

# Laptop Prep for “Hands-on: Machine Learning Made Easy” with Python

## Overview

Laptop preparation for the class consists of three steps, with detailed instructions below:

1. Download course files from GitHub
2. Installation of Anaconda Python
3. Verify installation

NOTE – When using a work laptop, please keep the following in mind:

- Administrator permission may be required to complete laptop prep.
- It is often necessary to disable anti-virus software to allow for the installation. As such, disabling any anti-virus is recommended before laptop prep.
- Corporate proxy servers and firewalls can block the installation. Be sure to consult your IT department as needed.
- Lastly, installing the latest version of Anaconda Python is recommended – even if you have Python already installed.

The GitHub repository with all required course files is located here:

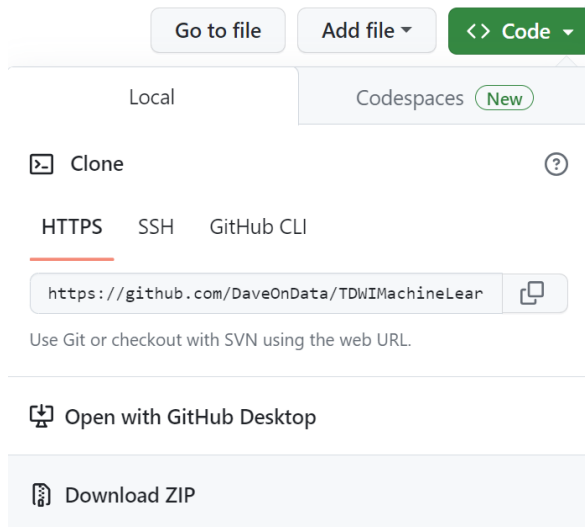
- <https://github.com/DaveOnData/TDWIMachineLearningMadeEasyWithPython>

## Hardware Requirements

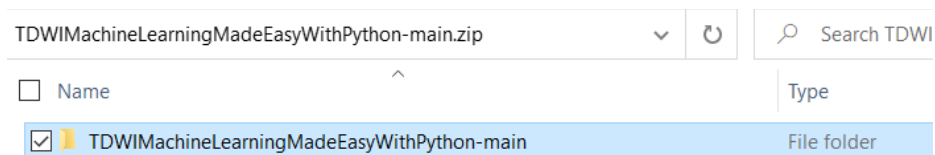
1. Windows or Mac OS X preferred (instructors have no experience with Linux)
2. 64-bit operating system
3. 8GB of RAM, 16GB preferred
4. 5GB of free drive space

## Step 1 - Download the files from GitHub

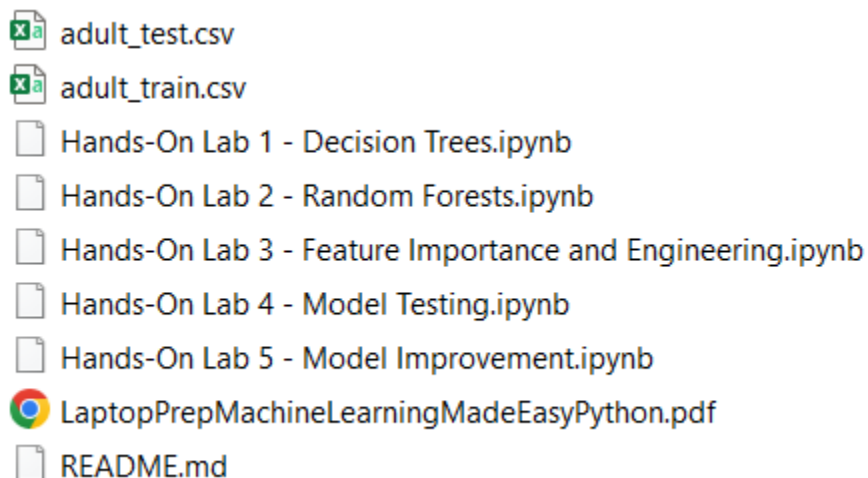
1. Within the GitHub repository page, click on the “Code” button and select “Download ZIP”:



2. Copy the file folder within the downloaded ZIP to a well-known location on your laptop (e.g., the Desktop):



3. Open the file folder. You should see the following files:

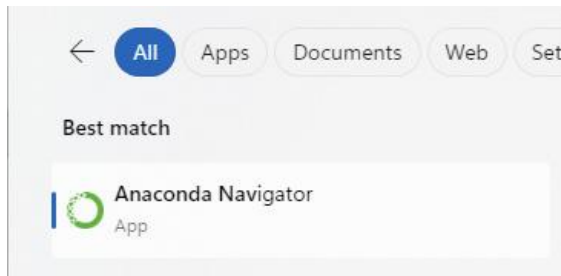


## Step 2 – Anaconda Python Installation

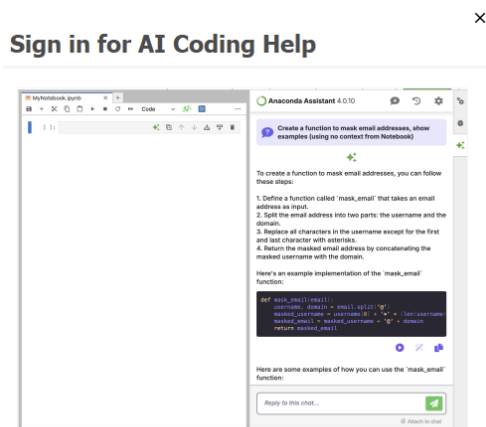
1. Open your browser and navigate to: <https://www.anaconda.com/download>
2. Click “Skip registration.”
3. On the next page, select the download for your operating system (e.g., Windows).
4. When the installer has downloaded, start the installer and follow the instructions (accepting defaults) to complete the installation.

## Step 3 – Verify Installation

1. With Anaconda Python installed, start the Anaconda Navigator application:



2. If you see the following dialog, close it (no need to sign in):



Access Anaconda Assistant in Jupyter Notebooks and JupyterLab.

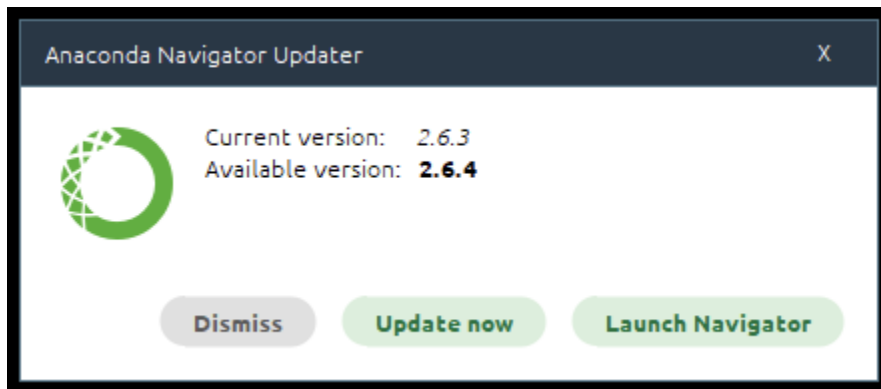
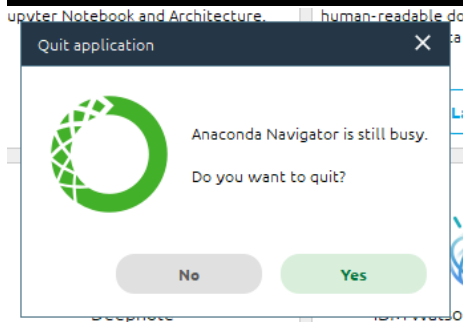
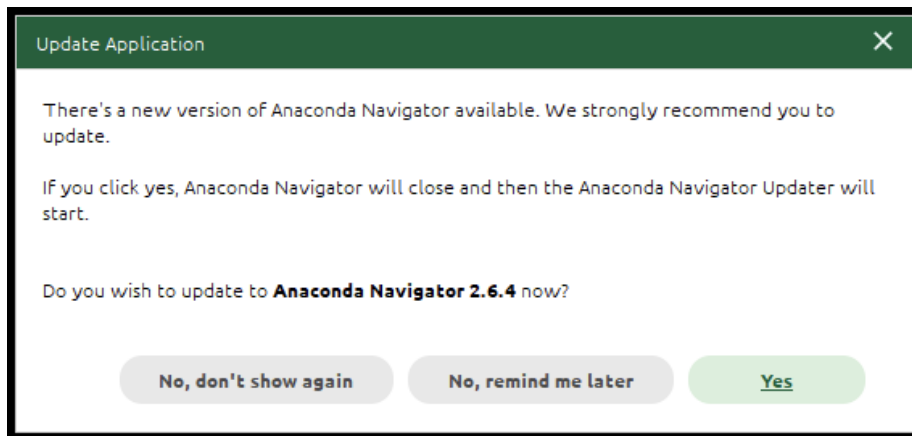
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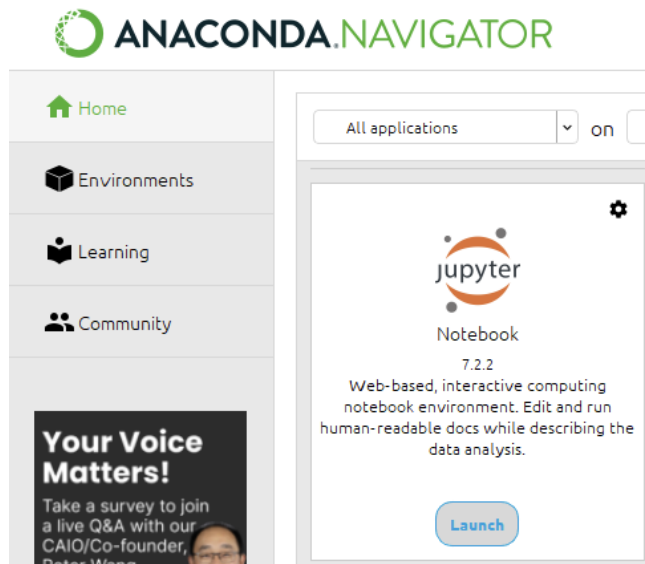
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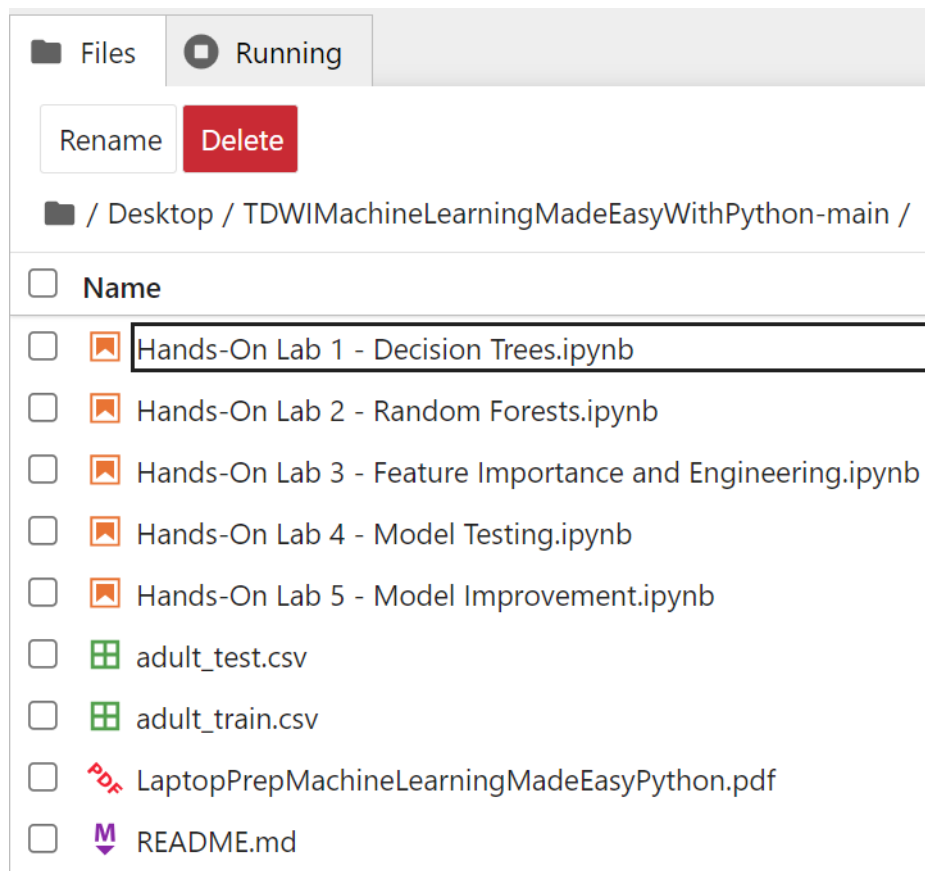
3. You may be prompted to upgrade Anaconda Navigator. Follow the dialogs (i.e., click “Yes” and “Update now”) to do so. It may take a bit of time for this process to complete.



4. If needed, relaunch Anaconda Navigator.
5. NOTE – Your Anaconda Navigator window might not look exactly like the following. Within Anaconda Navigator, scroll down, and launch Jupyter Notebook:



6. Within the Jupyter browser, navigate to where you copied the course file folder:



**Congratulations! You are now ready for the class!**