernels-2.3.0 | py37_0 | 25 KB |
| Total:                 |        | 58 KB |

  
The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:  


|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| nb_conda         | pkgs/main/osx-64::nb_conda-2.2.1-py37_0         |
| nb_conda_kernels | pkgs/main/osx-64::nb_conda_kernels-2.3.0-py37_0 |

  
Proceed ([y]/n)? y  
  
Downloading and Extracting Packages  
nb_conda-2.2.1 | 32 KB | ##### 100%  
nb_conda_kernels-2.3 | 25 KB | ##### 100%  
Preparing transaction: done  
Verifying transaction: done  
Executing transaction: | Enabling nb_conda_kernels...  
Status: enabled  
  
- Config option 'kernel_spec_manager_class' not recognized by 'EnableNBExtensionApp'.  
Enabling notebook extension nb_conda/main...  
- Validating: OK  
Enabling tree extension nb_conda/tree...  
- Validating: OK  
Config option 'kernel_spec_manager_class' not recognized by 'EnableServerExtensionApp'.  
Enabling: nb_conda  
- Writing config: /opt/anaconda3/etc/jupyter  
- Validating...  
nb_conda 2.2.1 OK  
  
done  
mac@MBP-de-mac ~ % jupyter notebook  
[I 19:03:53.097 NotebookApp] [nb_conda_kernels] enabled, 6 kernels found  
[I 19:03:54.198 NotebookApp] Loading IPython parallel extension  
[W 19:03:54.199 NotebookApp] Error loading server extension jupyter_nbextensions_configurator  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
File "/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/notebook/notebookapp.py", line 1942, in init_server_extensions  
mod = importlib.import_module(module_name)  
File "/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/importlib/_init_.py", line 127, in import_module  
return _bootstrap._gcd_import(name[level:], package, level)  
File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 1006, in _gcd_import  
File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 983, in _find_and_load  
File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 965, in _find_and_load_unlocked
```



References:

- <https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>
- https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/4.6.0/_downloads/52a95608c49671267e40c689e0bc00ca/conda-cheatsheet.pdf
- <https://towardsdatascience.com/getting-started-with-python-environments-using-conda-32e9f2779307>
- <https://pytorch.org/get-started/locally/#mac-anaconda>
- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/39604271/conda-environments-not-showing-up-in-jupyter-notebook?rq=1>