

Make a local data science environment on a Mac

Setting up a python environment

Installing python

Install a stable release of python from <https://www.python.org/downloads/macos/>

Setting up your python environment

Start a “Terminal” application.

Change to the directory where you want to work on data science, e.g.

```
cd ~/Documents/data_science
```

Create a pip virtual environment for data science:

```
python3 -m venv .venv_ds
```

To activate the environment - from ~/Documents/data_science run:

```
source ~/Documents/data_science/.venv_ds/bin/activate
```

or from the data_science directory:

```
cd ~/Documents/data_science
```

```
source .venv_ds/bin/activate
```

Run these commands:

```
brew install hub
```

```
pip install okpy
```

Unzip ok-client in a convenient location

```
cd ~/Documents
```

```
unzip ok-client.zip
```

Change to that folder

```
cd ~/ok-client
```

from the ok-client directory:

```
pip install pip-tools
```

- pip-tools helps with resolving conflicts among packages

```
cp requirements.txt requirements.in
```

- pip-tools needs a requirements.in file

```
pip-compile requirements.in
```

```
pip-compile --upgrade
```

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

now install other packages you'll need (can be from any directory, but make sure that your virtual environment is enabled)

```
pip install jupyterlab
```

```
pip install jupytext  
pip install matplotlib  
pip install numpy  
pip install pandas  
pip install rmdex  
pip install oktools  
pip install nbformat
```

you may want to install some other packages:

e.g.

```
pip install seaborn  
pip install statsmodels
```

If you install packages you want to work with on data science, make sure that the virtual environment is activated. If you are working on _other_ python projects that have other requirements and you need to install packages, make sure the data science virtual environment is NOT activated (use the command: deactivate).

Packages can have conflicts and you want a set of packages that work together to do what you want, not a mega-package for doing everything (this usually doesn't work because eventually you run onto conflicts you can't resolve)

Setting up the course materials

Installing ‘git’

You may need to install git and clone the git repository that has the course materials. To install git, open a terminal and type:

```
git --version
```

If git is not already installed it will install. If it is already installed it will tell you which version you have.

Cloning the repository (only do this once)

To clone the repository, stay in the terminal. Change directory (folder) to your data science folder (e.g. above it was ~/Documents/data_science) by typing:

```
cd ~/Documents/data_science
```

now type:

```
git clone https://github.com/olsonac/Data\_science\_for\_brain\_and\_behaviour25-26.git
```

This should make a copy of the folder

Data_science_for_brain_and_behaviour25-26 under your folder for data science (e.g. under ~/Documents/data_science).

You only do this step once

Updating course files

When you need to update your files from the course repository run the following from the terminal:

```
python3 update_me.py --ds_folder [full name of your data science folder – e.g.  
~/Documents/data_science]
```

e.g. following our example here

```
python3 update_me.py --ds_folder ~/Documents/data_science
```

Running jupyter lab

To run a jupyterlab environment, make sure you are in the terminal or start one.

Next change to the data science folder

```
cd ~/Documents/data_science  
source .venv_ds/bin/activate  
jupyter lab &
```

(include the '&' which means run the command in the background and come back to the command shell.)

This should open a jupyter lab file chooser like the one you see in vlab.

Any time you want to run your jupyter lab from now on, you can start a terminal, update the course materials (using update_me.py, see above) and then type the 3 commands above.