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Installing on Windows

1. Download the Anaconda installer (https://www.anaconda.com/download/#windows).

2. RECOMMENDED: Verify data integrity with SHA-256 (../hashes/). For more information on hashes, see What about cryptographic hash verification? (https://conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/install/download.html#cryptographic-hash-verification)

3. Double click the installer to launch.

   ⓘ **Note**

   To prevent permission errors, do not launch the installer from the Favorites folder (../../user-guide/troubleshooting/#distro-troubleshooting-favorites-folder).

   ⓘ **Note**

   If you encounter issues during installation, temporarily disable your anti-virus software during install, then re-enable it after the installation concludes. If you installed for all users, uninstall Anaconda and re-install it for your user only and try again.
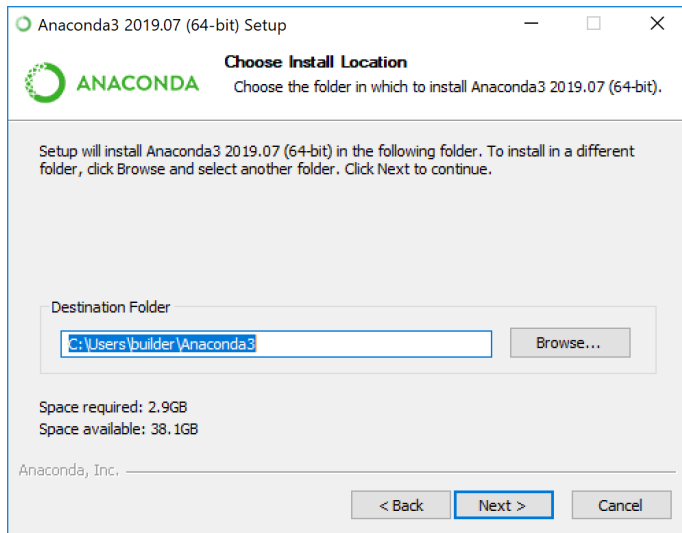
4. Click Next.

5. Read the licensing terms and click "I Agree".

6. Select an install for "Just Me" unless you're installing for all users (which requires Windows Administrator privileges) and click Next.

7. Select a destination folder to install Anaconda and click the Next button. See FAQ (../../user-guide/faq/#distribution-faq-windows-folder).

   ⓘ **Note**

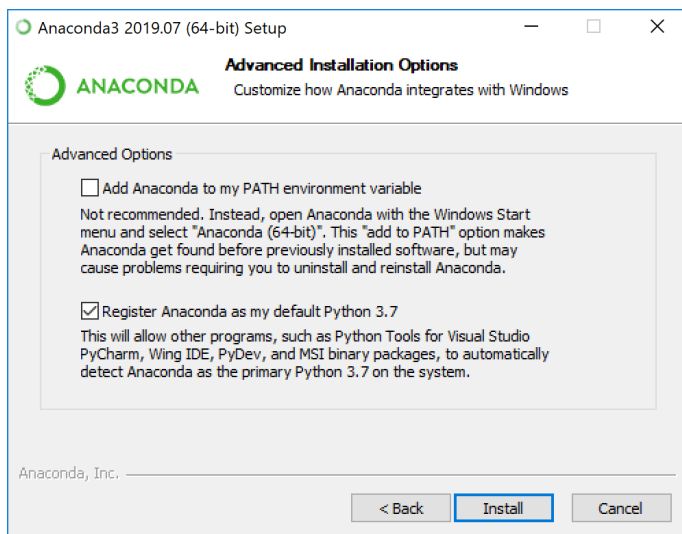   Install Anaconda to a directory path that does not contain spaces or unicode characters.

   ⓘ **Note**

Do not install as Administrator unless admin privileges are required.

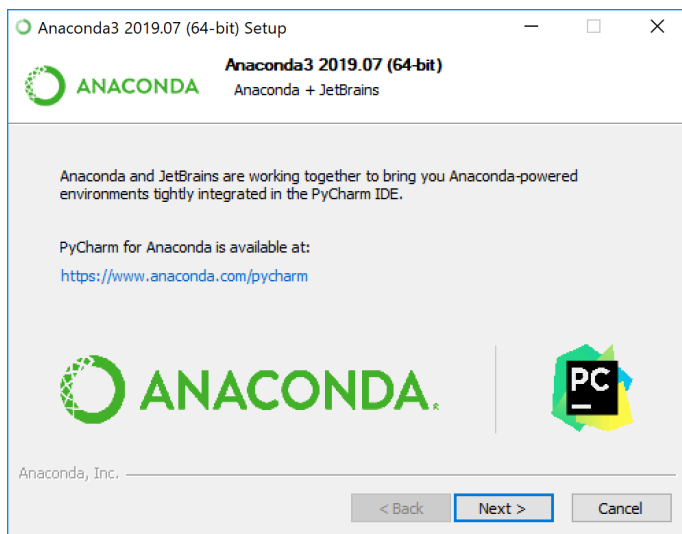(../../../_images/win-install-destination.png)

8. Choose whether to add Anaconda to your PATH environment variable. We recommend not adding Anaconda to the PATH environment variable, since this can interfere with other software. Instead, use Anaconda software by opening Anaconda Navigator or the Anaconda Prompt from the Start Menu.

(../../../_images/win-install-options.png)

9. Choose whether to register Anaconda as your default Python. Unless you plan on installing and running multiple versions of Anaconda or multiple versions of Python, accept the default and leave this box checked.

10. Click the Install button. If you want to watch the packages Anaconda is installing, click Show Details.
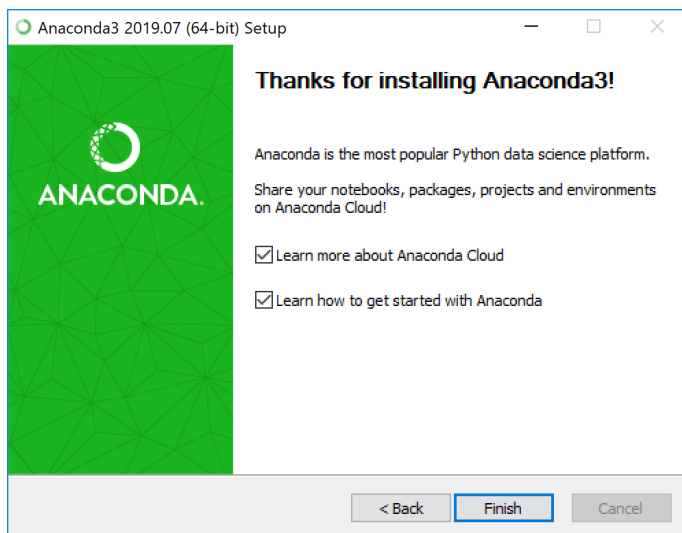
11. Click the Next button.

12. Optional: To install PyCharm for Anaconda, click on the link to https://www.anaconda.com/pycharm (https://www.anaconda.com/pycharm).

(../../../_images/win-install-pycharm.png)

Or to install Anaconda without PyCharm, click the Next button.

13. After a successful installation you will see the "Thanks for installing Anaconda" dialog box:

(../../../_images/win-install-complete.png)

14. If you wish to read more about Anaconda Cloud and how to get started with Anaconda, check the boxes "Learn more about Anaconda Cloud" and "Learn how to get started with Anaconda". Click the Finish button.

15. Verify your installation (../verify-install/).

   i **Note**

   If you are behind a company proxy, you may need to do some additional set up. See how to set up your proxy (../../user-guide/tasks/proxy/).

Problems?

See troubleshooting (../../user-guide/troubleshooting/).

What's next?

Get started programming quickly with Anaconda in the Getting started with Anaconda (../../user-guide/getting-started/) guide.

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