

JGI server training

Specifications

- [see JGI data science handbook](#)
 - 12 processor cores
 - 256 GB memory
 - NVIDIA GPU
 - ~1 TB SSD + ~4 TB HDD storage
- don't assume it will be faster
- fair-use

Logging in via SSH

- from the command line `ssh`
`username@IT160062.users.bris.ac.uk`
- setting an SSH host alias and default user `~/.ssh/config`
- prevent lost sessions with `byobu-enable`
- EDGE F5 VPN when off-campus
- *advanced topics* - SSH keys, SEIS jump host

Physical access

- monitor - switch input
- startup decryption passphrase
- GUI
- shutdown/restarting - takes a long time!

Working with code and data

- use `/work` sub-directories (was `/data`)
 - shared first, this is backed up (to be tested!)
- transfer to/from local machine `scp -r`
- alternative tools: `rsync`, mount folder, [FileZilla](#), VS Code
- data/code on the RDSF (also for `data.bris`)
 - see also [JGI Training Project](#)
 - set up in advance with machine user
- code on [JGIBristol](#) GitHub organisation

Python environments

- conda environments (micromamba)
 - per-user (uses `~/ .conda/NAME`)

```
1 conda env create -n NAME python=3.11 pandas
2 conda env create -n NAME -f environment.yml
3 conda activate NAME
```

- shared (uses `/conda/envs/NAME`)

```
1 conda env create -p /conda/envs/NAME -f environment.yml
2 conda activate NAME
3 conda activate -p /conda/envs/NAME
```

Python environments (2)

- testing the GPU

```
1 conda activate test_gpu
2 python -c "import tensorflow; print(tensorflow.config.list_physical_devices
3 /conda/gpu-test"
```

Jupyter notebooks

- using `jupyterlab`
- port forwarding:

```
1  ssh -L 8000:localhost:8000
2  ...
3  conda activate NAME
4  jupyter lab --port=8000
```


VS Code

- extensions:
 - Remote - SSH
 - Python and Jupyter ('installed' in remote)
- required Python packages:
 - `conda install ipykernel` (if not already installed)

VS Code (2)

- opening a remote/folder
- finding your interpreter (`which python`)
- selecting an interpreter (first) and then kernel (second)
- check environment when using built-in terminal