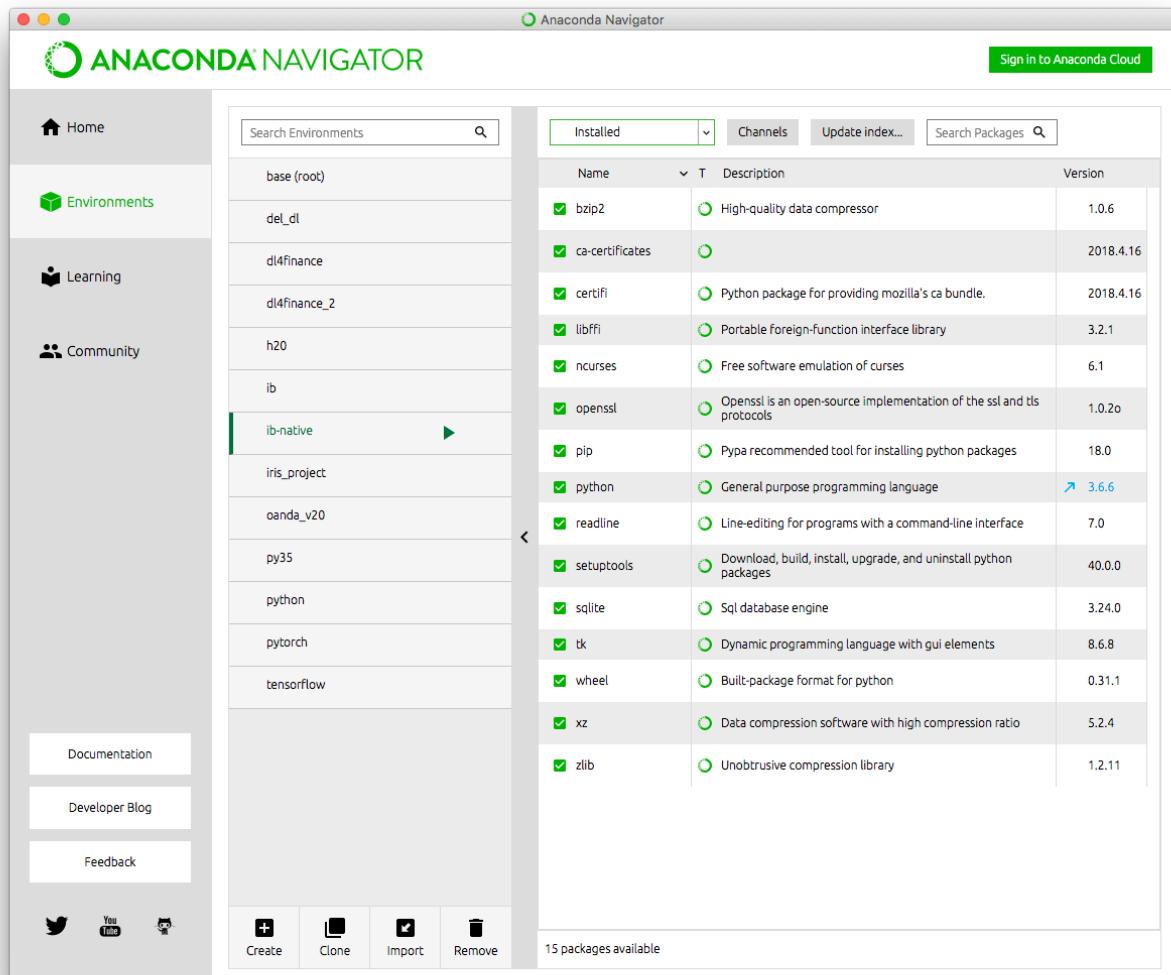


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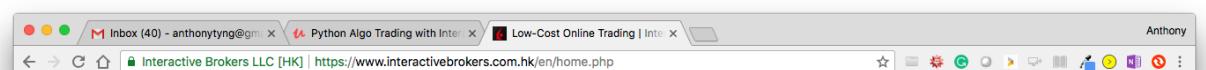
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Step 1. Install new environment



Step 2. Installing the TWS (IB Gateway is contained within) API

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Notes:
1. Contains a login frame and GUI to display the current connection which requires a Desktop Environment to run.

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NOTE: If you have already agreed to the API License Agreement please start at Step 3 below.

Instructions

- Click directly on the button below to access the API software download page.
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- Once you have clicked "**I Agree**", refer to the Mac / Unix section to download the API Software for your o.s.

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Version: Release Date:	Version: Release Date:
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4. This will download **twsapi_macunix.n.m.zip** to your computer.
(*where n and m are the major and minor version numbers respectively*)

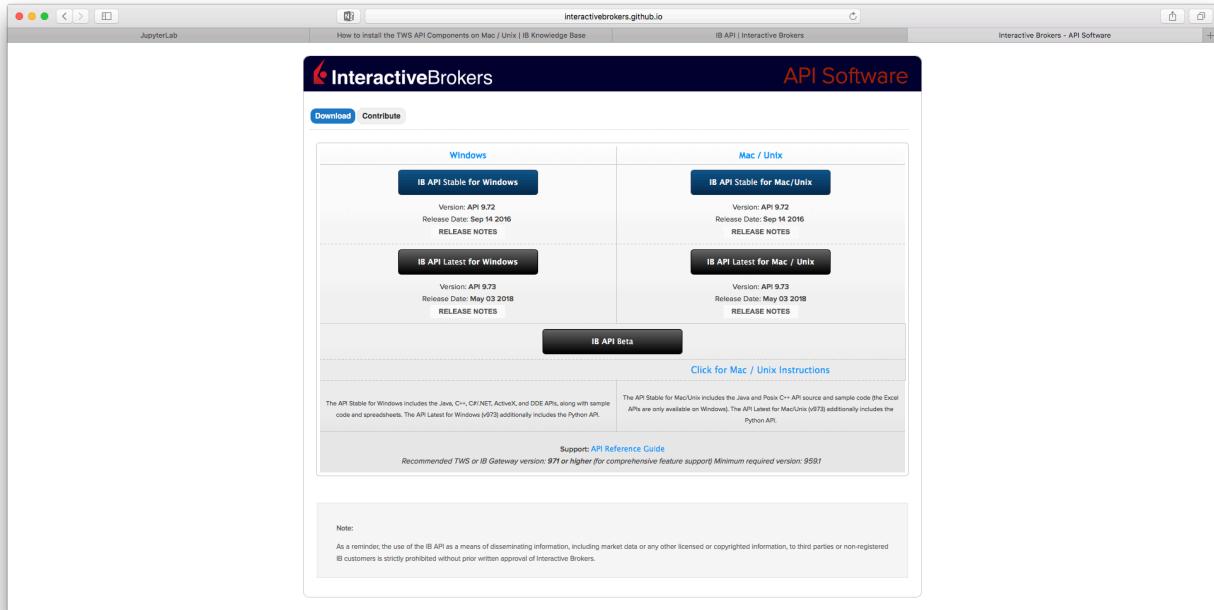
5. Open Terminal (**Ctrl+Alt+T** on most distributions)
(*On Mac press Command+Space to launch Spotlight, then type terminal and press Return*)

6. Navigate to the directory where the installer has been downloaded (normally it should be the Download folder within your home folder) and confirm the file is present.

```
$ cd ~/Downloads
$ ls
```


7. Unzip the contents the installer into your home folder with the following command (if prompted, enter your password):

Note the "click for Mac / Unix Instructions". Make sure you click the link and follow it closely.



The following steps are laid out in the read.me file.

Follow the sudo unzip...

```
[Anthony's-MBP:ib_native_python anthony$ ls
twsapi_macunix.973.07.zip
[Anthony's-MBP:ib_native_python anthony$ sudo unzip twsapi_macunix.973.07.zip -d SHOME/
Password:
Archive: twsapi_macunix.973.07.zip
replace /Users/anthony/META-INF/MANIFEST.MF? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: A
inflating: /Users/anthony/META-INF/MANIFEST.MF
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/API_VersionNum.txt
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/samples/Cpp/TestCppClient/AccountSummaryTags.cpp
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```

Cd ~/IBJts

```
[  ] ibNativePython — bash — 159x24
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/scanner.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/server_versions.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/softdollarTier.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/tag_value.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/tickType.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/utils.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/wrapper.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/ibapi/__init__.py
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/MANIFEST.in
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/README.md
inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/setup.py
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inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythonclient/tests/test_account_summary_tags.py
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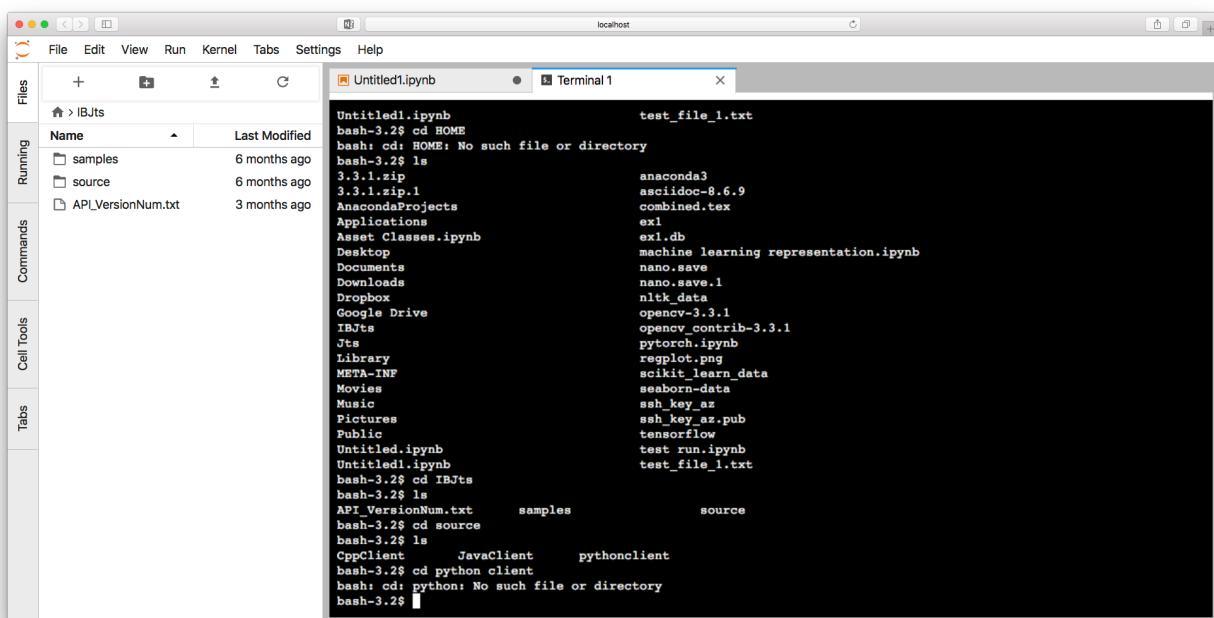


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inflating: /Users/anthony/IBJts/source/pythontclient/tox.ini
[Anthony-MBP:ib_nativ Python anthony]$ ls
twapi_macunix.973.87.zip
[Anthony-MBP:ib_nativ Python anthony]$ cd ~/IBJts
[Anthony-MBP:IBJts anthony]$ ls
API_VersionNum.txt      samples          source
[Anthony-MBP:IBJts anthony]$ 

```

Run the python setup

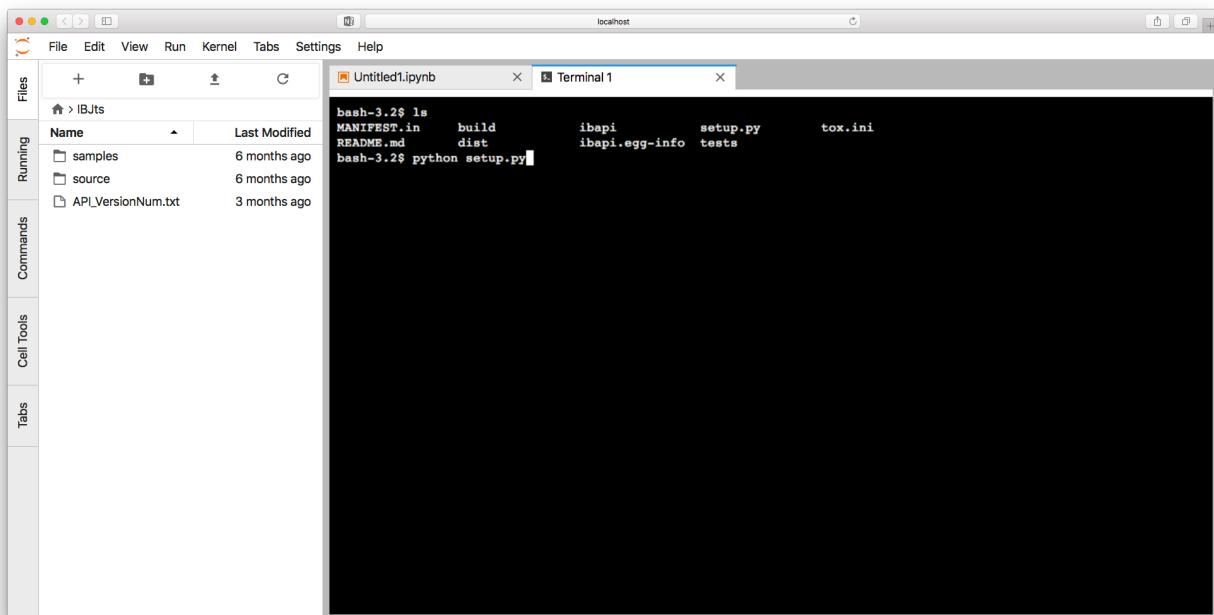


The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with a terminal tab open. The terminal window displays the following command and its output:

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Untitled1.ipynb
test_file_1.txt
bash-3.2$ cd HOME
bash: cd: HOME: No such file or directory
bash-3.2$ ls
3.3.1.zip      anaconda3
3.3.1.zip.l   asciidoc-8.6.9
AnacondaProjects combined.tex
Applications    exl
Asset Classes.ipynb exl.db
Desktop        machine learning representation.ipynb
Documents       nano.save
Downloads       nano.save.1
Dropbox         nltk_data
Google Drive    opencv-3.3.1
IBJts          opencv_contrib-3.3.1
Jts            pytorch.ipynb
Library         regplot.png
META-INF        scikit_learn_data
Movies          seaborn-data
Music           ssh_key_az
Pictures        ssh_key_az.pub
Public          tensorflow
Untitled.ipynb  test run.ipynb
Untitled1.ipynb test_file_1.txt
bash-3.2$ cd IBJts
bash-3.2$ ls
API_VersionNum.txt      samples          source
bash-3.2$ cd source
bash-3.2$ ls
CppClient      JavaClient      pythontclient
bash-3.2$ cd python client
bash: cd: python: No such file or directory
bash-3.2$ 

```



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Files + Terminal1
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Terminal1
bash-3.2$ ls
MANIFEST.in      build      ibapi      setup.py      tox.ini
README.md        dist       ibapi.egg-info  tests
bash-3.2$ python setup.py

```


Open the readme.me file and read the contents of the file and follow it!!!

The read.me file:

A couple of things/definitions/conventions:

- * a *low level message* is some data prefixed with its size
- * a *high level message* is a list of fields separated by the NULL character; the fields are all strings; the message ID is the first field, the come others whose number and semantics depend on the message itself
- * a *request* is a message from client to TWS/IBGW (IB Gateway)
- * an *answer* is a message from TWS/IBGW to client

How the code is organized:

- * *comm* module: has tools that know how to handle (eg: encode/decode) low and high level messages
- * *Connection*: glorified socket
- * *Reader*: thread that uses Connection to read packets, transform to low level messages and put in a Queue
- * *Decoder*: knows how to take a low level message and decode into high level message
- * *Client*:
 - + knows to send requests
 - + has the message loop which takes low level messages from Queue and uses Decoder to tranform into high level message with which it then calls the corresponding Wrapper method
- * *Wrapper*: class that needs to be subclassed by the user so that it can get the incoming messages

The info/data flow is:

- * receiving:
 - + *Connection.recv_msg()* (which is essentially a socket) receives the packets
 - uses *Connection._recv_all_msgs()* which tries to combine smaller packets into bigger ones based on some trivial heuristic
 - + *Reader.run()* uses *Connection.recv_msg()* to get a packet and then uses *comm.read_msg()* to try to make it a low level message. If that can't be done yet (size prefix says so) then it waits for more packets
 - + if a full low level message is received then it is placed in the Queue (remember this is

a standalone thread)

- + the main thread runs the *Client.run()* loop which:
 - gets a low level message from Queue
 - uses *comm.py* to translate into high level message (fields)
 - uses *Decoder.interpret()* to act based on that message
- + *Decoder.interpret()* will translate the fields into function parameters of the correct type and call with the correct/corresponding method of *Wrapper* class

* sending:

- + *Client* class has methods that implement the _requests_. The user will call those request methods with the needed parameters and *Client* will send them to the TWS/IBGW.

Implementation notes:

- * the *Decoder* has two ways of handling a message (esentially decoding the fields)
 - + some messages very neatly map to a function call; meaning that the number of fields and order are the same as the method parameters. For example: Wrapper.tickSize(). In this case a simple mapping is made between the incoming msg id and the Wrapper method:

IN.TICK_SIZE: HandleInfo(wrap=Wrapper.tickSize),

- + other messages are more complex, depend on version number heavily or need field massaging. In this case the incoming message id is mapped to a processing function that will do all that and call the Wrapper method at the end. For example:

IN.TICK_PRICE: HandleInfo(proc=processTickPriceMsg),

Instalation notes:

- * you can use this to build a source distribution

python3 setup.py sdist

- * you can use this to build a wheel

python3 setup.py bdist_wheel

* you can use this to install the wheel

```
python3 -m pip install --user --upgrade dist/ibapi-9.73.7-py3-none-any.whl
```

The IB API Handbook.

<http://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/> in the address bar. The page title is "Trader Workstation API". On the left, there is a sidebar menu titled "TWS API v9.72+" which lists various API-related topics. The main content area features a central graphic with several overlapping circles, each containing a programming language name: "C#", "JAVA", "Python", "VB", "C++", "Excel", and "DDE". A red circle labeled "ACTIVE X" is also shown. Below the graphic, a note reads: "Build your own trading applications in Java, .NET (C#), C++, Python, or DDE, using our Trader Workstation Application Programming Interface (TWS API)". At the bottom of the page, a small footer note states: "This website uses cookies. By navigating through it you agree to the use of cookies. Copyright Interactive Brokers 2016".

