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# Anaconda Environment Setup

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This guide walks through the installation and configuration process for an Anaconda environment. This guide includes the following:

- Download and installation of Anaconda distribution for Python 3
- Configuration of Anaconda dev virtual environment
- Activation of Anaconda dev environment
- Installation of JupyterLab
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Anaconda downloads the Python 3.8 distribution by default, *however* - **we will create and use a virtual environment that utilizes Python 3.7 instead**, as many of our activities are not yet compatible with the new Python 3.8 version. **It is imperative that you create the virtual environment as indicated and activate it prior to running your code.**

## Download and Install Anaconda

1. Navigate to the Anaconda installation [documentation](#). It will be valuable to have the documentation available in case any issues arise.

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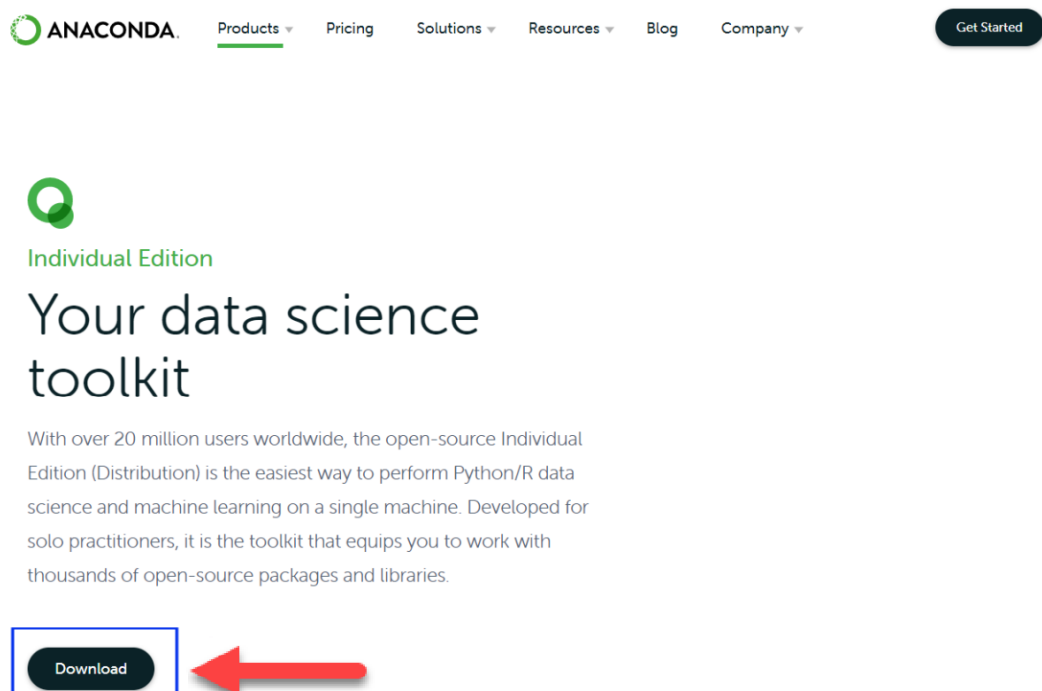
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2. Navigate to the Anaconda download site, which can be found [here](#). Click the **download** button as seen in the below image:



3. This will automatically move your screen to the download section of the page. Select the appropriate distribution for your system.

## Anaconda Installers

### Windows

Python 3.8  
64-Bit Graphical Installer (466 MB)  
32-Bit Graphical Installer (397 MB)

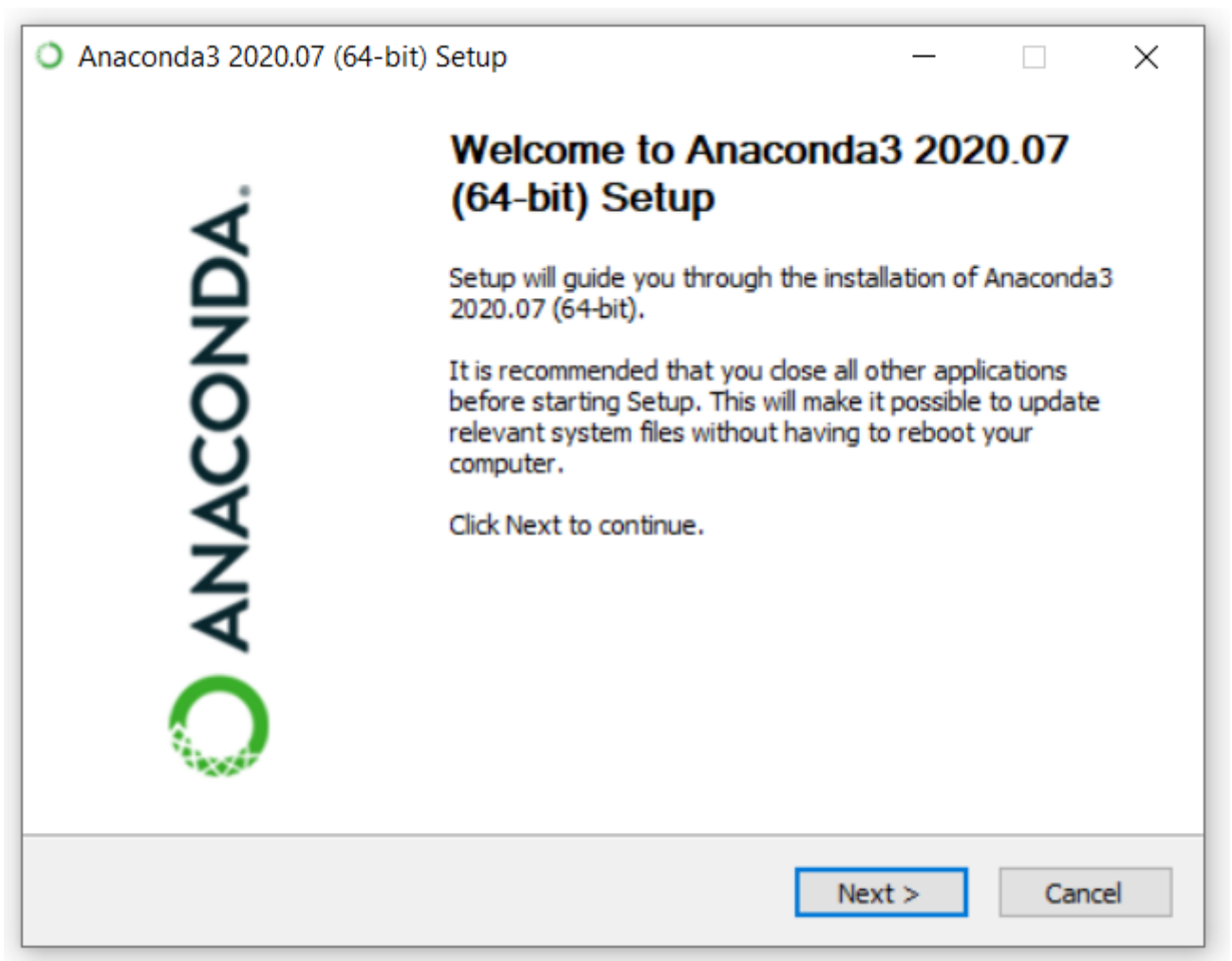
### MacOS

Python 3.8  
64-Bit Graphical Installer (462 MB)  
64-Bit Command Line Installer (454 MB)

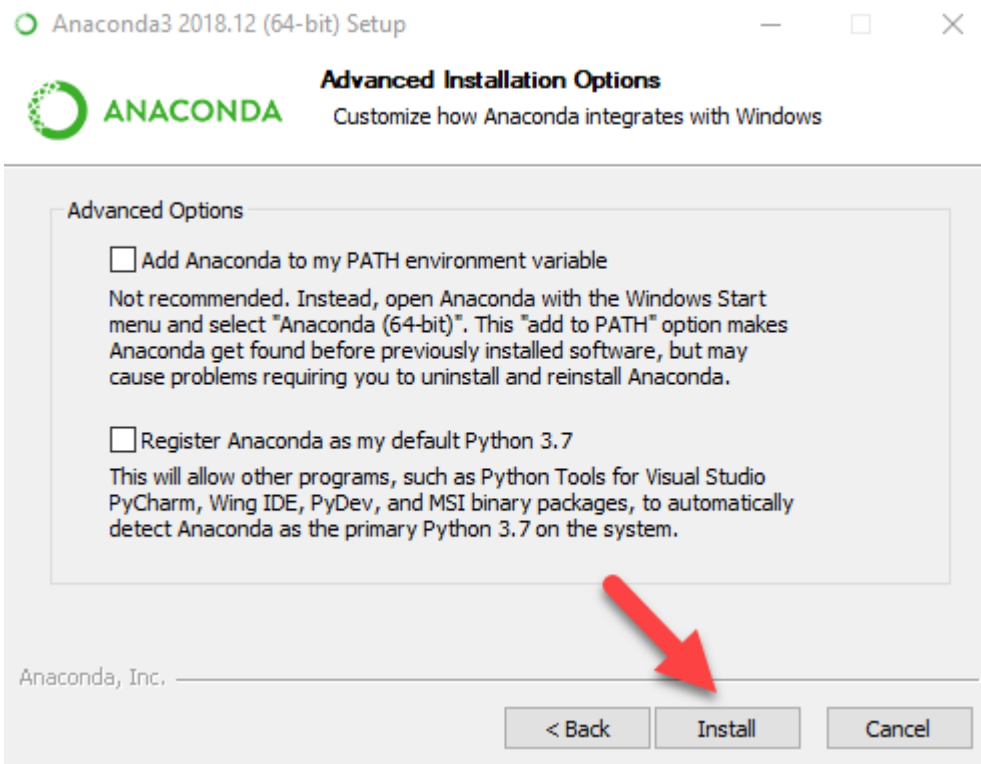
### Linux

Python 3.8  
64-Bit (x86) Installer (550 MB)  
64-Bit (Power8 and Power9) Installer (290 MB)

4. You will be asked to save the installer. Save it. After the download is complete, run the download file. This will launch an installation wizard that will walk you through the Anaconda install. Continue through the installation process by clicking either "I Agree" or "Next."



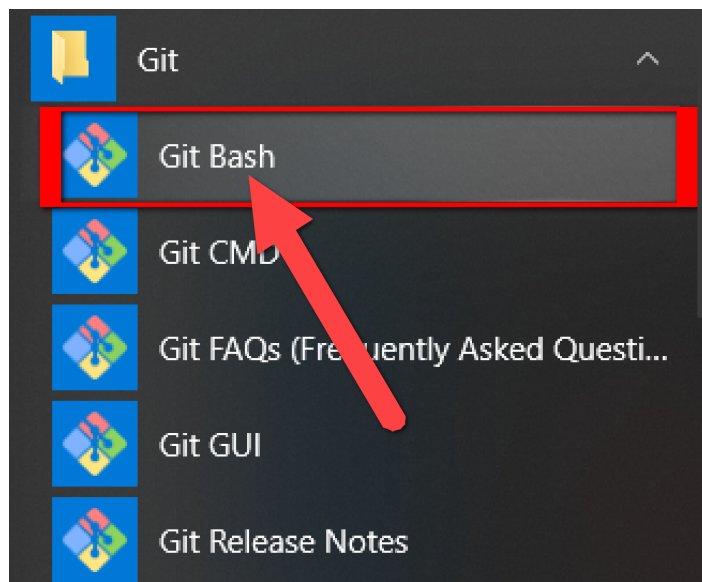
5. You will eventually get to a screen that asks if you would like to set your PATH environment variable using the installation wizard. Do NOT check this box. Make sure that both boxes are unchecked, as displayed in the below screenshot. Click [install](#).



6. Click Finish once the installation is complete.

7. Next, open the terminal (Mac) or Git Bash (Windows).

- Mac users can find the terminal by opening their Spotlight Search and typing **Terminal**.
- Windows users can open Git Bash by locating it in their Start Menu:

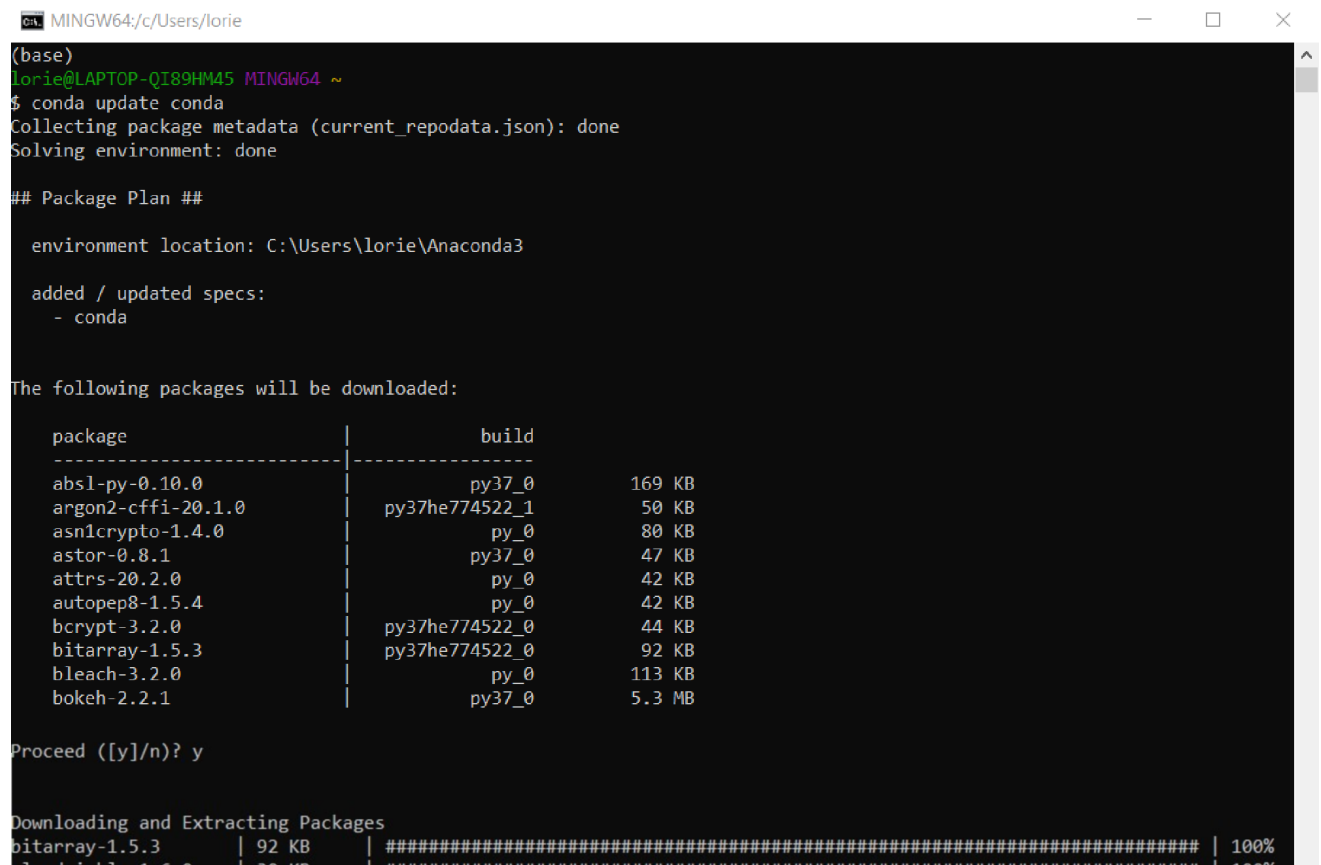


8. Now we will enable the terminal commands. The instructions differ by your operating system.

- **Windows:** In your terminal, run the command `conda init bash`. Then close your terminal, and start a new one.

- **Mac:** If you're running an OS version earlier than 10.15 OR running version 10.15 with a **bash** terminal environment, type **conda init bash**. If you're running versions 10.15 (Catalina) or later AND running the **zsh** environment, type **conda init zsh**. Then close your terminal, and start a new one.
9. Execute the following commands to ensure the latest Anaconda packages are installed. When prompted, enter "y" to proceed.

```
conda update conda
conda update anaconda
```

A terminal window titled 'MINGW64; c:/Users/lorie' showing the output of 'conda update conda'. The output includes package metadata collection, solving the environment, and a list of packages to be downloaded. The list includes packages like absl-py, argon2-cffi, asn1crypto, astor, attrs, autopep8, bcrypt, bitarray, bleach, and bokeh with their respective build identifiers and sizes. The user is prompted to proceed and enters 'y'. The bottom of the screenshot shows progress bars for downloading and extracting packages, with bitarray-1.5.3 at 92 KB and 100% completion.

```
(base)
lorie@LAPTOP-QI89HM45 MINGW64 ~
$ conda update conda
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done

## Package Plan ##

  environment location: C:\Users\lorie\Anaconda3

added / updated specs:
- conda

The following packages will be downloaded:

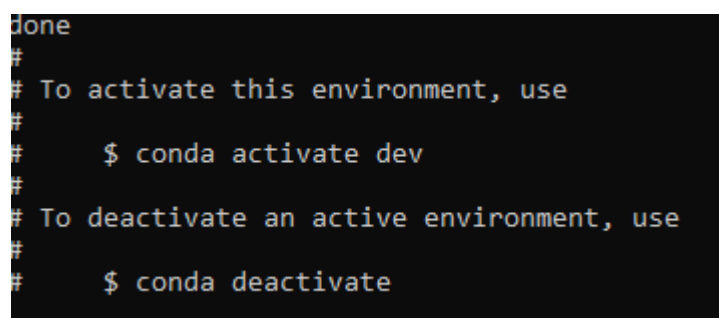
package | build | size
-----|-----|-----
absl-py-0.10.0 | py37_0 | 169 KB
argon2-cffi-20.1.0 | py37he774522_1 | 50 KB
asn1crypto-1.4.0 | py_0 | 80 KB
astor-0.8.1 | py37_0 | 47 KB
attrs-20.2.0 | py_0 | 42 KB
autopep8-1.5.4 | py_0 | 42 KB
bcrypt-3.2.0 | py37he774522_0 | 44 KB
bitarray-1.5.3 | py37he774522_0 | 92 KB
bleach-3.2.0 | py_0 | 113 KB
bokeh-2.2.1 | py37_0 | 5.3 MB

Proceed ([y]/n)? y

Downloading and Extracting Packages
bitarray-1.5.3 | 92 KB | ##### | 100%
bleach-3.2.0 | 113 KB | ##### | 100%
```

10. Create a dev environment. When prompted, enter "y" to proceed.

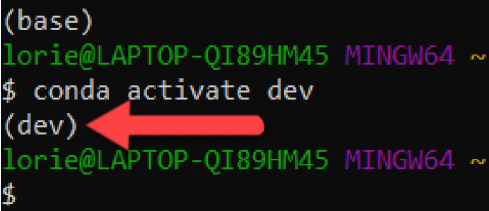
```
conda create -n dev python=3.7 anaconda
```

A terminal window showing the output of 'conda create -n dev python=3.7 anaconda'. The output indicates that the environment was created successfully and provides instructions on how to activate and deactivate it.

```
done
#
# To activate this environment, use
#
#     $ conda activate dev
#
# To deactivate an active environment, use
#
#     $ conda deactivate
```

## 11. Activate the dev environment.

```
conda activate dev
```



```
(base)
lorie@LAPTOP-QI89HM45 MINGW64 ~
$ conda activate dev
(dev)
lorie@LAPTOP-QI89HM45 MINGW64 ~
$
```

## 12. Verify your your installations by executing the `conda list` command after activating the environment, then locating the following packages in the populated list:

- Numpy
- Pandas
- Matplotlib

## 13. **DON'T FORGET:** Anaconda downloads the Python 3.8 distribution by default, *however* - many of our activities are not yet compatible with the new Python 3.8 version. **It is therefor imperative that you create the virtual environment as indicated using the `python=3.7` parameter and activate it prior to running your code.** The command to activate your virtual environment is `conda activate dev`.