ORIE 4741: Learning with Big Messy Data

How to use JuliaBox

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What is Julia Box

- A cloud hosted environment for Julia.
- ▶ Interactive notebooks for coding.
- ▶ Comes with some necessary Julia packages built-in.

Logging into JuliaBox

- ► Go to https://Juliabox.org.
- ▶ Login with your Google/GitHub/LinkedIn account.

Creating an IJulia Notebook

- ► An IJulia notebook is an interactive file that can run in your browser.
- Click on the Files tab.
- ► Click on the **New** button and select Julia 0.5.0-dev (or Julia 0.4.6, which is more stable).
- ▶ A new page should open in your browser.

Coding in an IJulia notebook

- ▶ The IJulia notebook is organized into cells.
- ▶ You can type code directly into a cell
- You can run a cell by clicking it to select it, and then either clicking on the play button in the toolbar or pressing Shift + Enter.
- ▶ The output of the cell will be displayed.
- For other operations (e.g. creating and deleting cells), check the menu bar or click on Help and then Keyboard Shortcuts.

Install needed packages

- ► Type in Pkg.add("Gadfly") into a cell.
- ► Replace "Gadfly" by the name of the package you want to install.

Uploading a file to JuliaBox

- Click on the Files tab with an uploading icon at the very top.
- ▶ Drag and drop files to the area on the right to upload, or click it to open file selection dialog.

Sync Git Repositories with JuliaBox

- Click on the Sync tab with an a sync icon at the very top.
- Add your git repository to JuliaBox.
- Synchronize with remote whenever needed.
- ► Public git repository for our class: https://github.com/ORIE4741

Use the command line on JuliaBox

- ► Click on the **Console** tab with an a console icon at the very top.
- pwd, ls, cd, mkdir, cat, less, cp, mv, rm

Some useful resources (Not required, but useful)

- Command line: https://www.learnenough.com/command-line-tutorial
- Git: https://git-scm.com/docs/gittutorial
- Julia: http://docs.julialang.org/en/release-0.4/manual/gettingstarted/

An exercise

- Log into JuliaBox with your own account.
- ▶ Sync our git repository for our class with JuliaBox.
- ▶ In the **demos** repository, there is a text.txt file.
- Create an IJulia Notebook, write code to do the following job:
 - 1. Open that .txt file.
 - 2. For each line of the file, print out its line number, followed by the text.
 - 3. Count how many lines are in the file.
- ▶ The output should be something like:
 - 1 Julia is a ...
 - 2 It provides a ...

. . .

There are 5 lines in total.

An exercise

- ▶ If you don't know how to read file to julia, google "julia read file". The first link (a wikibook) should help you with that.
- ▶ If there are other things that you need to know, check the resouces given in the slides, or just google it.