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TFRecord and tf.Example

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Overview

In this lab, you create, parse, and use the `tf.Example` message, and then serialize, write, and read `tf.Example` messages to and from `.tfrecord` files. To read data efficiently it can be helpful to serialize your data and store it in a set of files (100-200MB each) that can each be read linearly. This is especially true if the data is being streamed over a network. This can also be useful for caching any data-preprocessing.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the TFRecord format for storing data
- Understand the `tf.Example` message type
- Read and Write a TFRecord file

Setup

For each lab, you get a new Google Cloud project and set of resources for a fixed time at no cost.

- Make sure you signed into Qwiklabs using an **incognito window**.
- Note the lab's access time (for example, **02:00:00**) and make sure you can finish in that time block.

There is no pause feature. You can restart if needed, but you have to start at the beginning.

- When ready, click **START LAB**.

- Note your lab credentials. You will use them to sign in to the Google Cloud Console.

Open Google Console

Caution: When you are in the console, do not deviate from the lab instructions. Doing so may cause your account to be blocked. [Learn more](#).

Username
google2876526_student@qwiklabs.n

Password
TG959yrKDX

GCP Project ID
qwiklabs-gcp-0855e773352d3560

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- Click **Open Google Console**.
- Click **Use another account** and copy/paste credentials for **this** lab into the prompts.

If you use other credentials, you'll get errors or **incur charges**.

- Accept the terms and skip the recovery resource page.

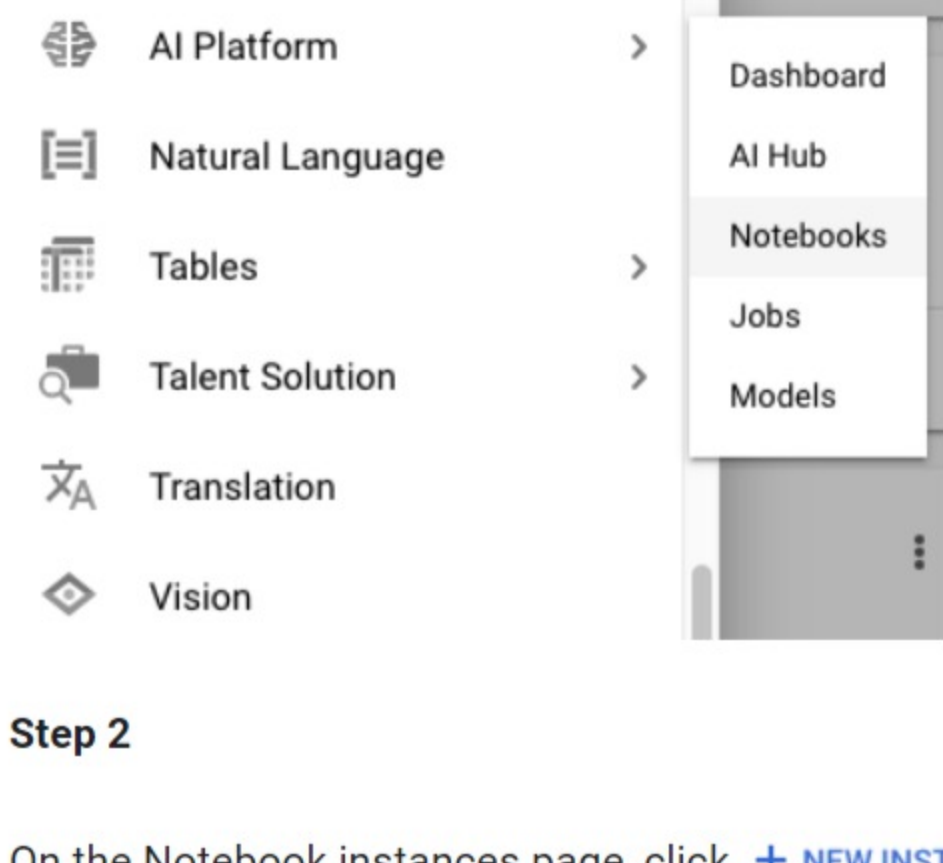
Do not click **End Lab** unless you are finished with the lab or want to restart it. This clears your work and removes the project.

Launch AI Platform Notebooks

To launch AI Platform Notebooks:

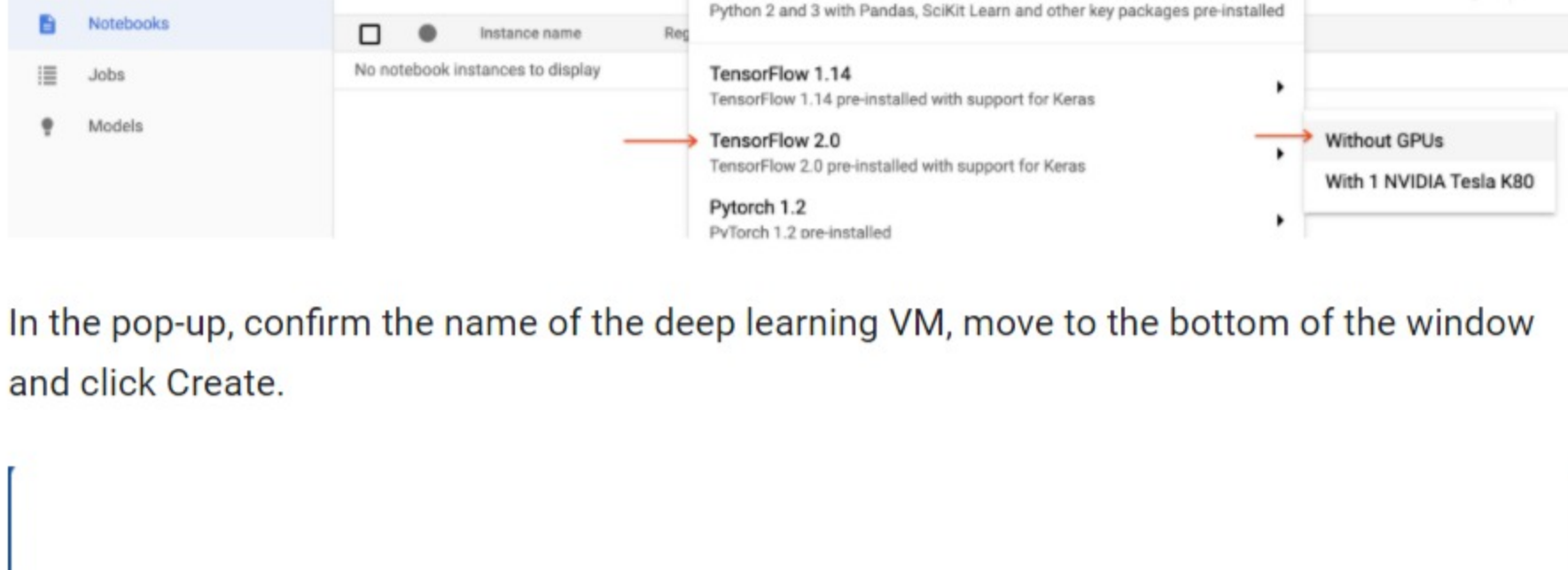
Step 1

Click on the Navigation Menu. Navigate to AI Platforms, then to Notebooks.



Step 2

On the Notebook instances page, click **+ NEW INSTANCE**. Select TensorFlow 2.x without GPUs.



In the pop-up, confirm the name of the deep learning VM, move to the bottom of the window and click Create.

New notebook instance

Instance name *
tensorflow-20191031-100408

Environment:
Image: TensorFlow 2.0 (with Intel® MKL-DNN/MKL and CUDA 10.0)
Packages: python2, python3, scikit-learn, pandas, and nltk.

Machine configurations: ⓘ
Region and zone: us-west1-b
Machine type: 4 vCPUs, 15 GB RAM
Boot disk: 100 GB Disk

Networking:
Subnetwork *
default(10.138.0.0/20)

External IP: Ephemeral(Automatic)

Permission:
Compute Engine default service account

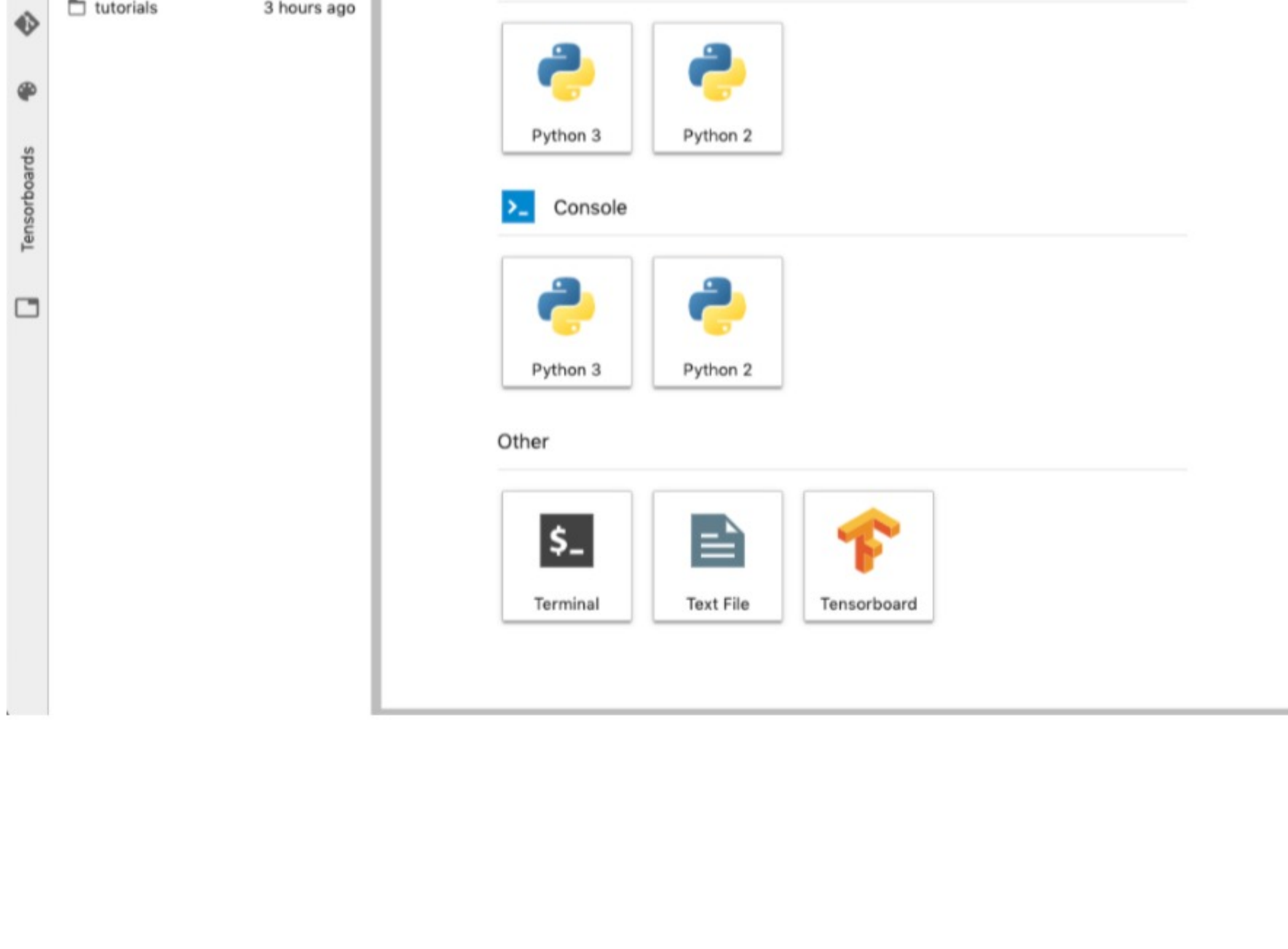
Estimated cost: ⓘ
\$99.89 monthly, \$0.137 hourly

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The new VM will take 2-3 minutes to start.

Step 3

Click **Open JupyterLab**. A JupyterLab window will open in a new tab.

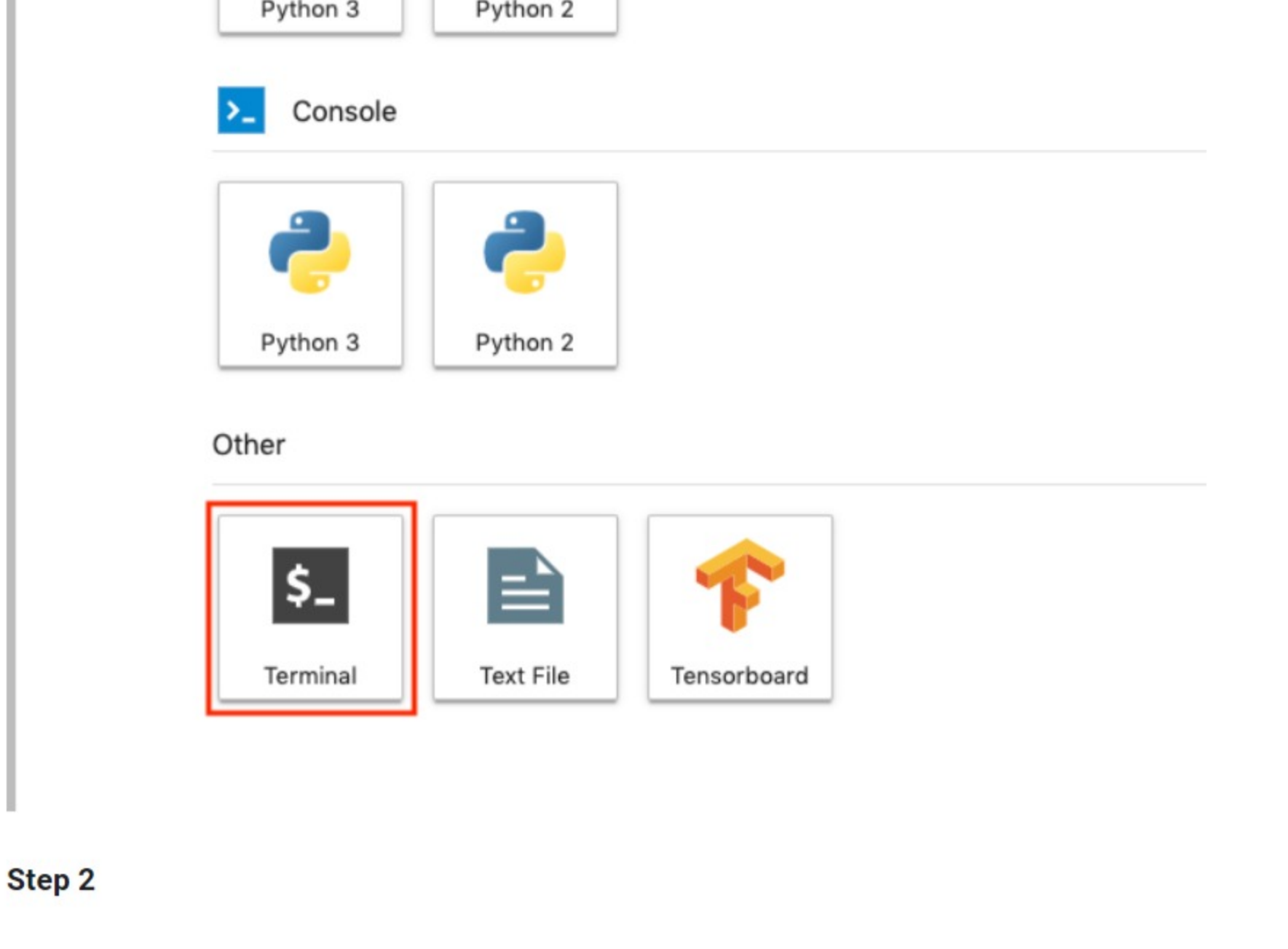


Clone course repo within your AI Platform Notebooks instance

To clone the `training-data-analyst` notebook in your JupyterLab instance:

Step 1

In JupyterLab, click the Terminal icon to open a new terminal.



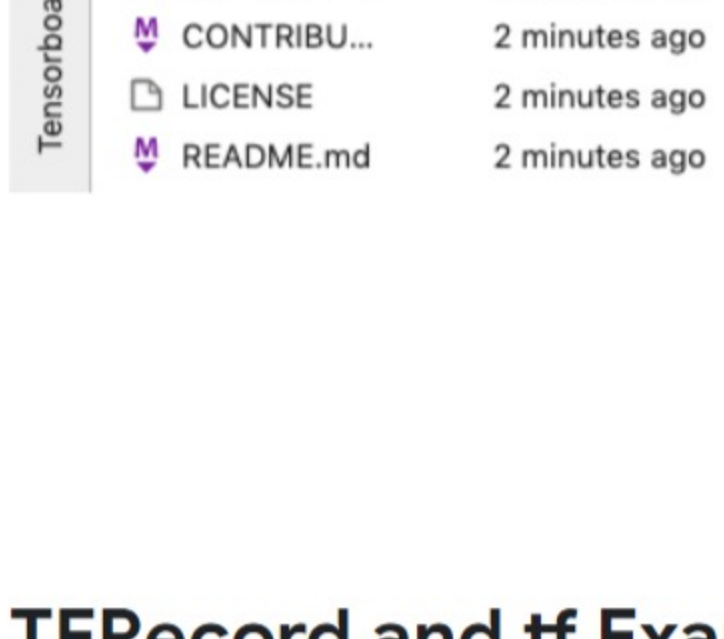
Step 2

At the command-line prompt, type in the following command and press Enter.

```
git clone https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/training-data-analyst
```

Step 3

Confirm that you have cloned the repository by double clicking on the `training-data-analyst` directory and ensuring that you can see its contents. The files for all the Jupyter notebook-based labs throughout this course are available in this directory.



TFRecord and tf.Example

Step 1

In the notebook interface, navigate to **training-data-analyst > courses > machine_learning > deepdrive2 > introduction_to_tensorflow > labs** and open **tfrecord-tf.example.ipynb**.

Step 2

In the notebook interface, click on **Edit > Clear All Outputs** (click on Edit, then in the drop-down menu, select Clear All Outputs).

Carefully read through the notebook instructions and fill in lines marked with `#TODO` where you need to complete the code as needed

Tip: To run the current cell you can click the cell and hit **shift+enter**. Other cell commands are found in the notebook UI under **Run**.

- Hints may also be provided for the tasks to guide you along. Highlight the text to read the hints (they are in white text).
- If you need more help, you may take a look at the complete solution by navigating to **training-data-analyst > courses > machine_learning > deepdrive2 > introduction_to_tensorflow > solutions** and open **tfrecord-tf.example.ipynb**.

End your lab

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