



# Jupyter Notebook and Kernels: An Expert's Guide

## What is Jupyter Notebook?

- Jupyter Notebook is an **interactive computing environment**
- It is widely used in data science, machine learning, education, and scientific research.

## Why Use Jupyter Notebook?:

- **Interactive Computing**
- **Data Visualization**
- **Documentation**

## How Does Jupyter Notebook Work?

- Jupyter Notebook uses a **client-server model**.
- The **notebook interface** runs in your **web browser**.
- When you execute code, the **kernel processes the code** and **returns the output to display**.

## What is a Kernel in Jupyter?

- A kernel is a program that runs the user's code.

# Features of Jupyter Notebook

## Markdown

**Markdown cells allow** you to include **rich text, formatted headers, lists, links, images**, and more. This is great for documenting your code and providing context.

Here's a simple table created using markdown.

Feature	Description
Headers	Use <code>#</code> , <code>##</code> , <code>###</code> for different heading levels.
Lists	Use <code>*</code> or <code>-</code> for bullet points.
Links	Use <code>[text](url)</code> to create hyperlinks.
Images	Use <code>![alt text](image_url)</code> to embed images.

## Inline Commands

You can execute **shell commands directly** within a Jupyter Notebook cell using `!` before the command. For example:

```
Unset
# windows
! dir

# linux
! ls
```

This command lists the files and directories in the current directory.

## Magic Commands

Magic commands are special functions provided by Jupyter that enhance the notebook environment. There are two types:

- **Line Magics:** Prefix with `%` and operate on a single line.
- **Cell Magics:** Prefix with `%%` and operate on the entire cell.

Here are some examples:

- `%timeit`: Times the execution of a single statement.

Unset

```
%timeit [x**2 for x in range(1000)]
```

## How to install Jupyter notebook?

step-by-step guide to setting up Jupyter notebook for Python on your system:

- **Install jupyter notebook:**
  - Open command prompt on Windows and activate the virtual environment then type below and press Enter.
  - Note: Jupyter notebook will open from the directory, where you start in command prompt

Python

```
> cd C:\Users\santhosh\<desired folder>
```

```
> sample_venv\Scripts\activate
```

```
> pip install jupyter
```

- **Install kernel**

- Enter below commands to create kernel

Python

*# Install ipykernel*

> pip install ipykernel

*# Register the Environment as a Jupyter Kernel*

> python -m ipykernel install --user

--name={virtual\_env\_name} --display-name {virtual\_env\_name}

*# Open jupyter notebook*

> jupyter notebook

*# Browser will open with Notebook - <http://localhost:8888/tree>*

*# Note: Once jupyter notebook opened in browser, it will have access to the directory where jupyter notebook started*

- **Kernel Selection**

- Goto <http://localhost:8888/tree> in a browser
- Click "**New**" to create a jupyter notebook on the top right side.
- select created kernel or existing kernel from the drop down.
- To change kernel in notebook: **Go to Kernel → Change Kernel → {virtual\_env\_name}**

After completing the setup, you can experiment with Python code in a Jupyter Notebook. A dedicated notebook for this purpose has been created and can be found in the `Courses/week0/Day1` folder within the Courses repository.