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The HUB as a cloud based service

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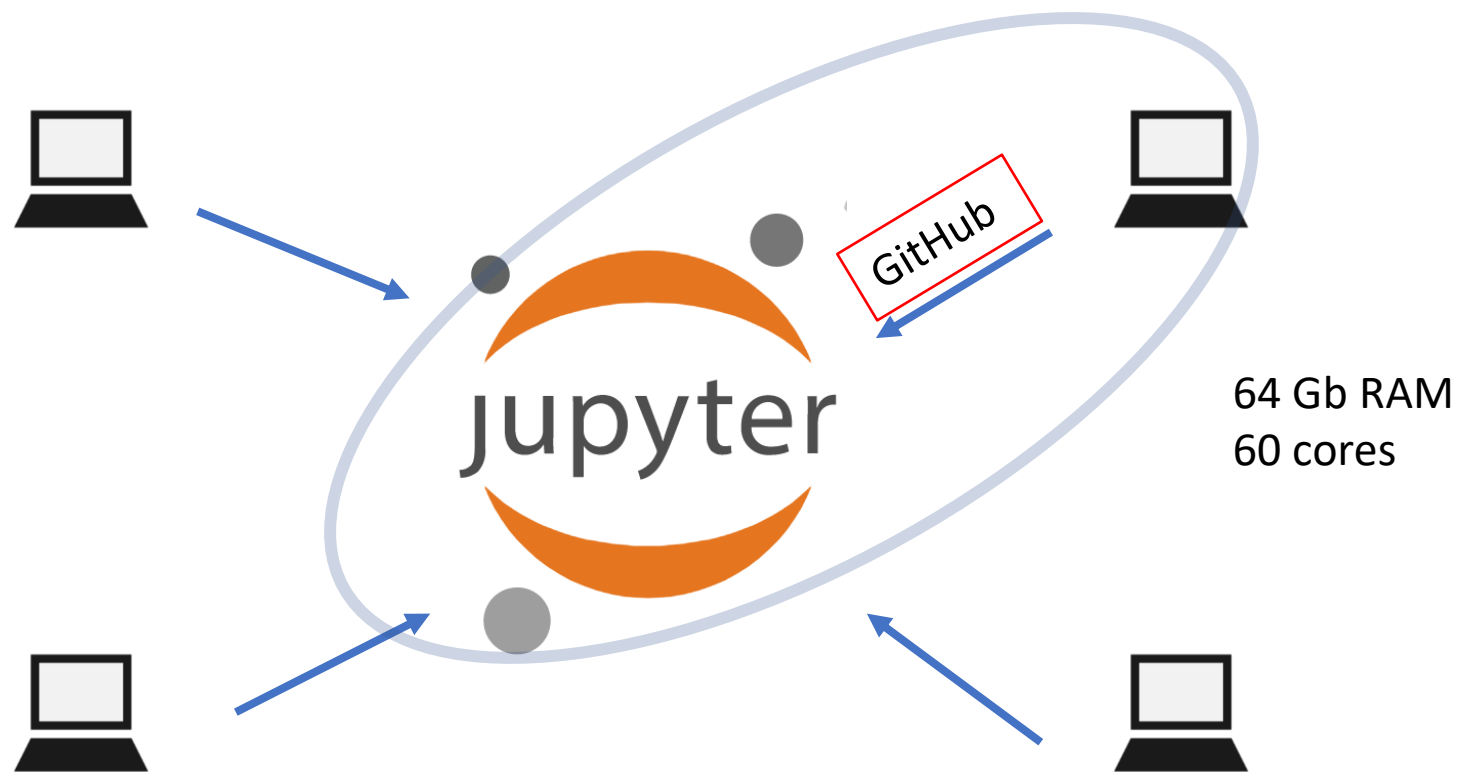


1. Introduction to the HUB
2. What can be done and what cannot be done

All the necessary information and material used in this training is available in our [GitHub repository](#)

The HUB

The HUB is a cloud based environment, powered by University of Cantabria, that allow registered users to access a JupyterLab. Here, users can work with R or python, install libraries, perform computational work





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How to use the HUB

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1. Login
2. Customize your environment (notebooks, folders, etc)
3. Open a notebook
4. Installing packages
5. Code of conduct




- [Log-in to the HUB](#) (You need to login to GitHub first). It is as simple as clicking the link
- You will be able to access the HUB if you were registered among allowed users
- If you are not, fear not. This workshop is useful regardless, so stay focus

Sign in with GitHub



Customize your environment

- Once you log in, you would see the page below. You are now using a virtual machine



Logout

Control Panel

Files

Running

Clusters

Select items to perform actions on them.

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File size

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IA-Monthly

2 days ago

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shared

a year ago

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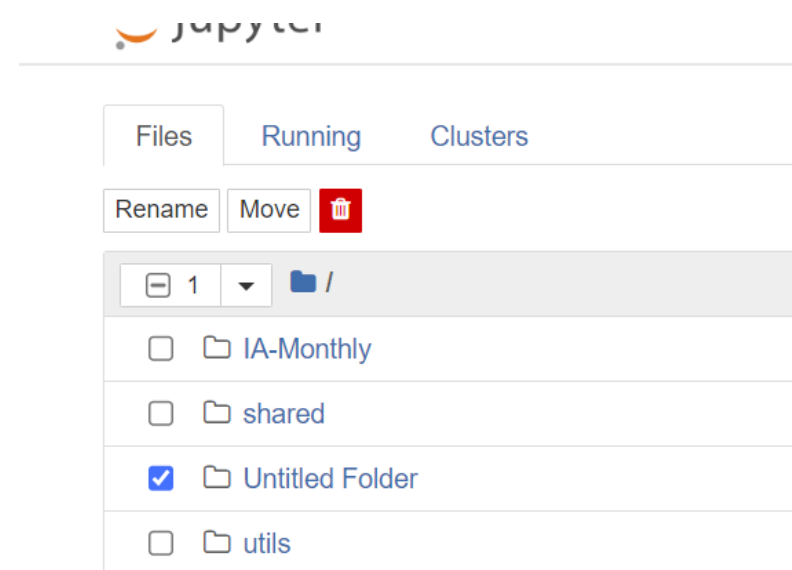
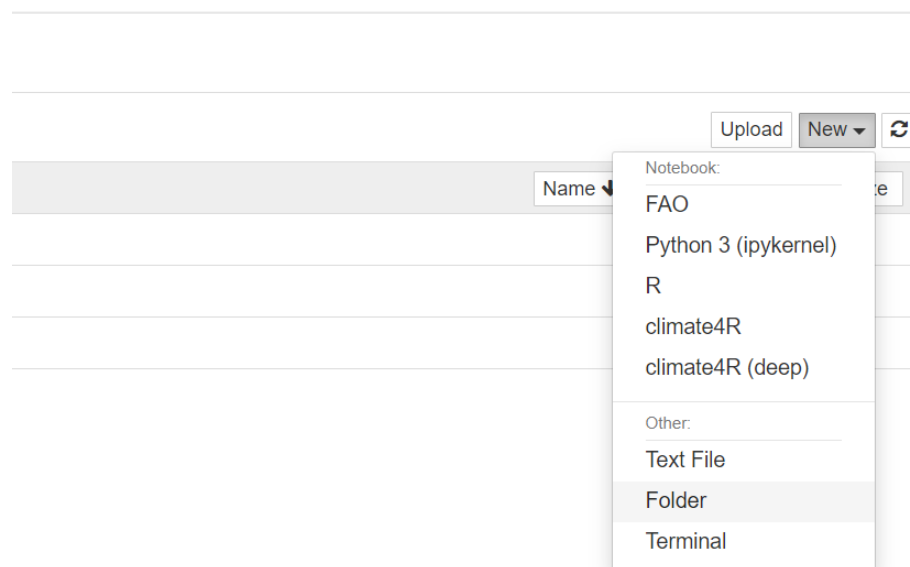
utils

3 days ago



Customize your environment

- You can now customize your environment (e.g create a folder with your name)





Customize your environment

- You can also upload some data (e.g an excel file) (**space is limited, do not upload Gbs of data**)

FilesRunningClusters

RenameMove

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IA-Monthly

2 days ago

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shared

a year ago

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Untitled Folder

a minute ago

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utils

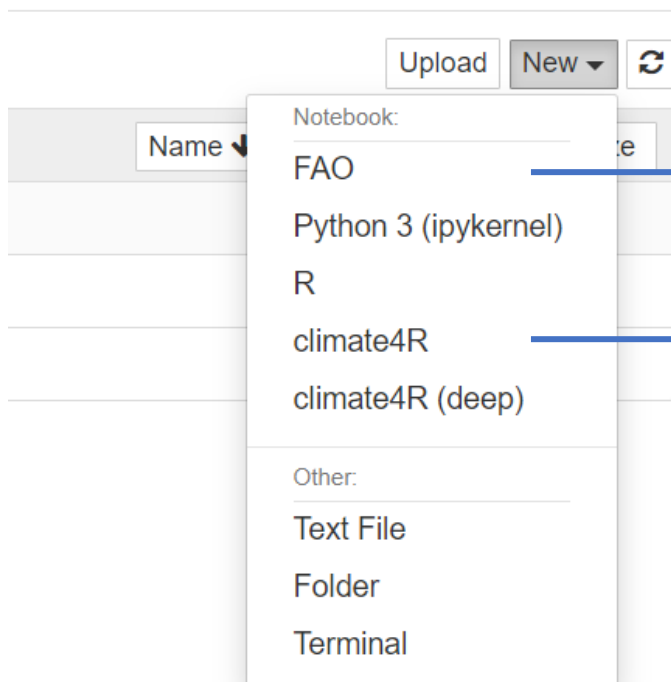
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Understanding environments

- You can choose the environment that you want to use. Environments are conda environments that contains R installation and a pre-set of installed packages. Read why it is useful to work with conda environments [here](#)



Create a FAO notebook to use CAVA Analytics and use most of the packages you would need

Create a climate4R notebook if you want to use with climate4R. FAO environment also contains climate4R



Opening a FAO notebook

Upload

New ▾

↺

Name ▾

Notebook:

FAO

Python 3 (ipykernel)

R

climate4R

climate4R (deep)

Other:

Text File

Folder

Terminal

Create a new FAO notebook

← → ↺

hub.ipcc.ifca.es/user/rso9192/notebooks/Untitled.ipynb?kernel_name=fao

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jupyter

Untitled

Last Checkpoint: a few seconds ago (unsaved changes)

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Logout

Control Panel

File

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Code

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In []:













Opening a FAO notebook

- Now you can work as you would normally do in Rstudio

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File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help Trusted  | FAO 

        Run    Code 

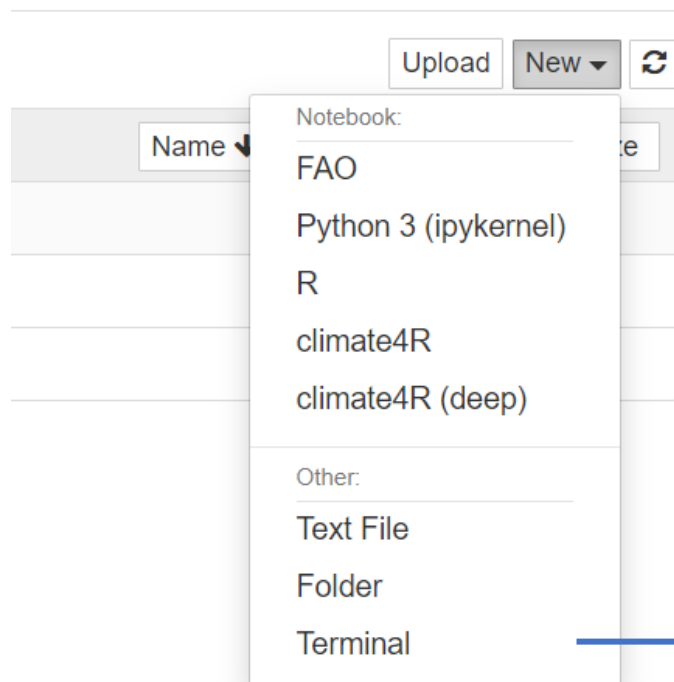
In [2]: `library(tidyverse)`

```
Warning message in system("timedatectl", intern = TRUE):  
"running command 'timedatectl' had status 1"  
Warning message:  
"Failed to locate timezone database"  
— Attaching core tidyverse packages — tidyverse 2.0.0 —  
✓ dplyr      1.1.0      ✓ readr      2.1.4  
✓ forcats    1.0.0      ✓ stringr    1.5.0  
✓ lubridate  1.9.2      ✓ tibble     3.1.8  
✓ purrr      1.0.1      ✓ tidyr      1.3.0  
— Conflicts — tidyverse_conflicts() —  
✗ dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()  
✗ dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()  
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
```



Installing packages

- Let's imagine you need a library that it is not installed in FAO or climate4R environments. To install a new package, you need to open a **terminal**



To install a new package open a terminal



- You will now see this

```
jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$
```

- Run **conda init bash**, close the terminal and open it again
- Check the available envs with `conda info --envs`

```
(base) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$ conda info --envs
# conda environments:
#
base                * /opt/conda
climate4r           /opt/conda/envs/climate4r
climate4tf          /opt/conda/envs/climate4tf
fao                 /opt/conda/envs/fao

(base) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$
```



- Now activate the environment in which you want to install a package, for example **conda activate fao**

```
(base) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$ conda activate fao
(fao) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$
```

- Open R

```
(base) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$ conda activate fao
(fao) jovyan@630fd26c9279:~$ R

R version 4.2.2 (2022-10-31) -- "Innocent and Trusting"
Copyright (C) 2022 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-conda-linux-gnu (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.
```

- Install the required package with `install.packages("ggplot2")`



- In the tab **running**, you will see what is currently running. **Remember to click on shutdown when done with your work. If you don't, you will be occupying memory**

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Currently running Jupyter processes



Terminals ▾

There are no terminals running.

Notebooks ▾

Untitled.ipynb

FAO

Shutdown

seconds ago



Code of conduct

- Be mindful on the usage of computational resources as these are shared among several users
- Do not upload excessive amount of data (several Gbs) from your local computer
- Always close your notebooks when done with your analyses



Exercise (10 minutes)

- Create a new folder with your name
- Open a FAO notebook and rename it
- Close the notebook

Thank you!

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