

Machine Learning in TensorFlow using the Estimator API

Overview

In this lab, you will create a machine learning model using the TensorFlow Estimator class and evaluate its performance.

Objectives

In this lab, you will learn about the following:

- Using the Estimator API to read data from a Pandas DataFrame.
- Building and evaluating a linear regression model using Estimators.

Setup

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

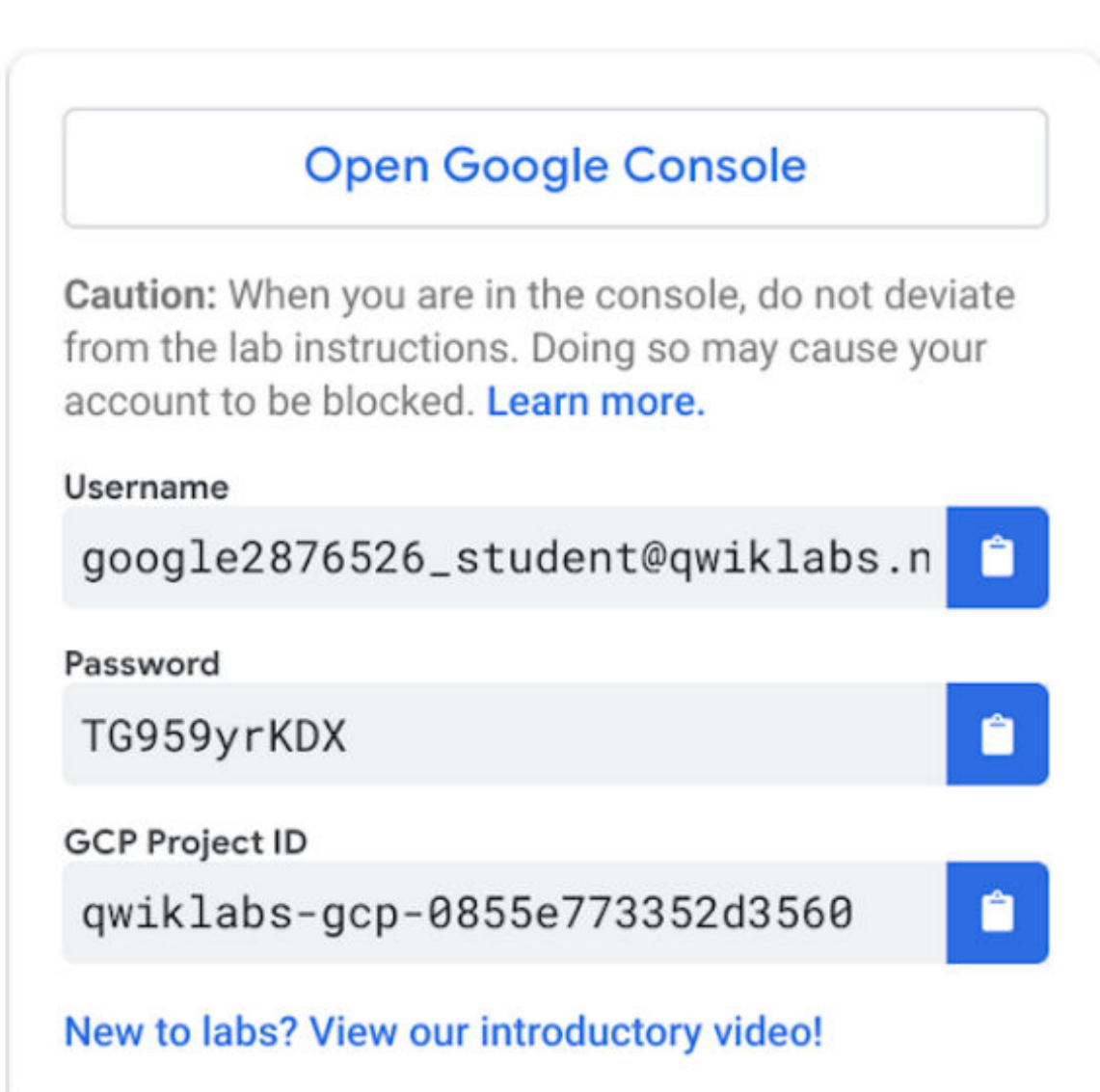
- Make sure you signed into Qwiklabs using an **Incognito window**.

- 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 Cloud Platform Console.



- 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.

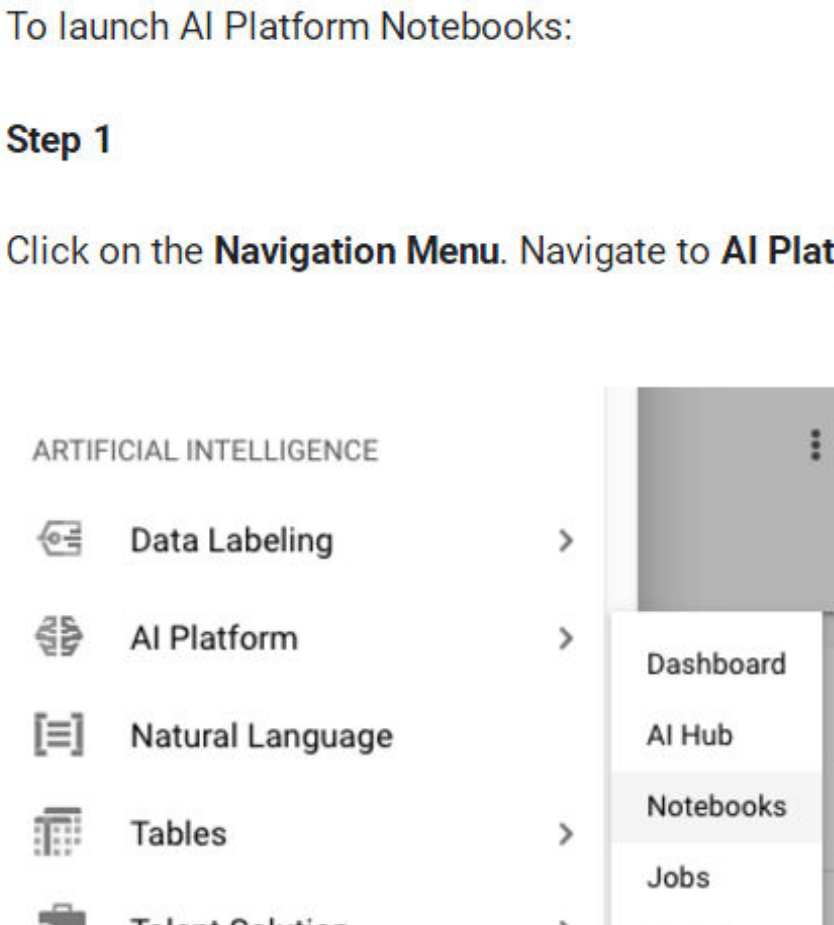
Do not click **End Lab** unless you are finished with the lab or want to restart it. This clears your work and removes the project.

Launch AI Platform Notebooks

To launch AI Platform Notebooks:

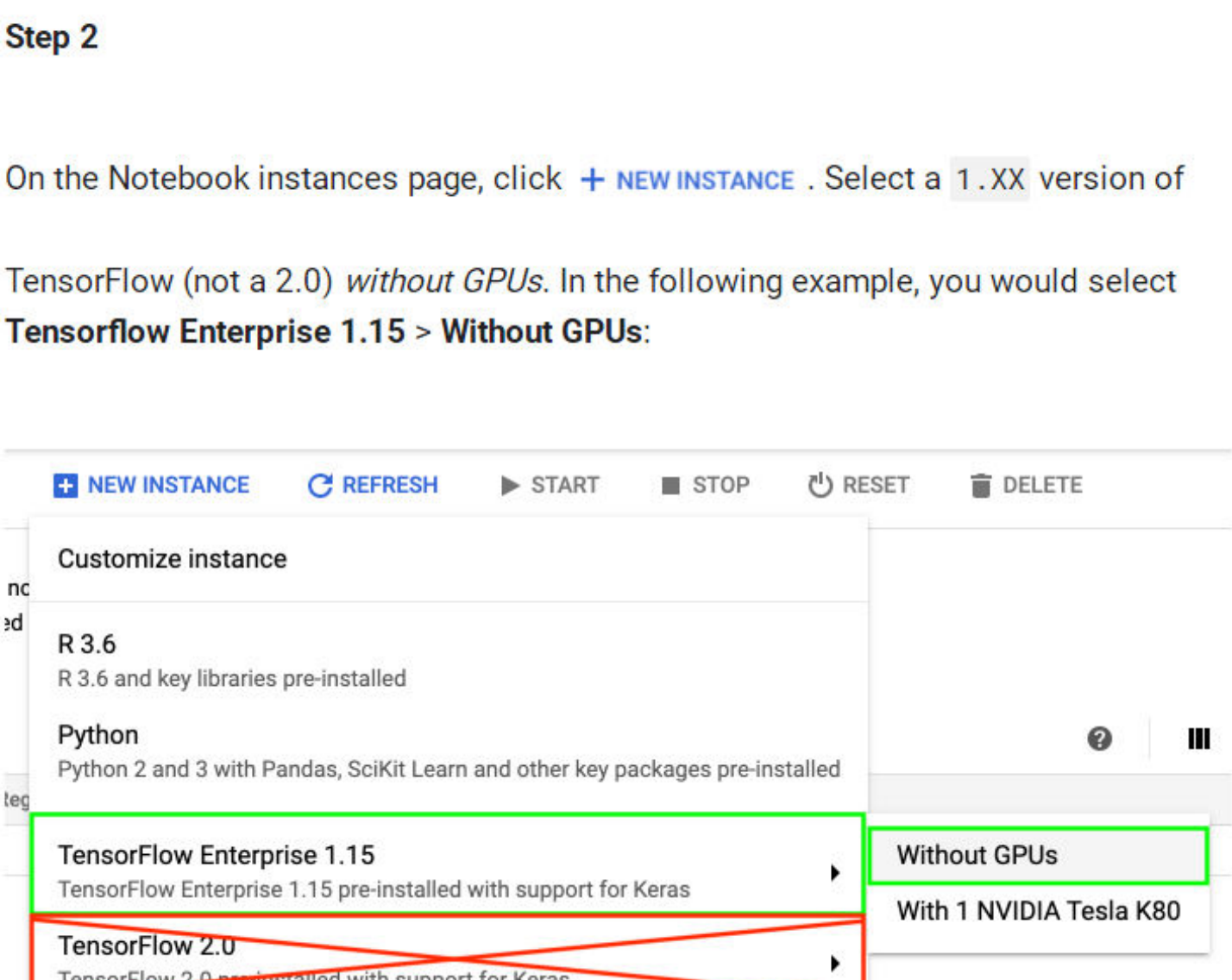
Step 1

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



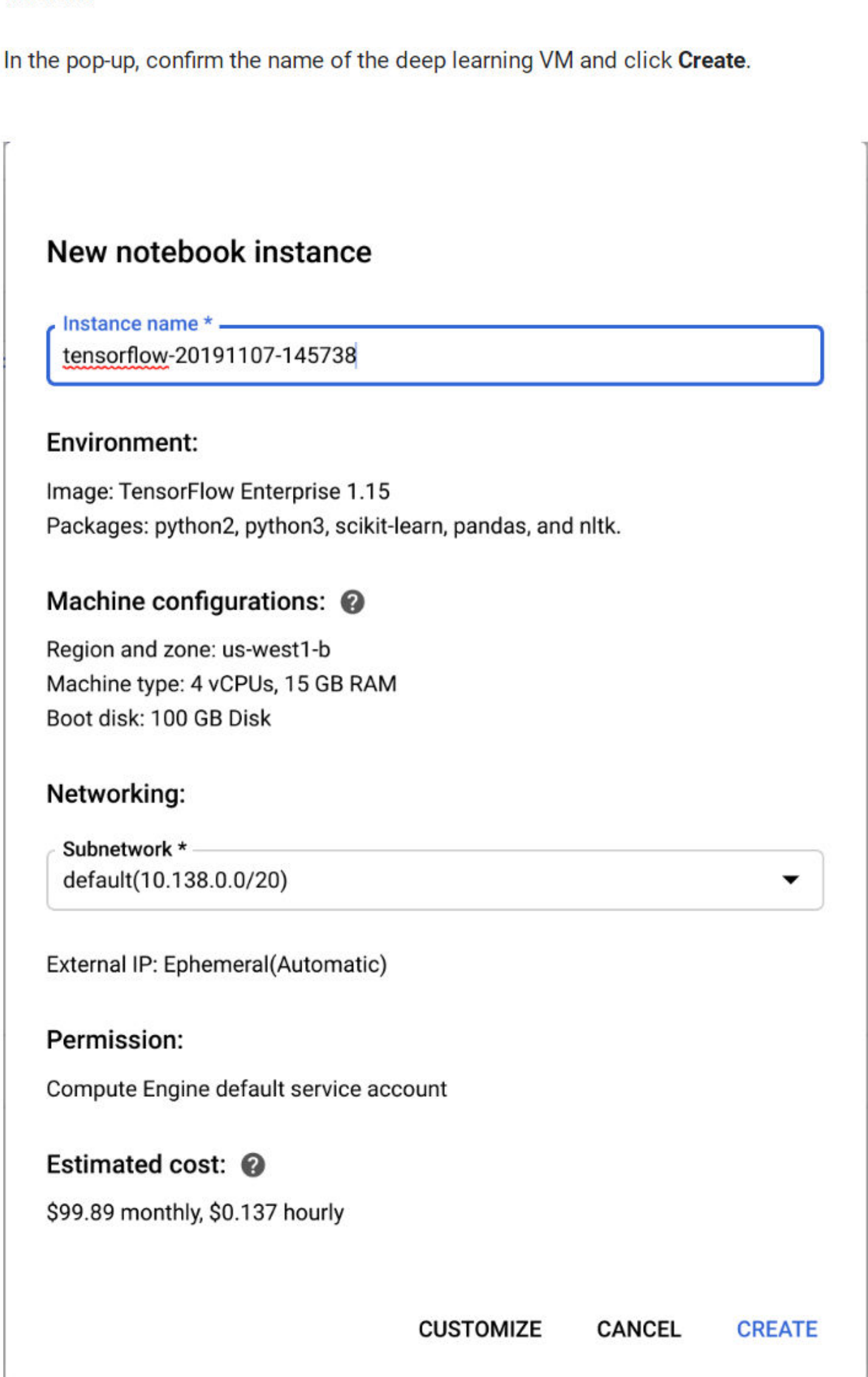
Step 2

On the Notebook instances page, click **+ NEW INSTANCE**. Select a 1.XX version of TensorFlow (not a 2.0) *without GPUs*. In the following example, you would select **Tensorflow Enterprise 1.15 > Without GPUs**:



Tensorflow 1.XX versions change semi-frequently, so the version you pick may be different.

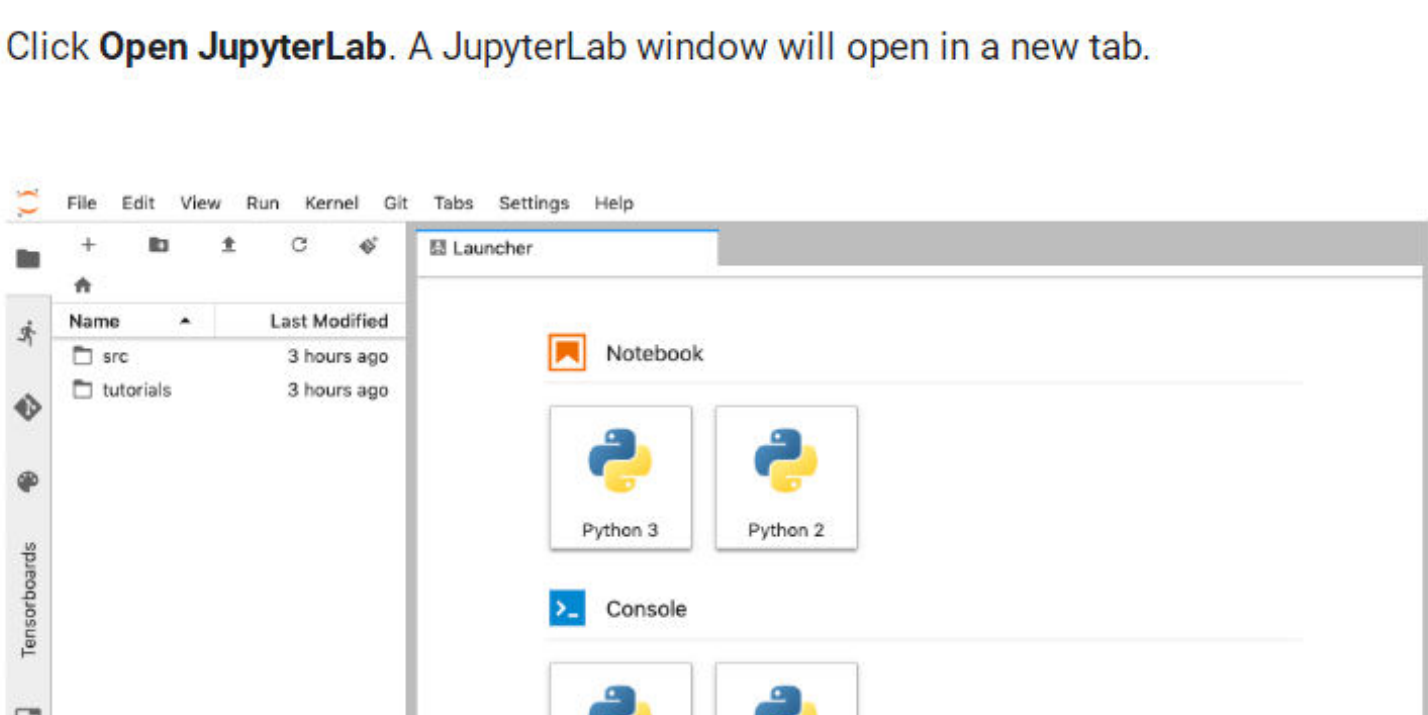
In the pop-up, confirm the name of the deep learning VM and click **Create**.



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

Step 3

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

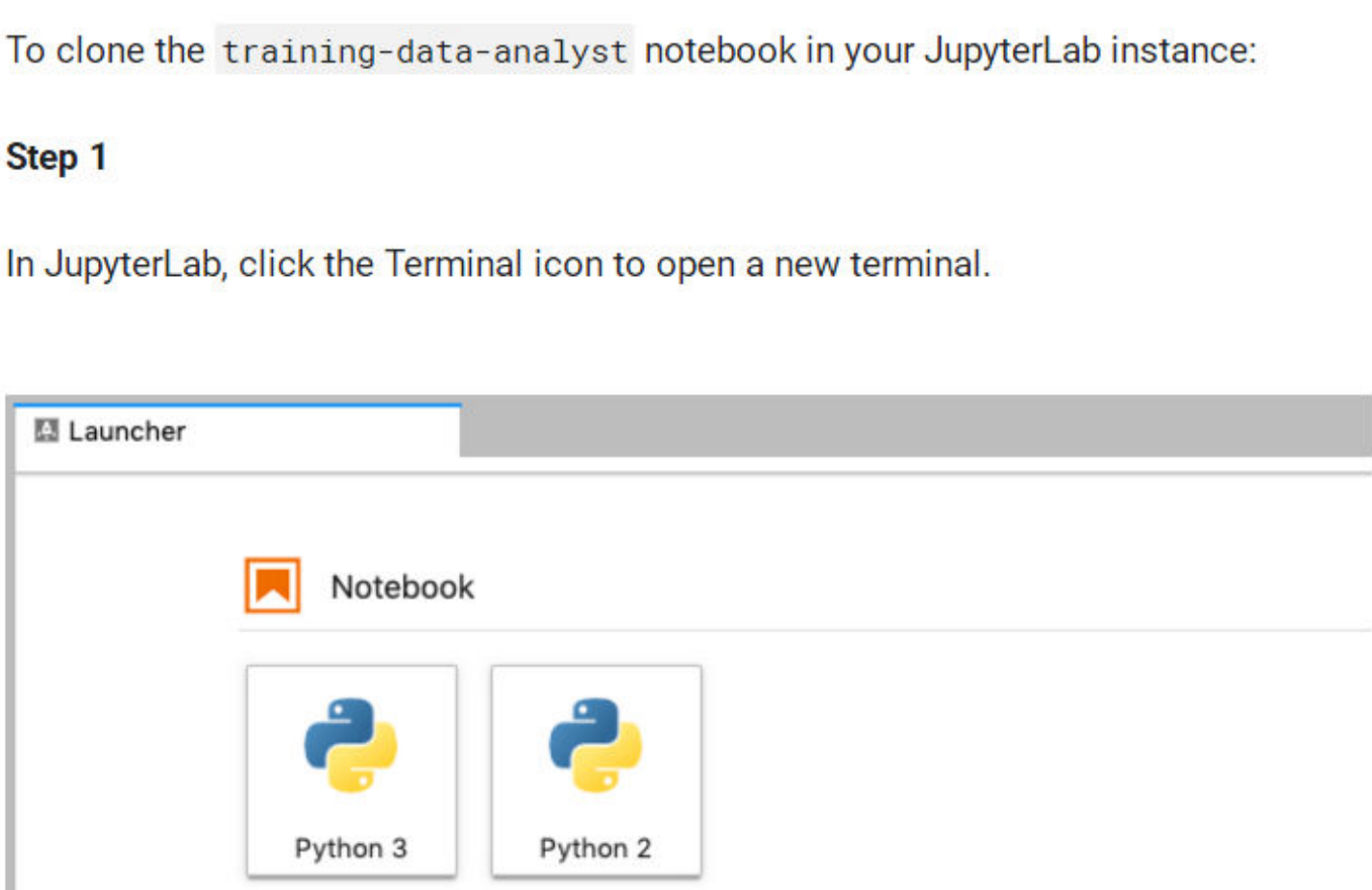


Clone course repo within your AI Platform Notebooks instance

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

Step 1

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



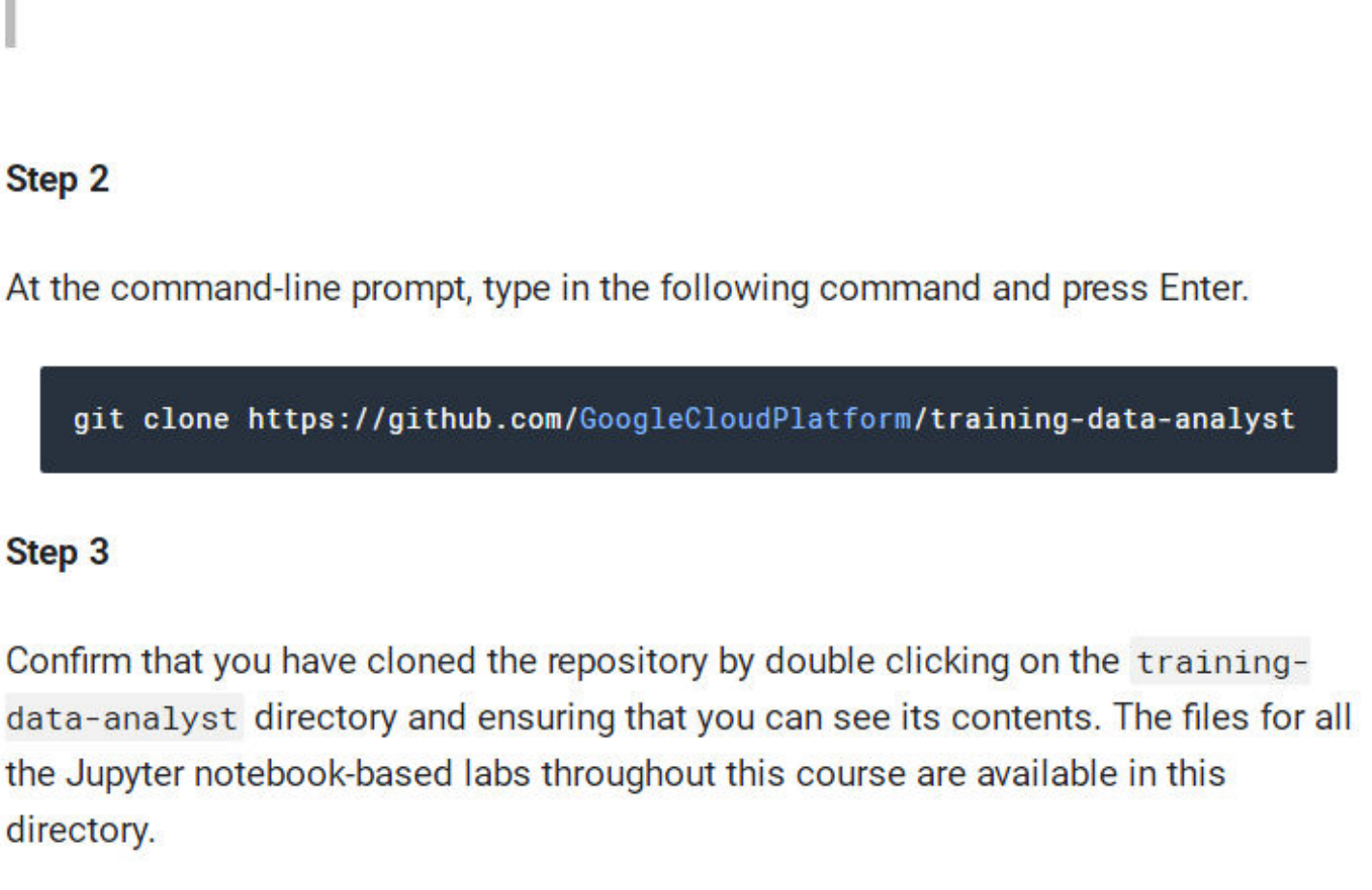
Step 2

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

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



Machine Learning using tf.estimator

Step 1

In the notebook interface, navigate to **training-data-analyst > courses > machine_learning > deepdive > 03_tensorflow > labs** and open **b_estimator.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).

Step 3

Compare to solution

In the parent level 03_tensorflow folder (above labs/) there is the solution notebook with the same title for comparison.

End your lab

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