

Advanced Image Processing and Analysis

ECE 4438B/ECE 9202B/ECE 9022B

BIOMED/BIOPHYS/CAMI 9519B

Winter 2019

Instructor

Elvis Chen, PhD, LL (echen29@uwo.ca)

Robarts Research Institute

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program

Department of Medical Biophysics

Advanced Image Processing and Analysis (AIPA)

- Offered to 3 departments (undergrad/grad)
 - ECE 4438/ECE 9202/ECE 9022
 - BIOMED 9519
 - BIOPHYS/CAMI 9519
- Time and Place
 - Monday 2:30-3:30pm, SH-3007
 - Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm, SEB-3109

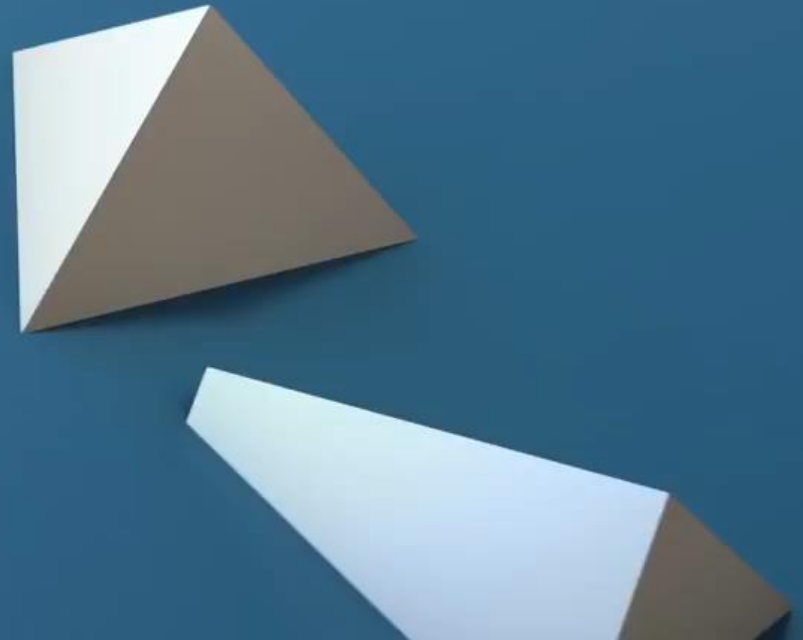
Theme and key questions

- Theme: Digital image analysis with examples drawn from medical imaging
- Questions:
 - How to design and implement algorithms to delineate structures of interests (Segmentation)?
 - How to design and implement algorithms to align different images (Registration)?
 - How to evaluate the performance of these algorithms (Validation)?

Applications

- Entertainment
 - Movies (special effects)
- Informatics
 - Self-driving car
 - Adjuncts to computer vision and computer graphics
- Augmentation
 - Medical interventions

What/Motivation (Examples)



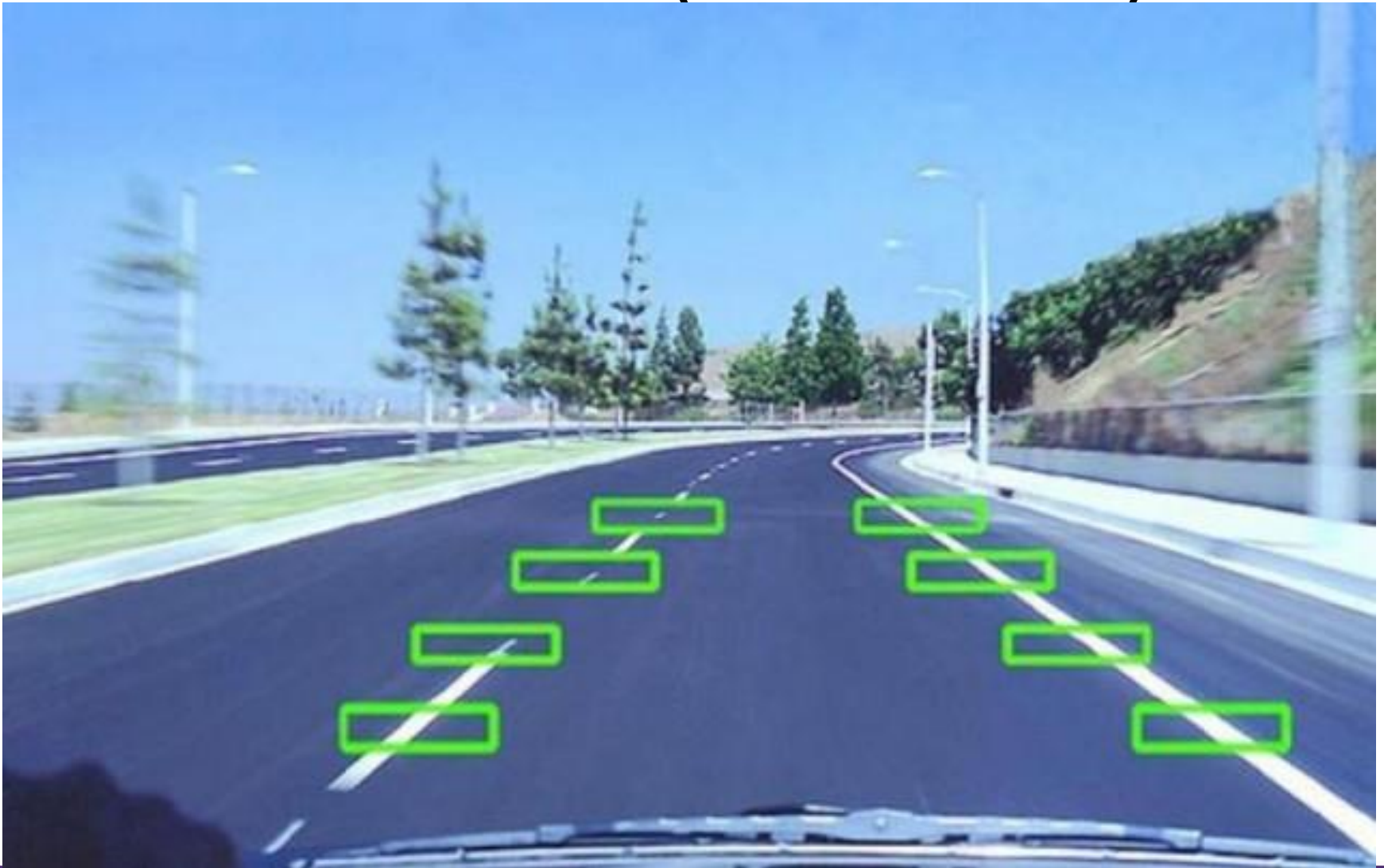
Applications

- Entertainment
 - Movies (special effects)
- Informatics
 - Self-driving car
 - Adjuncts to computer vision and computer graphics
- Augmentation
 - Medical interventions

Motivation (Land Departure Warning)



Motivation (Informatics)





Motivation (Interventions)



Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Revealing Invisible Changes In The World

Created for the NSF International Science & Engineering
Visualization Challenge 2012

Motivation

Theme and key questions

- Theme: Digital image analysis with examples drawn from medical imaging
- Questions:
 - How to design and implement algorithms to delineate structures of interests?
 - Segmentation
 - Manual
 - Semi-automatic
 - Automatic

Theme and key questions

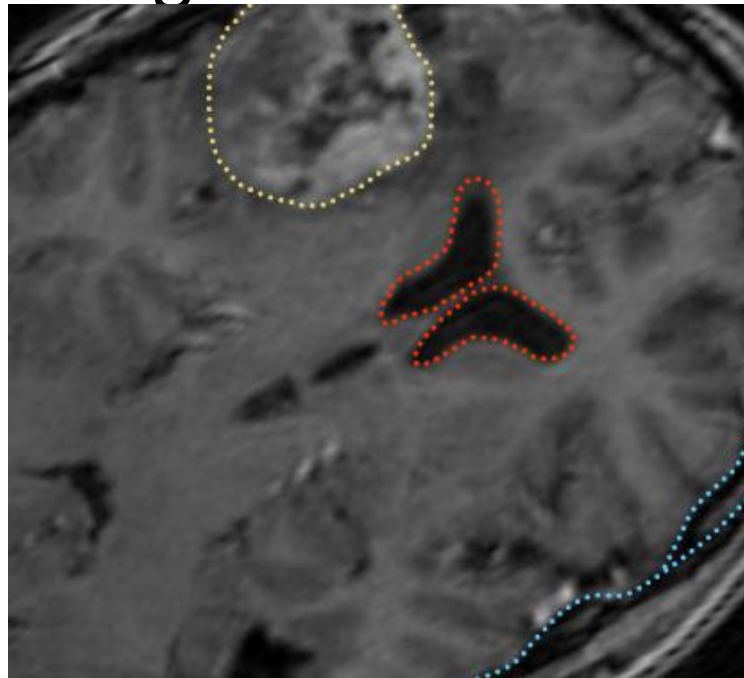
- Theme: Digital image analysis with examples drawn from medical imaging
- Questions:
 - How to design and implement algorithms to align different images?
 - Registration
 - Rigid registration
 - Deformable registration

Theme and key questions

- Theme: Digital image analysis with examples drawn from medical imaging
- Questions:
 - How to evaluate the performance of these algorithms?
 - Evaluation

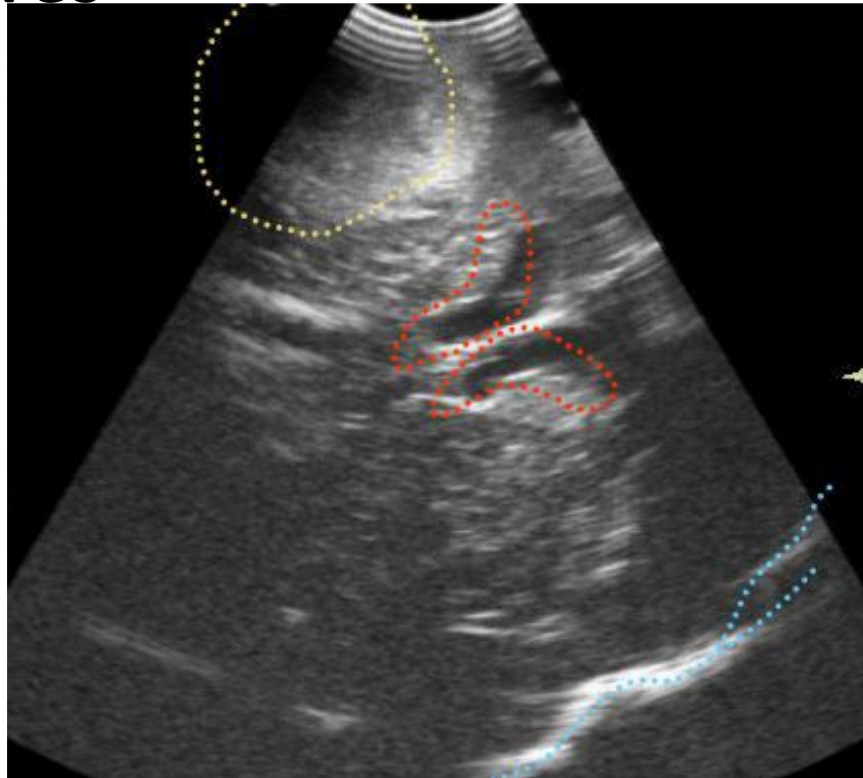
Clinical Context

- Medical Images are often acquired pre-operatively (MRI/CT), used for diagnostics and surgical planning



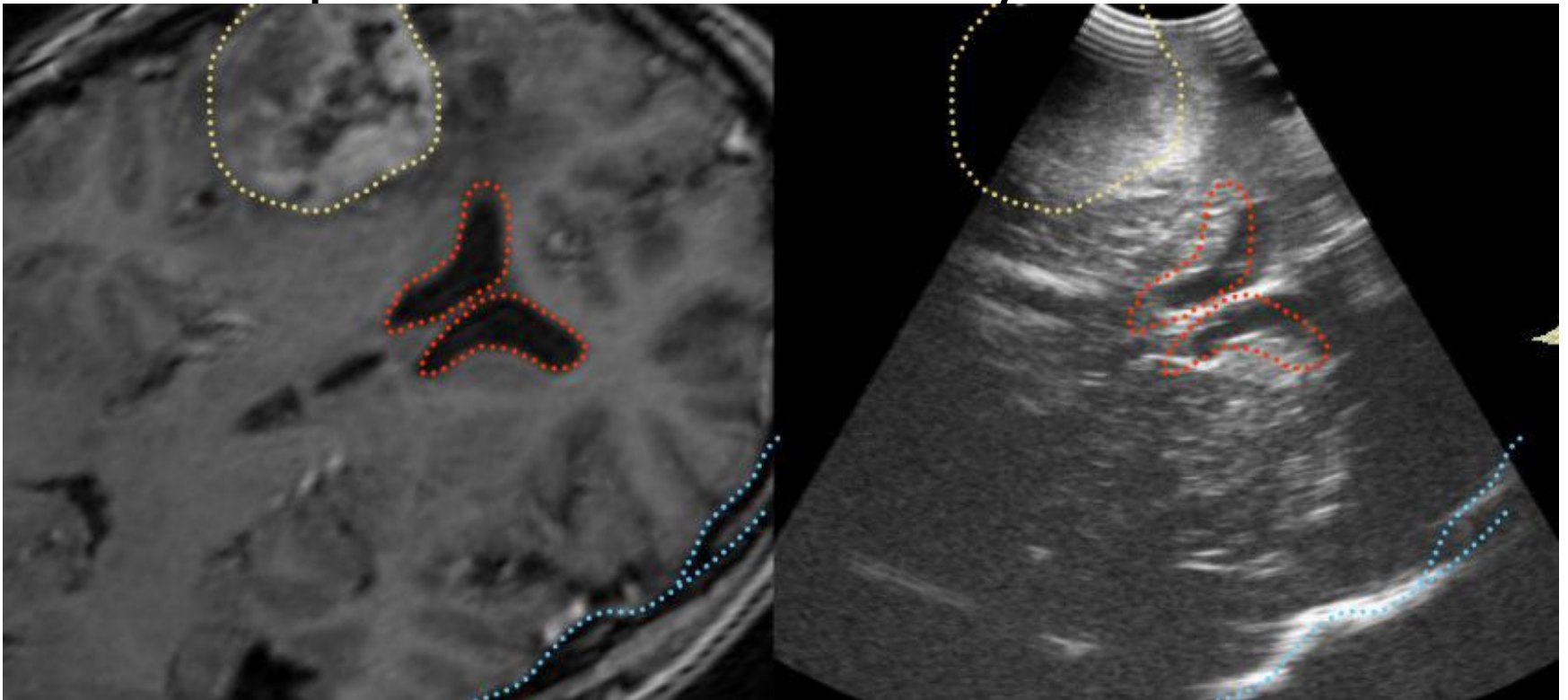
Clinical Context

- However, intra-operatively, organ deforms/moves

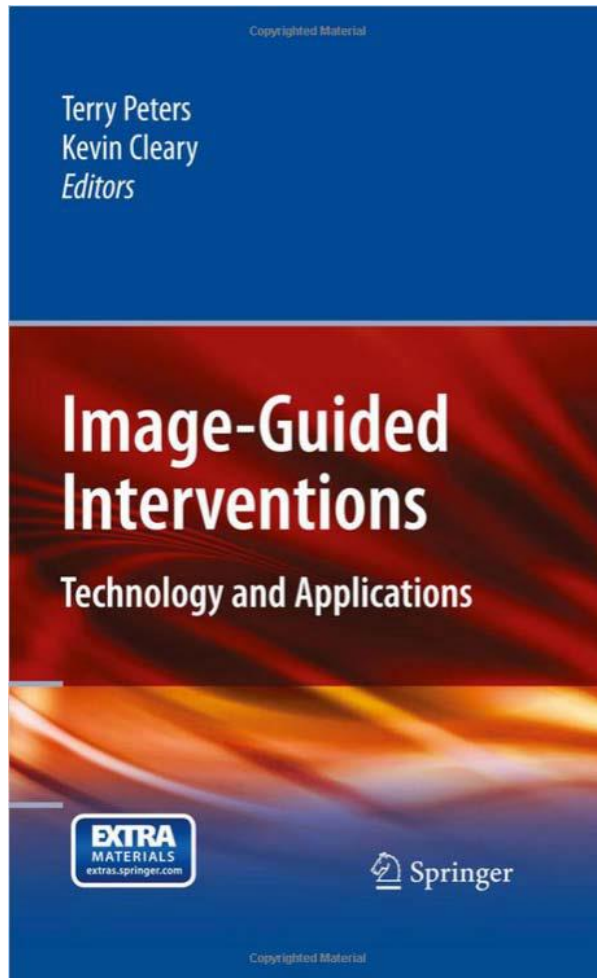


Clinical Context

- Pre-op MRI registered to intra-op ultrasound to compensate for brain shift/motion



Clinical Context



- PDF version available free of charge through Western's library:
https://journals.scholarportal.info/details/15239829/v12inone/119_ii_traca.xml

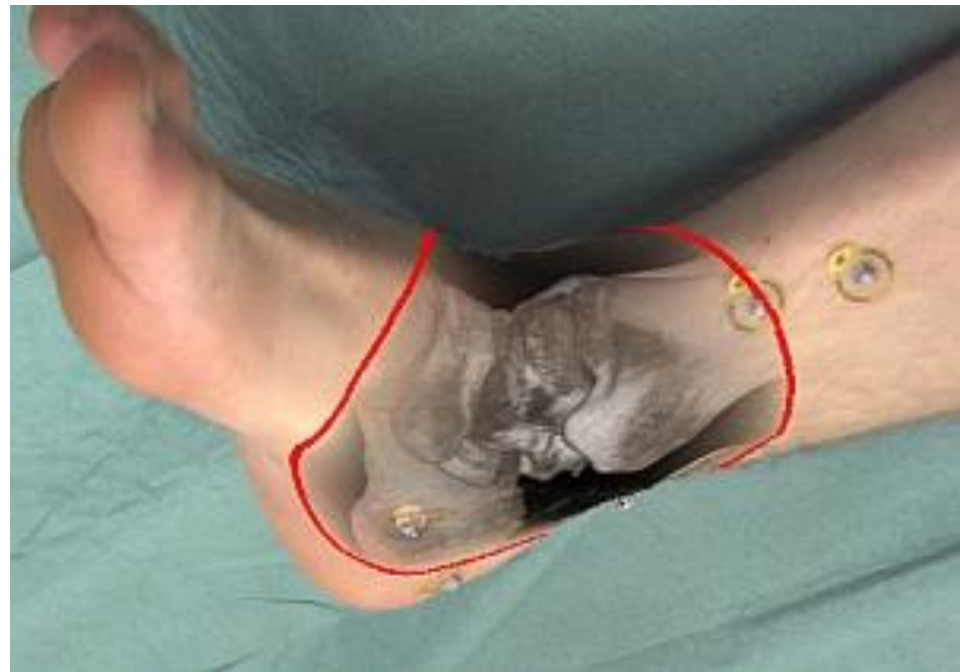
Application: Vessel Stenosis

- Segmentation of an MR angiogram allows 3D depiction of vessels and detection of stenosis (vessel narrowing)
- On the basis of segmentation, the diameter of stenosis can accurately be determined



Application: Orthopaedic Surgery

- Virtual representation of the ankle determined from pre-op CT, volume-rendered, and registered to patient intra-operative to allow an augmented reality display



Evaluation

	Assignments	Mid-term	Final Exam	Project
Undergrad	20%	30%	50%	n/a
MEng	20%	30%	50%	n/a
MSc	20%	20%	35%	25%
PhD	20%	20%	35%	25%

- Undergrad (ECE 4438B) and MEng (ECE9022)
 - 4 assignments
 - Closed-book mid-term exam (Feb 26th, 2hr)
 - Review session on Feb 12 and 13 (tentative)
 - Closed-book final exam (comprehensive)

Evaluation

	Assignments	Mid-term	Final Exam	Project
Undergrad	20%	30%	50%	n/a
MEng	20%	30%	50%	n/a
MSc	20%	20%	25%	35%
PhD	20%	20%	25%	35%

- Graduate students
 - 4 assignments
 - Closed-book mid-term exam (Feb 26th, 2hr)
 - Closed-book final exam (comprehensive)
 - Project involves implementation of an image processing technique/algorithm
 - Topic chosen with consultation with course instructor
 - With alignment to thesis topic/work

Policy

- Late submission policy: penalized at a rate of 20% per 24 hours overdue, NO EXCEPTIONS
- Any reason for late submission must be
 - Brought to the attention to the instructor BEFORE the deadline
 - With documentation
 - No consideration after the assignment deadline

Policy

- Use of English: in accordance with Senate and Faculty Policy, students may be penalized up to 10% of the marks on assignments, tests, and examinations for improper use of English
- Poorly written work may be returned without grading (except the final exam)

Policy

- Attendance: Any student who is absent too frequently from class will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given)
- On the recommendation of the department, and with permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular final examination

Policy

- Mid-term and the final examination cannot be missed:
 - Unless
 - Due to illness
 - Other extreme circumstances (death of family member, etc.)
 - Should consult with the instructor/Department Chair immediately
 - Documentation

Course format

- OWL (<https://owl.uwo.ca/>)
 - Course notes and assignments can be downloaded
 - Assignments are submitted via OWL
 - OWL entry is “**ECE 4438B 001 FW18**”
- Github
 - Additional course materials (codes and examples) are accessible via github
 - Jupyter notebook

Theme and Topics

- Theme: Digital image processing and analysis, with examples drawn from medical imaging
- Topics:
 - Segmentation
 - Registration
 - Validation
 - Data Augmentation for Deep Learning (time permits)

Implementation Tools

- Python (<https://www.python.org/>)
 - Interpreted language
 - Power of C++
 - Ease of Matlab
 - Processing + visualization, large number of algorithms, best suited to 2D

Implementation Tools

- Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit (ITK, <https://itk.org/>)
 - Library for image processing
 - Open source
 - Implemented in C++, with binding to many other languages include python and java
 - Processing only, vary large number of algorithms, suited to 2D/3D/4D/nD

Implementation Tools

- SimpleITK (www.simpleitk.org)
 - Open source
 - Simplified layer built on top of ITK
 - Intended to facilitate its use in rapid prototyping, education, interpreted languages
 - Python
 - R

Implementation Tools

- Jupyter Notebook (<http://jupyter.org/>)
 - Open-source web application that allows one to create and share documents that contain **live code, equations, visualizations, and narrative text**
 - SimpleITK kernel
 - Executes python/SimpleITK codes within a browser (think Matlab) and visualize the results immediately

ITK

```
#include "itkImage.h"
#include "itkImageFileReader.h"
#include "itkRescaleIntensityImageFilter.h"
#include "itkLaplacianSharpeningImageFilter.h"
#include "itkSubtractImageFilter.h"

#include "QuickView.h"

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    // Verify command line arguments
    if( argc < 2 )
    {
        std::cerr << "Usage: " << std::endl;
        std::cerr << argv[0] << " inputImageFile" << std::endl;
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }

    // Parse command line arguments
    std::string inputFilename = argv[1];
```



ITK

```
// Setup types
typedef itk::Image< float, 2 >   FloatImageType;

typedef itk::ImageFileReader< FloatImageType >   readerType;
readerType::Pointer reader = readerType::New();
reader->SetFileName(inputFilename);

typedef itk::LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter<FloatImageType, FloatImageType >   LaplacianSharpeningImageFilterType;
LaplacianSharpeningImageFilterType::Pointer laplacianSharpeningImageFilter =
    LaplacianSharpeningImageFilterType::New();
laplacianSharpeningImageFilter->SetInput( reader->GetOutput() );

typedef itk::SubtractImageFilter<FloatImageType>           SubtractType;
SubtractType::Pointer diff = SubtractType::New();
diff->SetInput1(reader->GetOutput());
diff->SetInput2(laplacianSharpeningImageFilter->GetOutput());
```



ITK

```
QuickView viewer;  
viewer.AddImage(  
    reader->GetOutput(),true,  
    itk::SystemTools::GetFilenameName(argv[1]));  
  
std::stringstream desc;  
desc << "LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter";  
viewer.AddImage(  
    laplacianSharpeningImageFilter->GetOutput(),  
    true,  
    desc.str());  
  
std::stringstream desc2;  
desc2 << "Original - LaplacianSharpening";  
viewer.AddImage(  
    diff->GetOutput(),  
    true,  
    desc2.str());  
  
viewer.Visualize();  
return EXIT_SUCCESS;  
}
```



ITK

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8.12)

project(LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter)

find_package(ITK REQUIRED)
include(${ITK_USE_FILE})
if (ITKVtkGlue_LOADED)
  find_package(VTK REQUIRED)
  include(${VTK_USE_FILE})
else()
  find_package(ItkVtkGlue REQUIRED)
  include(${ItkVtkGlue_USE_FILE})
  set(Glue ItkVtkGlue)
endif()

add_executable(LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter MACOSX_BUNDLE LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter.cxx)
target_link_libraries(LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter
  ${Glue} ${VTK_LIBRARIES} ${ITK_LIBRARIES})
```



SimpleITK Notebooks

Image Sharpening Example using SimpleITK

This is a simple demonstration of the power of SimpleITK, based on its C++ equivalent shown here:

<https://itk.org/Wiki/ITK/Examples/ImageProcessing/LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter>

We assume the an image is available and located in the same directory as this Jupyter Notebook. In this case, an image of a woodpicker is copied and saved as 'woodpicker.png' from the [URL](#) above.

```
In [ ]: # import SimpleITK library
import SimpleITK as sitk
```

```
In [ ]: # Assuming the image is located under the data/image directory, this is how we can load an image
#
# The input to the function is a string (enclosed in '') of the file name.
# The output is the image/array. Note no explicit typing is needed in Python
img = sitk.ReadImage('../data/images/woodpicker.png')
```

```
In [ ]: # display the image. If we set up our environment properly using the in-class example, ImageJ will be used to display the image.
sitk.Show(img)

# Note there is a slider bar in ImageJ, why?
```

```
In [ ]: lap = sitk.LaplacianSharpeningImageFilter() # this is an in-line comment
```

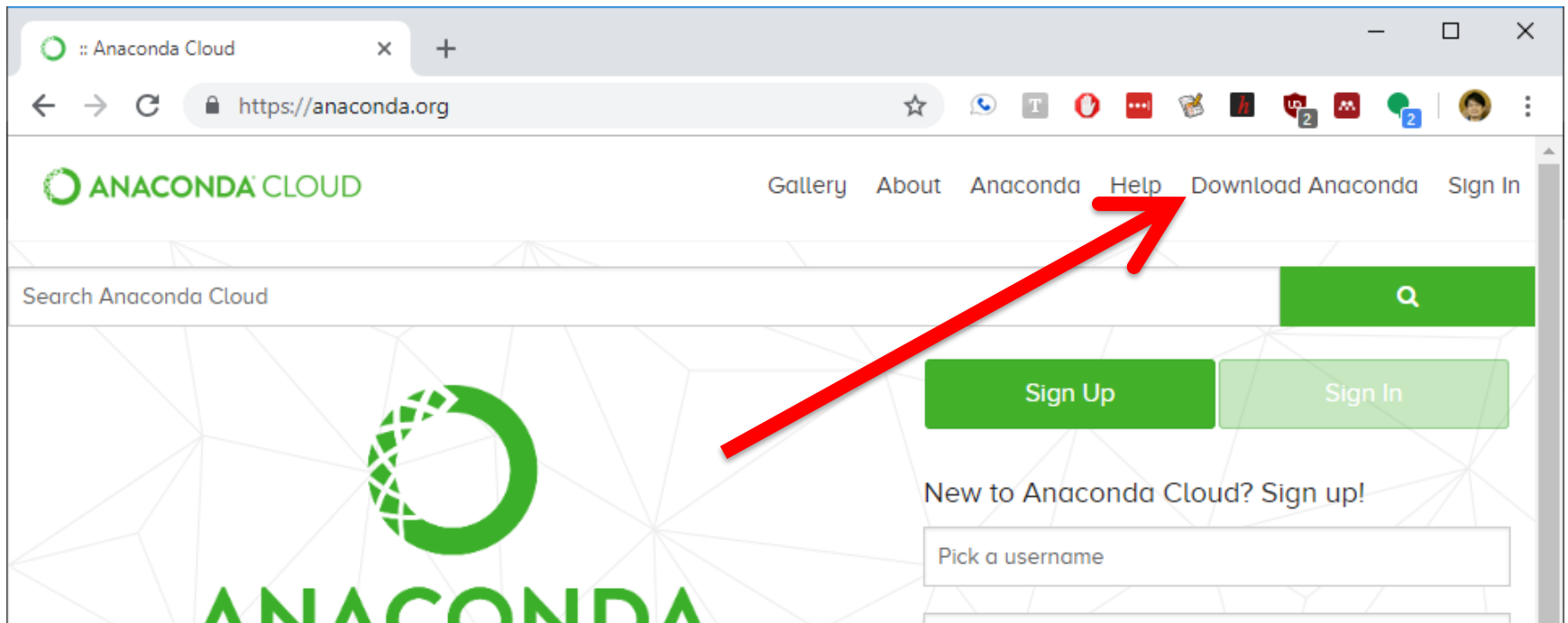
```
In [ ]: outimg = lap.Execute(img) # input is the original image, output is the sharpened image
```

```
In [ ]: sitk.Show(outimg) # display the result.
```

This is it! Compare this python code in SimpleITK to the [C++ equivalent](#) in ITK.

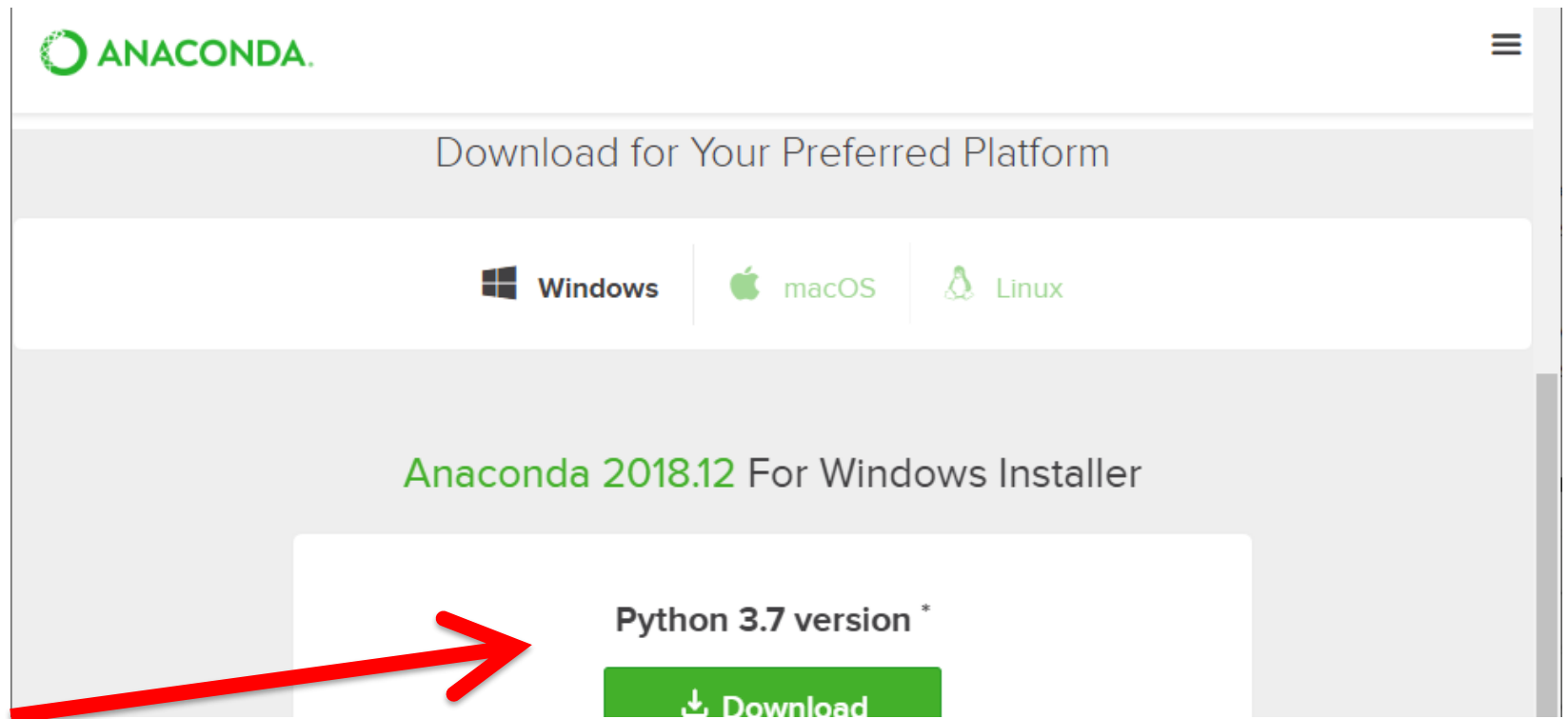
Implementation

- Install Anaconda (<https://anaconda.org/>)
 - Download (top-right)



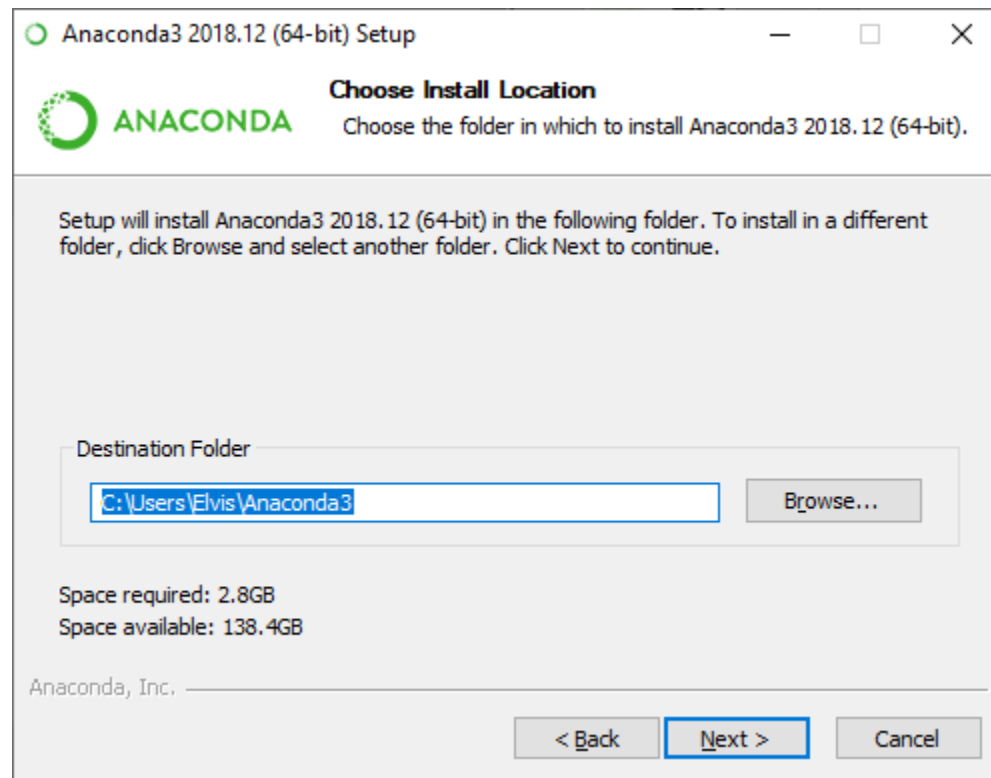
Implementation

- Download Python 3.7



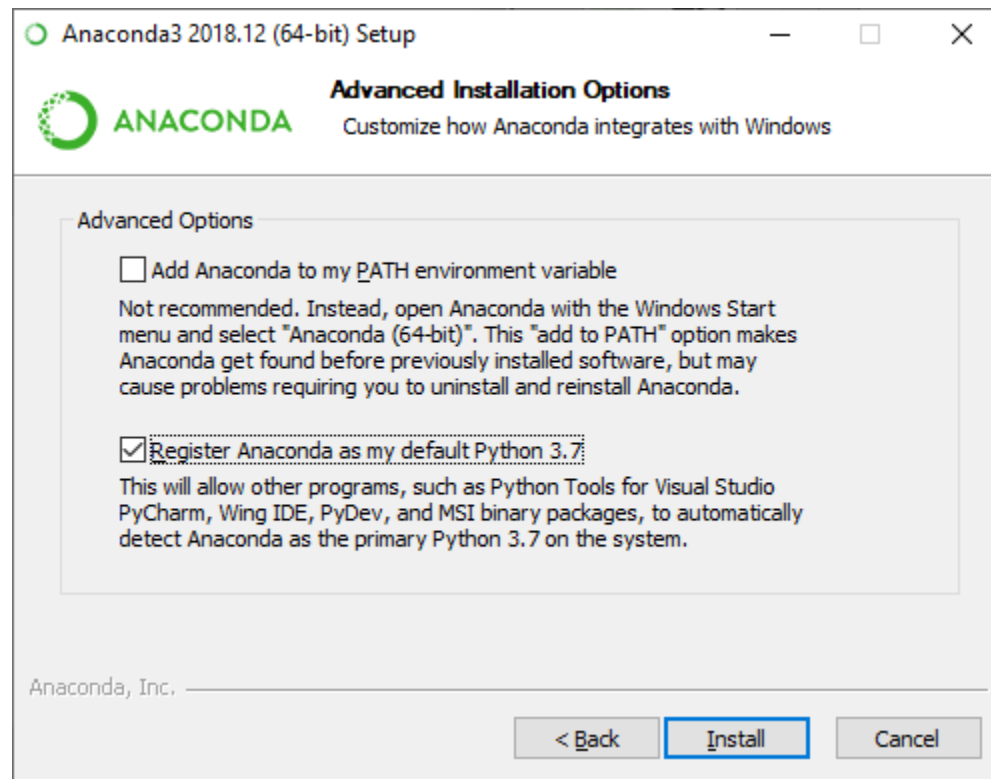
Implementation

- Install



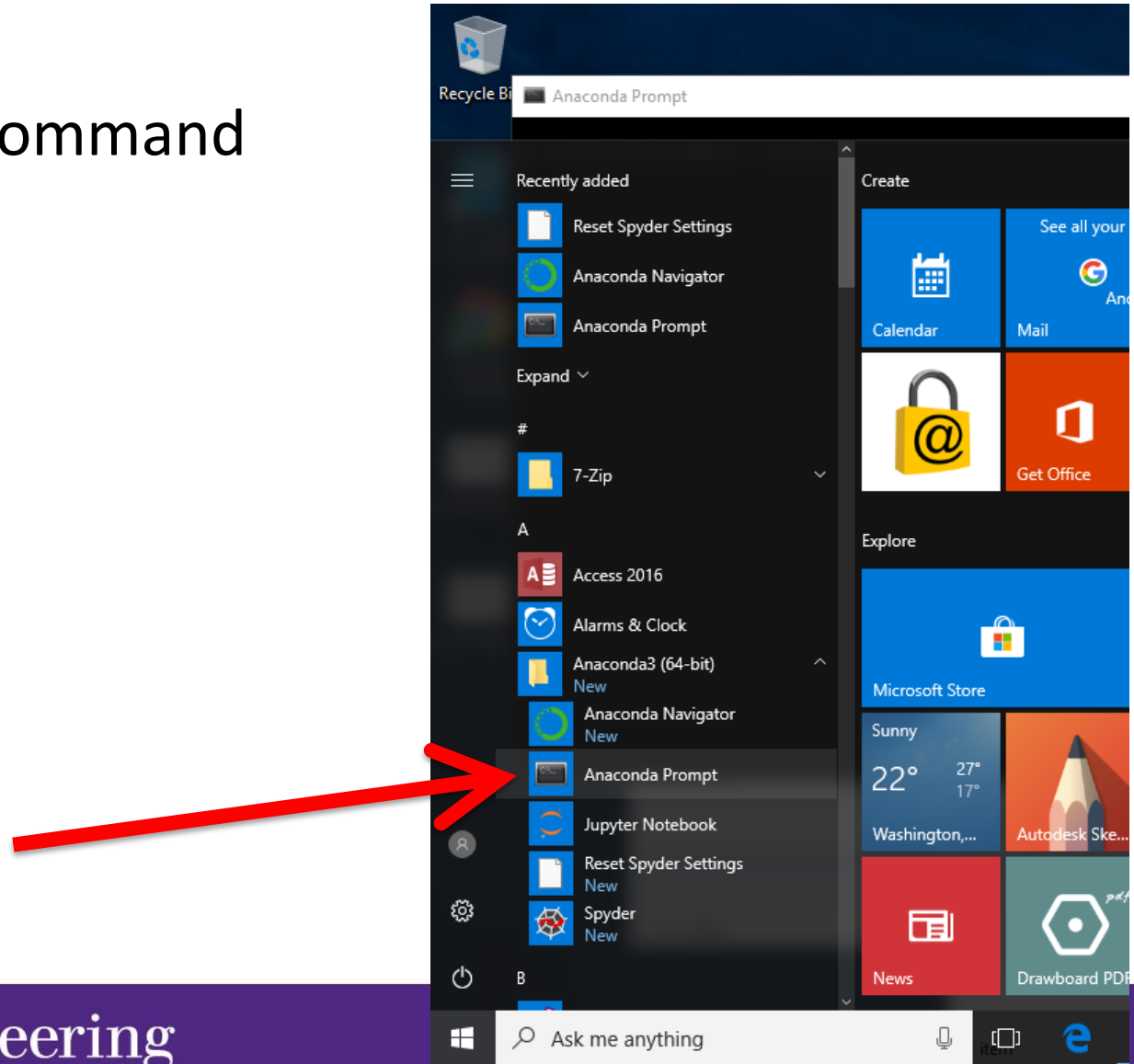
Implementation

- Install



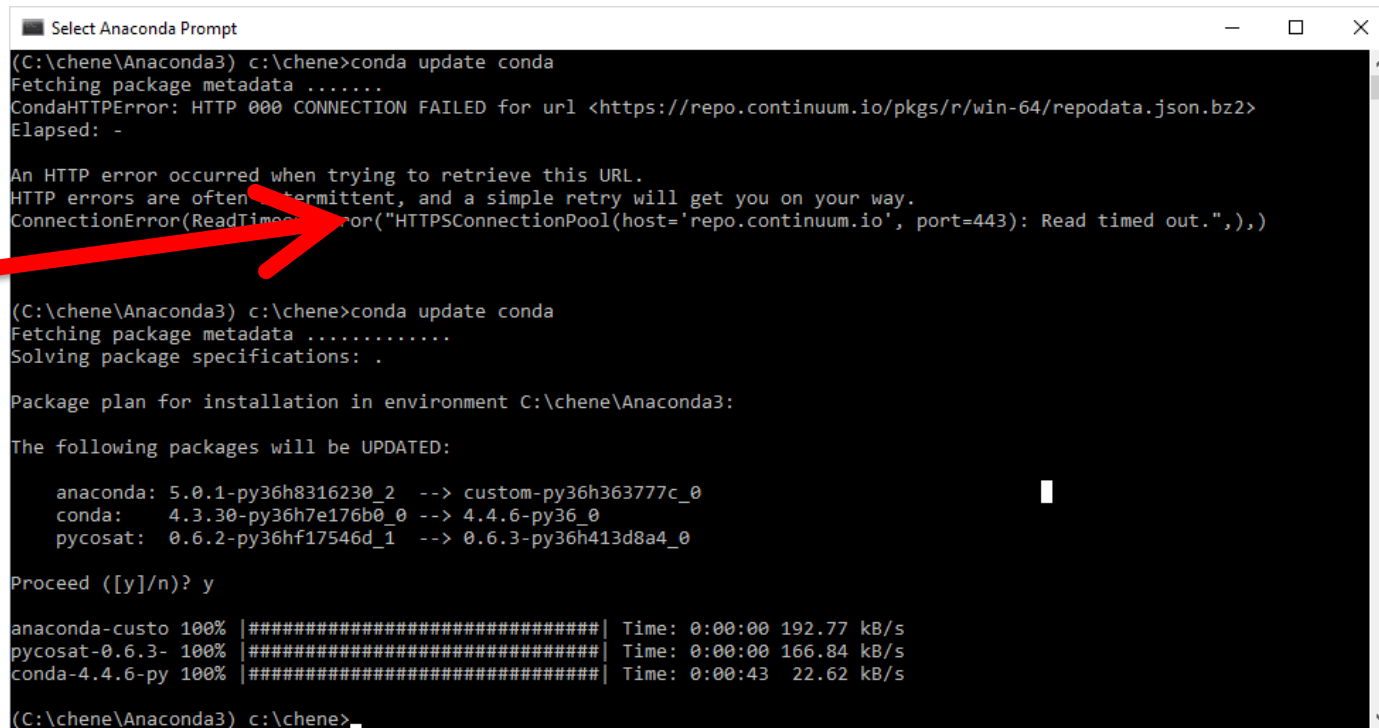
Implementation

- Anaconda Command Prompt



Implementation

- Update using the following 2 commands
- 'conda update conda'



```
(C:\chene\Anaconda3) c:\chene>conda update conda
Fetching package metadata .....
CondaHTTPError: HTTP 000 CONNECTION FAILED for url <https://repo.continuum.io/pkgs/r/win-64/repodata.json.bz2>
Elapsed: -

An HTTP error occurred when trying to retrieve this URL.
HTTP errors are often intermittent, and a simple retry will get you on your way.
ConnectionError(ReadTimeoutError("HTTPSConnectionPool(host='repo.continuum.io', port=443): Read timed out.",))

(C:\chene\Anaconda3) c:\chene>conda update conda
Fetching package metadata .....
Solving package specifications: .

Package plan for installation in environment C:\chene\Anaconda3:

The following packages will be UPDATED:

  anaconda: 5.0.1-py36h8316230_2 --> custom-py36h363777c_0
  conda:    4.3.30-py36h7e176b0_0 --> 4.4.6-py36_0
  pycosat:  0.6.2-py36hf17546d_1  --> 0.6.3-py36h413d8a4_0

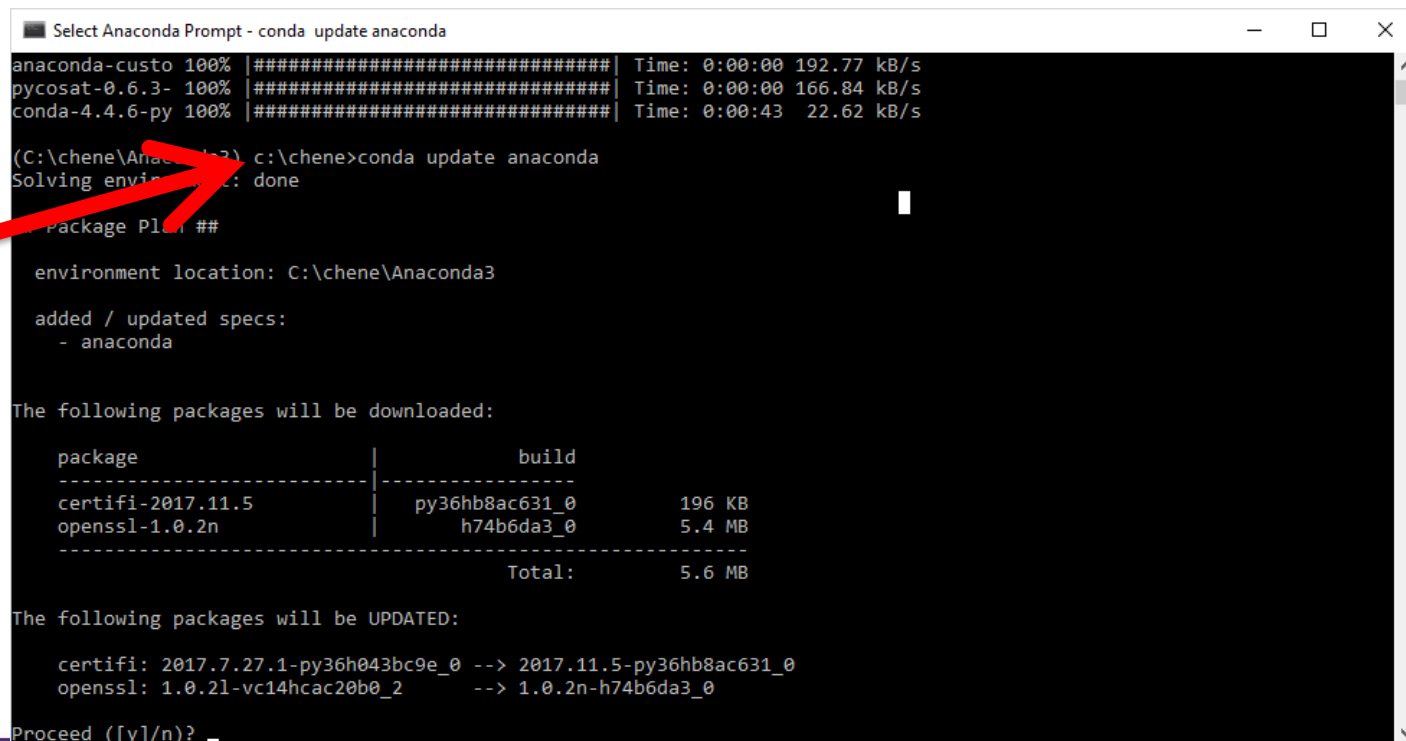
Proceed ([y]/n)? y

anaconda-custo 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 192.77 kB/s
pycosat-0.6.3- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 166.84 kB/s
conda-4.4.6-py 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:43 22.62 kB/s

(C:\chene\Anaconda3) c:\chene>
```

Implementation

- Update using the following 2 commands
- 'conda update anaconda'



```
Select Anaconda Prompt - conda update anaconda

anaconda-custo 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 192.77 kB/s
pycosat-0.6.3- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 166.84 kB/s
conda-4.4.6-py 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:43 22.62 kB/s

(C:\chene\Anaconda3) c:\chene>conda update anaconda
Solving environment: done

Package Plan ##

environment location: C:\chene\Anaconda3

added / updated specs:
- anaconda

The following packages will be downloaded:

package | build | size
-----|-----|-----
certifi-2017.11.5 | py36hb8ac631_0 | 196 KB
openssl-1.0.2n | h74b6da3_0 | 5.4 MB
-----|-----|-----
Total: | | 5.6 MB

The following packages will be UPDATED:

certifi: 2017.7.27.1-py36h043bc9e_0 --> 2017.11.5-py36hb8ac631_0
openssl: 1.0.21-vc14hcac20b0_2 --> 1.0.2n-h74b6da3_0

Proceed ([y]/n)?
```

Implementation

- (Optional) install git
- 'conda install git

```
Select Anaconda Prompt - conda install git

# All requested packages already installed.

(base) C:\Users\Elvis>cond install git
'cond' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

(base) C:\Users\Elvis>conda install git
Solving environment: done

## Package Plan ##

  environment location: C:\Users\Elvis\Anaconda3

  added / updated specs:
    - git

The following packages will be downloaded:

  package                        | build                | size
  -----|-----|-----
  git-2.19.1                     | h6bb4b03_0          | 16.5 MB

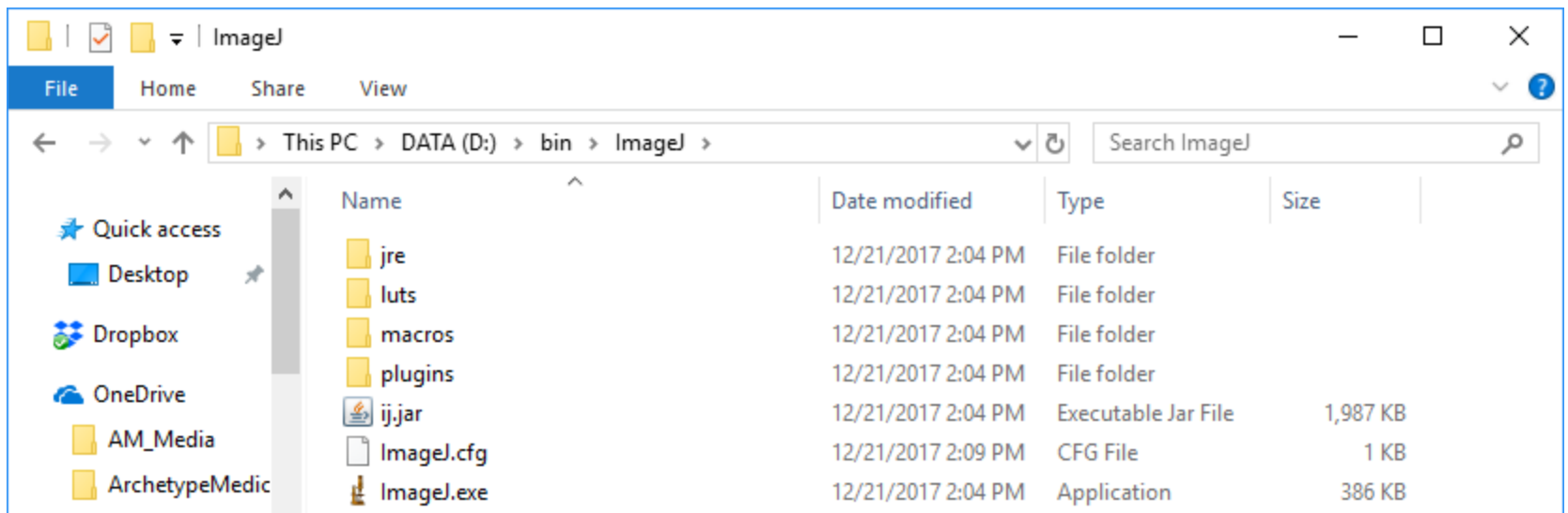
The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

  git: 2.19.1-h6bb4b03_0

Proceed ([y]/n)?
```

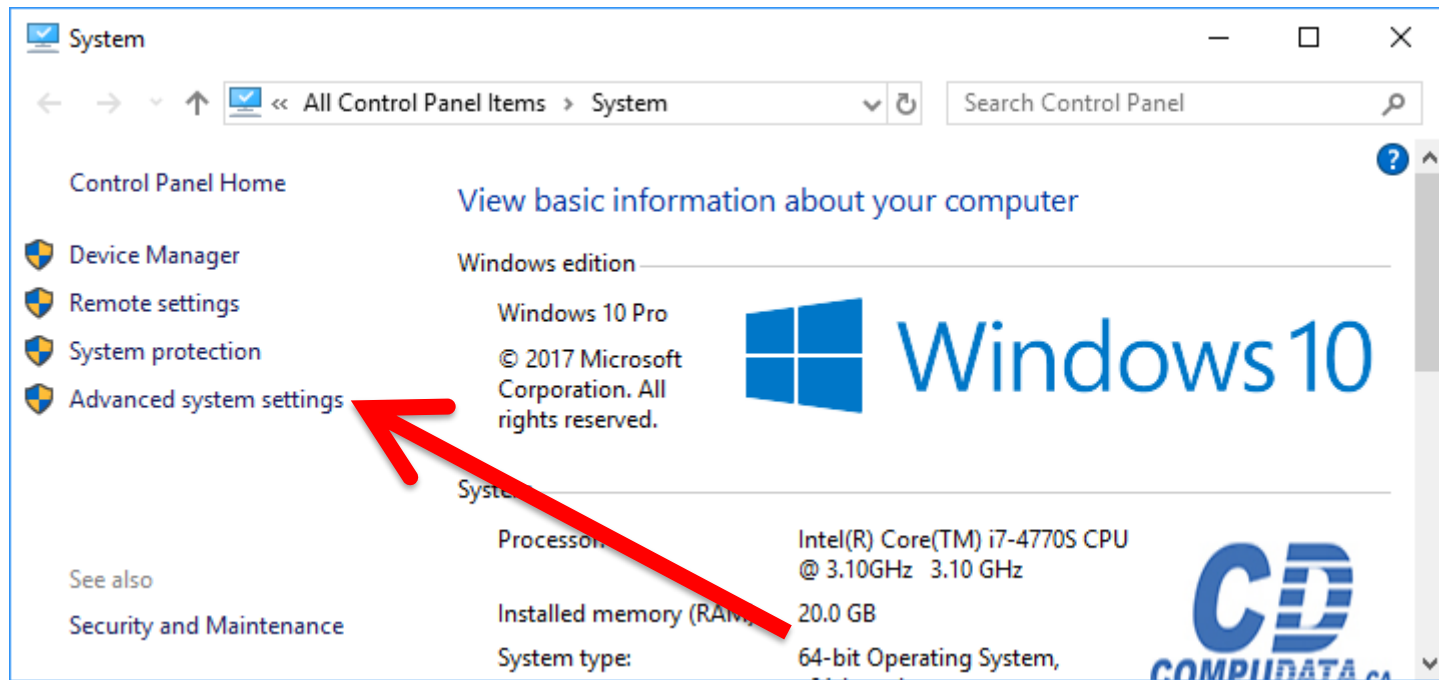
Implementation

- Install imagej
 - Download it from <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/download.html>
 - extract the zip file (no 'installation' required)



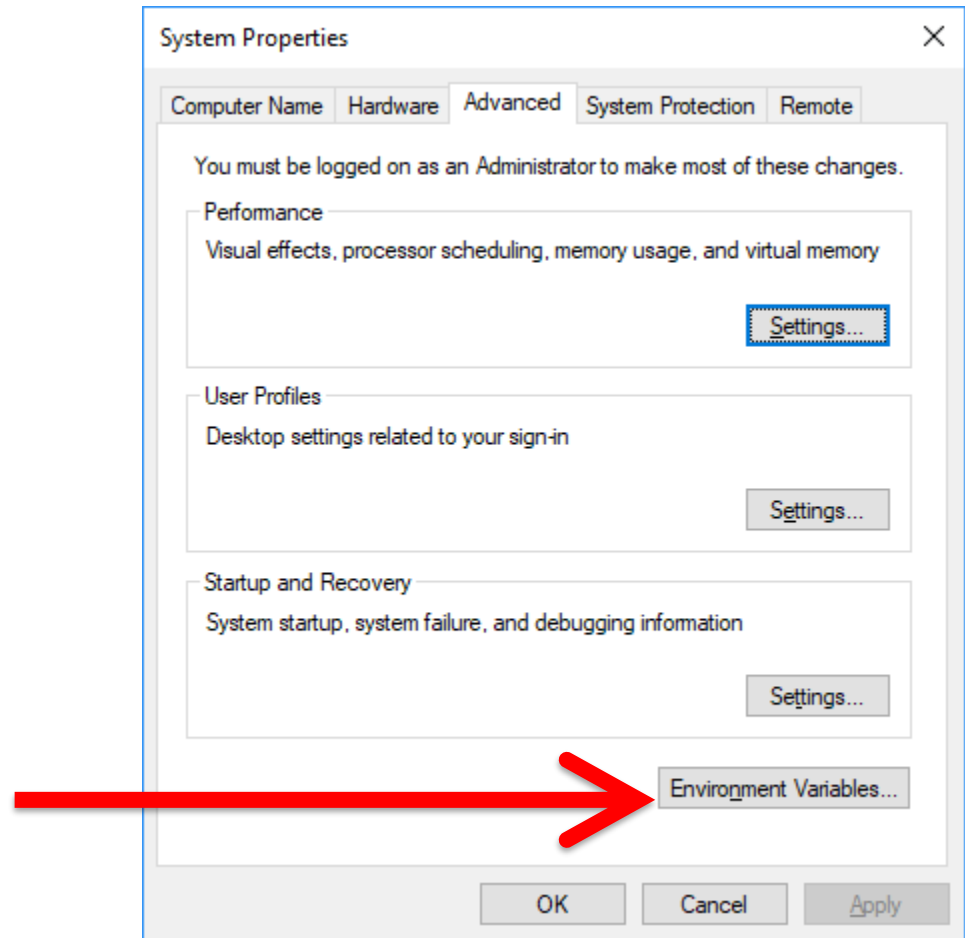
Implementation

- Install imagej
 - Put the location of 'ImageJ.exe' to path



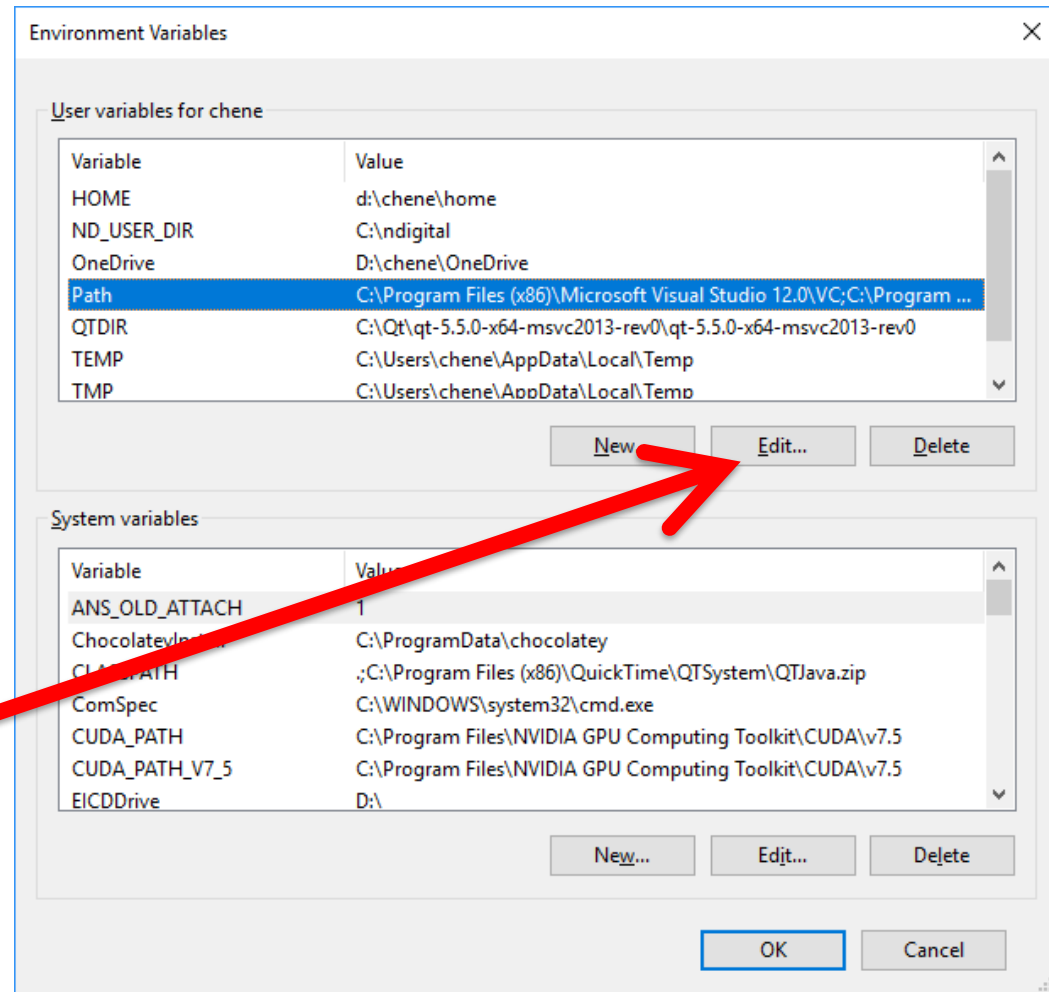
Implementation

- Install imagej
 - Put the location of 'ImageJ.exe' to path



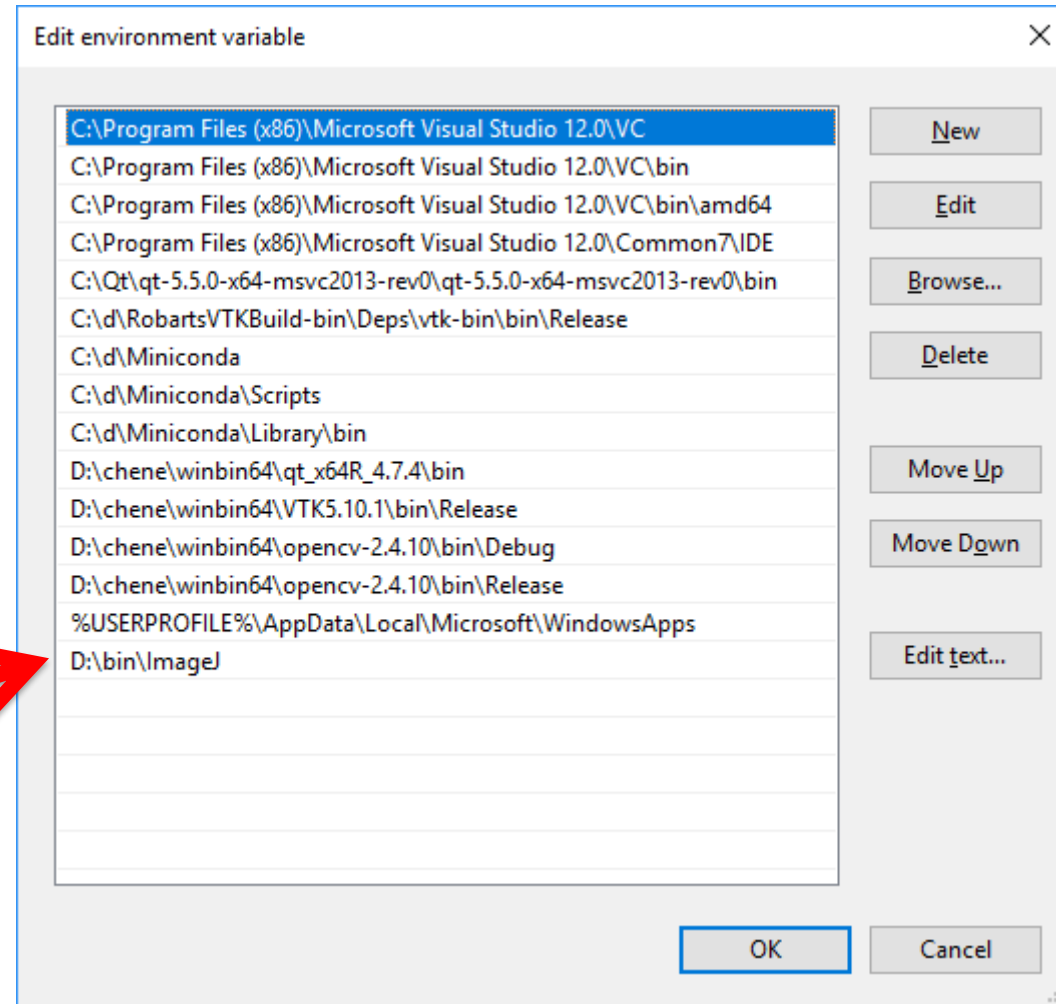
Implementation

- Install imagej
 - Put the location of 'ImageJ.exe' to path



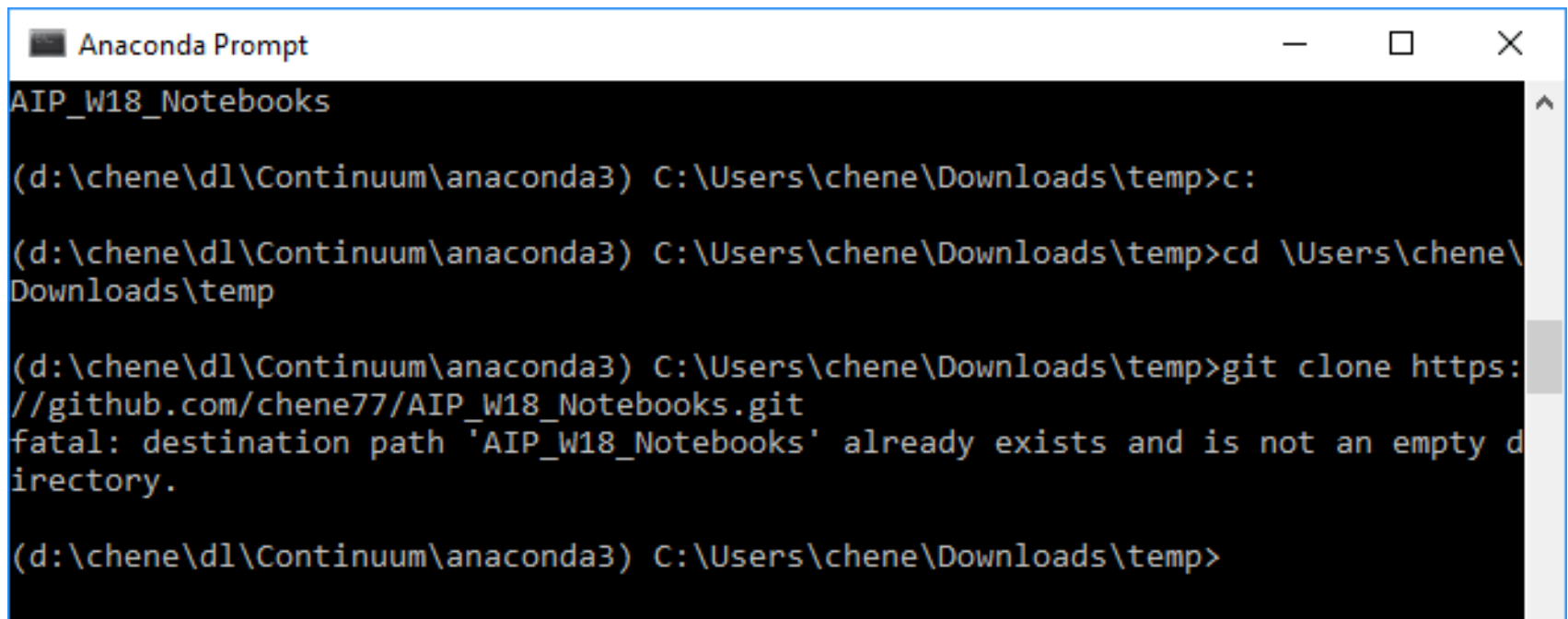
Implementation

- Install imagej
 - Put the location of 'ImageJ.exe' to path



Implementation

- In an Anaconda prompt, create a directory at a location of choice,

A screenshot of an Anaconda Prompt window. The title bar reads "Anaconda Prompt". The terminal content shows the following commands and output:

```
AIP_W18_Notebooks  
  
(d:\chene\dl\Continuum\anaconda3) C:\Users\chene\Downloads\temp>c:  
  
(d:\chene\dl\Continuum\anaconda3) C:\Users\chene\Downloads\temp>cd \Users\chene\  
Downloads\temp  
  
(d:\chene\dl\Continuum\anaconda3) C:\Users\chene\Downloads\temp>git clone https:  
//github.com/chene77/AIP_W18_Notebooks.git  
fatal: destination path 'AIP_W18_Notebooks' already exists and is not an empty d  
irectory.  
  
(d:\chene\dl\Continuum\anaconda3) C:\Users\chene\Downloads\temp>
```

Implementation

- Using the newly install git, clone the following github repository: 'git clone https://github.com/chene77/UWO_AIP_FW18.git'

Anaconda Prompt

```
(base) C:\Users\chene>cd Documents
```

```
(base) C:\Users\chene\Documents>git clone https://github.com/chene77/UWO_AIP_FW18.git
```

Implementation

- 'cd' to the main git directory, create an environment for SimpleITK using the following command 'conda env create -f environment.yml'

Implementation

```
Anaconda Prompt - conda env create -f environment.yml

(base) c:\chene\src\AIP_W19>conda env create -f environment.yml
Solving environment: done

Downloading and Extracting Packages
qtconsole-4.4.3      | 176 KB | ##### | 100%
prompt_toolkit-2.0.7 | 482 KB | ##### | 100%
send2trash-1.5.0    | 16 KB  | ##### | 100%
pandoc-2.2.3.2      | 21.0 MB | ##4    | 3%
entrypoints-0.2.3   | 9 KB   | ##### | 100%
colorama-0.4.1      | 24 KB  | ##### | 100%
six-1.12.0          | 22 KB  | ##### | 100%
wincertstore-0.2    | 13 KB  | ##### | 100%
setuptools-40.6.3   | 625 KB | ##### | 100%
pandas-0.23.4       | 8.6 MB | #####8 | 17%
scipy-1.1.0         | 13.3 MB | #####6 | 17%
pyzmq-17.1.2        | 401 KB | ##### | 100%
mkl_fft-1.0.6       | 166 KB | ##### | 100%
ipywidgets-7.4.2    | 151 KB | ##### | 100%
ipykernel-5.1.0     | 156 KB | ##### | 100%
decorator-4.3.0     | 16 KB  | ##### | 100%
tornado-5.1.1       | 666 KB | ##### | 100%
pygments-2.3.1      | 1.4 MB | ##### | 100%
numpy-1.15.4        | 47 KB  | ##### | 100%
prometheus_client-0 | 67 KB  | ##### | 100%
testpath-0.4.2      | 92 KB  | ##### | 100%
matplotlib-3.0.2    | 6.5 MB | #####9 | 32%
backcall-0.1.0      | 20 KB  | ##### | 100%
traitlets-4.3.2     | 131 KB | ##### | 100%
numpy-base-1.15.4  | 3.9 MB | #####7 | 15%
```

Implementation

- If you are getting error message such as “Error([('SSL routines', 'ssl3_get_record', 'decryption failed or bad record mac')))” than your internet connection is unstable. Repeat the process until it is completed.

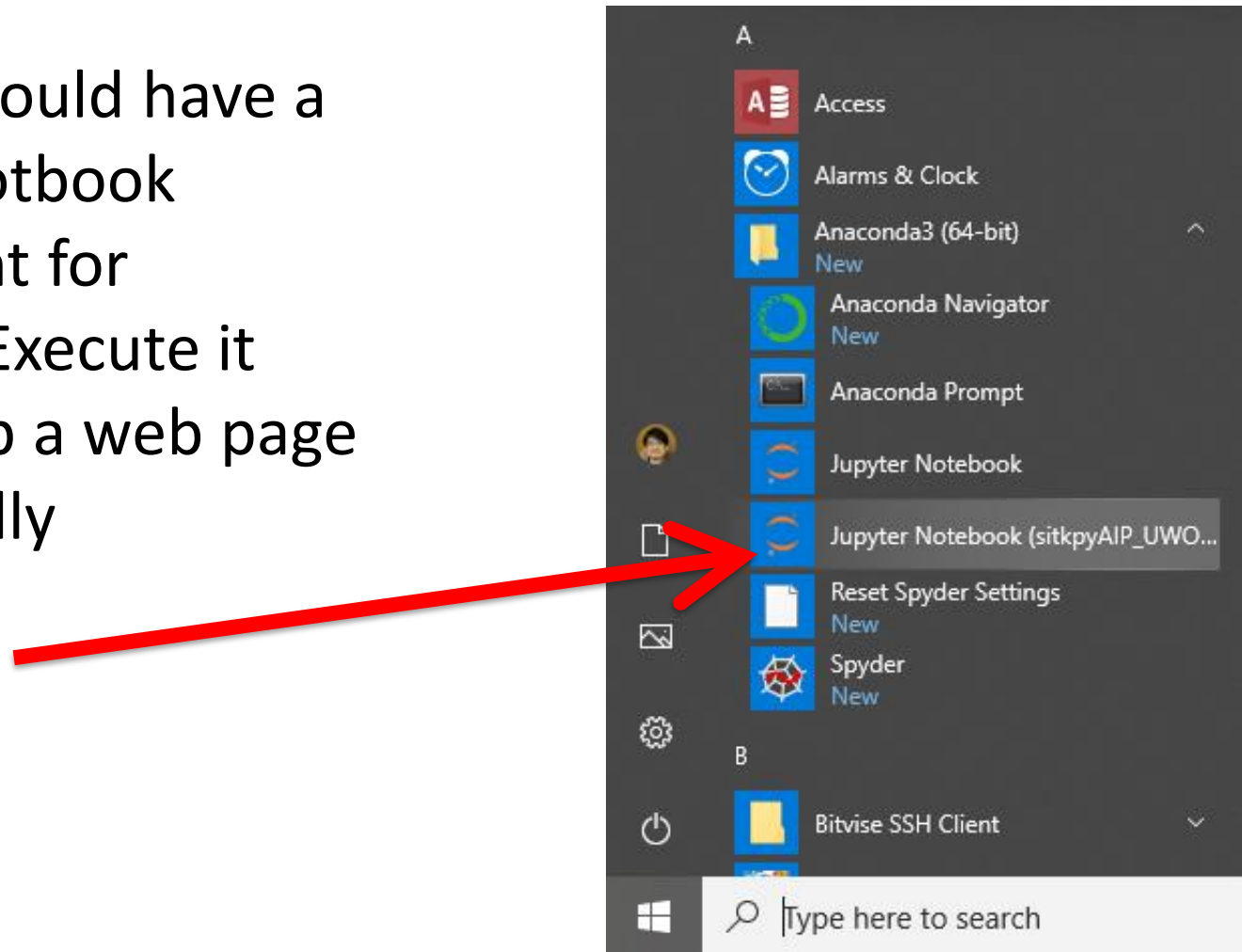
Implementation

- After the installation is complete, activate SimpleITK environment with the following 'conda activate sitkpy'

```
y ; C:\chene\Anaconda3\envs\sitkpy ; C:\chene\Anaconda3\envs\sitkpy\pythonw.exe ; C:\chene\Anaconda3\envs\sitkpy\Scripts\jupyter-qtconsole-script.py']
done
#
# To activate this environment, use
#
#     $ conda activate sitkpy
#
# To deactivate an active environment, use
#
#     $ conda deactivate
#
(base) c:\Users\chene\Desktop\AIP_W18_Notebooks\Python>
```

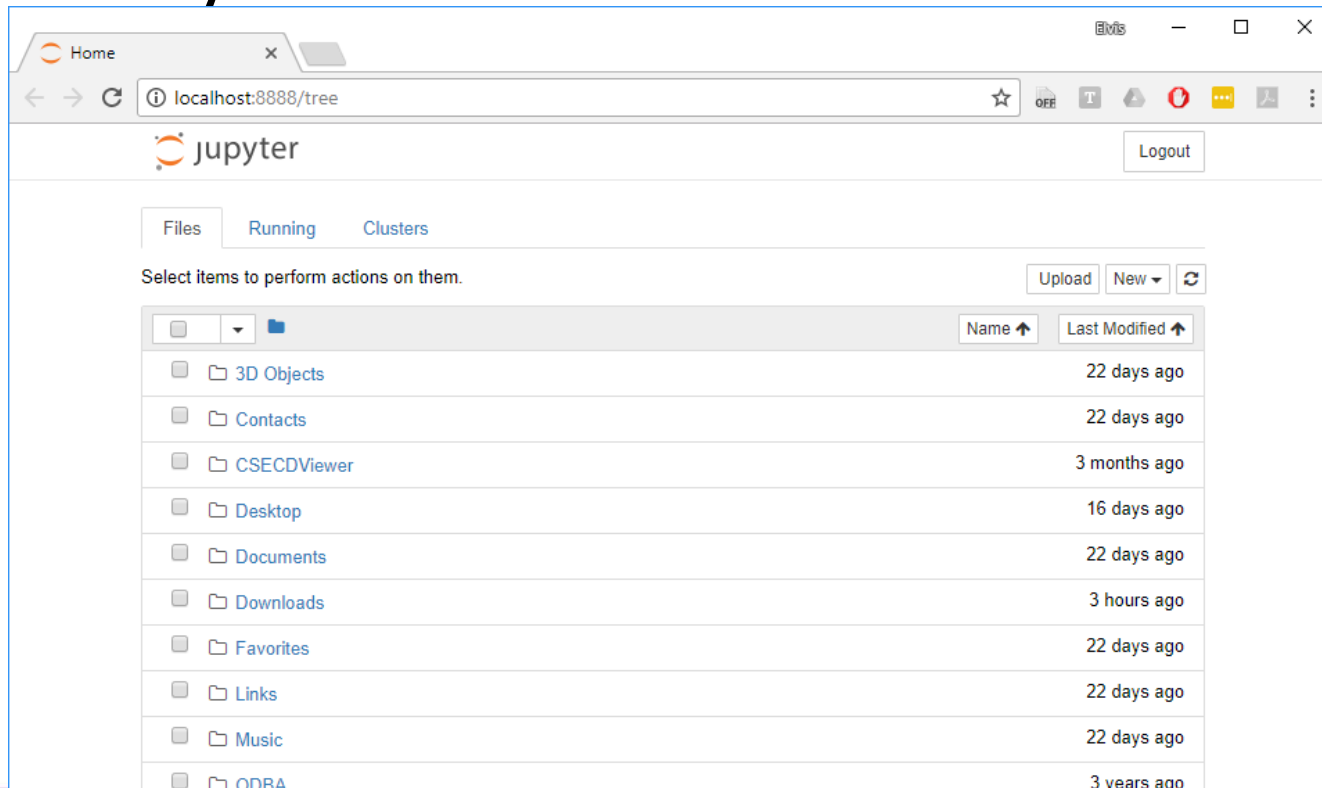

Implementation

- Now you should have a Jupyter Nootbook environment for SimpleITK. Execute it will bring up a web page hosted locally



Implementation

- The 'root' directory is the user's home directory:



Conclusions

- Now we have a working python with a visualization environment
- Continued with the python tutorial...

Useful links

- Jupyter Notebook tutorial
 - <https://www.datacamp.com/community/tutorials/tutorial-jupyter-notebook>

Jupyter Notebook

- Jupyter Notebook (SITKPY) live demo

Questions/Comments

- Instructor
 - Elvis Chen, PhD, LEL
 - echen29@uwo.ca
- Teaching Assistant
 - Reid Francis Vassallo
 - rvassall@uwo.ca
 - 1hr/week, email for appointment