**Python/Jupyter/Git/ML Basics**

**Introductory Lab Guide:**

**Getting Started with  
open source tools**

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**IBMers & BPs:** See Appendix A for instructions on requesting an IBM H2O.ai Driverless AI server.

# Introduction

This lab is designed to demonstrate some of the basics concepts you need to know when using WML-CE, Python, Jupyter Notebooks and Git. These are essential tools used by many in the data science community and a working knowledge of what these tools do and how to use them is critical to understand the workflow of a typical data scientist or developer. This lab will use resources from our Worldwide Client Experience Center Cloud or CECC for short. A detailed instruction is in the appendix for you to deploy your own instances. Lets get started.

# Prerequisites

1. Access to an WML-CE instance (version 1.6.2, or later)
   * **IBMers and Business Partners can request access to an instance of WML-CE.** See Appendix A for instructions on how to request access.
2. PC or laptop with connectivity to the Internet to download datasets or interest.

This is not needed if datasets have been pre-loaded.

1. Connectivity between your PC or laptop to the WML-CE AI instance.
   * A VPN may be necessary on your device if the server resides behind a firewall. This is not needed if server is publicly accessible.

# Important Notes

* This lab was most recently tested with WML-CE 1.7 CECC instance. Using these instructions in other environments may require additional setup .

* **Do not use any hostnames, IP addresses, usernames, or passwords mentioned in this guide. They are for example purposes only.** They will not work for you. Use what has been provided to you by instructors or what you have provisioned yourself.
* Anything in **BOLD typeface** below is intended to mean that you should type that at the system prompt

# Quick Start Guide to Setup Environment

To start the lab, follow the instructions below. You can keep track of your progress by checking off each step when completed.

## LOGIN

Open up a terminal on your computer and ssh to your server (credentials to be provided by instructor)

ssh cecuser@129.40.94.249

Activate Conda Environment

conda activate wmlce\_env3

Note : There is a README file in the home directory with more details regarding recommended setup.

## **Github Basics**

Git Clone our sample project.

Git is a full fledged version control system, and there are a lot of commands to master to get the full use. For our purposes, we will use the git clone command, but a deeper understanding of git is recommended if you want to use it for version control. See this link for more information.

https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/what-is-version-control

Here we will be using a sample repository for the python/ML training part of the lab. To access this repository

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For any public Git project, you can always download the source code to your computer or server. To do this, browse to the git url (in this example <https://github.com/dustinvanstee/aicoc-python-basics>) and click the green ‘clone of download’ button and copy the url. Then in your terminal run the following command in your home directory.

git clone https://github.com/dustinvanstee/aicoc-python-basics

This will download the source contents to your directory.

**Note**: here we used the ‘git’ command line interface. This is a very complete tool that allows you to manage your code repositories. Git has a number of conceptual details we will review in the lab demonstration, but it is worthwhile to watch a youtube video or 2 on the fundamentals of git to get the hang of it. The main commands are git push, git pull, git clone, git add, git commit. With just this small subset of commands you can accomplish quite a few tasks.

Advanced and Optional: Fork a copy of this project to your own github repo

Many times over the course of doing projects you will come across another persons’ implementation on Github that you might want to copy and then modify for your purposes. In Github parlance this is called **forking.** By forking a project, the code is copied to your repository, but it also points back to the originator. This allows you to make changes, and then if you feel like you want to contribute, you can ask the originator to accept your changes. This is called a **pull request.**

To fork a project, simply login to github and go to the project you are interested in and click the fork button …



Instead of cloning the project from the originator (in this case dustinvanstee) you can now clone from your own repo!

**Hint:** you’ll need to create a login ID for the github website if this is your first visit. The website is a popular resource for data scientists. It hosts a number of interesting code repositories.

## **Install Jupyter and JupyterLab**

Jupyter notebooks are used all the time in the data science and developer communities, here we will install the software and use it to load the notebooks we downloaded in our git repository.

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Install Jupyter tools

In your conda wmlce\_37 environment run the following commands.

conda install -y jupyter

pip install jupyterlab

This will install the required packages needed to run juypter/Jupyterlab.

**Hint:** you’ll need to create a login ID for the Kaggle website if this is your first visit. The website is a popular resource for data scientists. It hosts a number of interesting datasets and use cases.

lab.

Startup Jupyter notebook

Now that we have installed Juypter, lets start it up and load our notebook ! There are many ways to configure the startup , but the simplest is to start it on a port of your choosing with the following arguments. We are showing here how to startup in non password protected mode for ease of login, but if you prefer remove the last 2 arguments and use the token provide to you in the terminal.

jupyter notebook --ip=0.0.0.0 --port=5050 --no-browser --NotebookApp.token='' --NotebookApp.password=''

Browse to URL for the notebook

After invoking the Jupyter notebook, you can now use your browser to access the github repo that we installed. Simply open your browser and enter the URL. Here are some samples :

<http://129.40.94.249:3761/lab>

<http://129.40.94.249:3761/tree>

Notice there are two URL’s above. The /**lab** endpoint is the new more “modern” interface for the Jupyter notebook environment, while the /**tree** endpoint is the more traditional style format.

Here is a link to a Jupyter notebook cheatsheet. During our lab the instructors will demo some of the capabilities.

<https://www.edureka.co/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Jupyter_Notebook_CheatSheet_Edureka.pdf>

* + 1. Python basics
    2. Telco Example and Data Exploration
    3. Deep Dive into Telco example basic ML

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**Congratulations! You are now ready to proceed to the Jupyter Notebook TBD for further instruction and training on Python/Pandas and ML Basics.**

# Appendix A: Requesting an WML-CE Server from the CECC

People outside of IBM wanting to try WMLCE can request access to a trial environment by making a request to aicoc@us.ibm.com. At one point you will be given the opportunity to sign up for access.

IBMers and Business Partners can request access to an WMLCE environment through the Client Experience Center Cloud (CECC). The steps for requesting a server and accessing the provisioned server are included below. (note there is access to other SW packages including H20 DriverlessAI and IBM Visual Insights).

**Provision WMLCE Instance through the CECC Portal**

1. Here are the steps to Follow – click on this link: <http://ibm.biz/cecc-portal>.
2. Login with your IBM id and review / accept the usage agreement.
3. From the left sidebar, select the **WMCLE** checkbox.

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Select on of the **WMLCE**  tiles by clicking the **Add to cart** link within it. You can select POWER8 if availability is an issue or you don’t need high performance levels (light demo for e.g.). Note that there is also are also tiles with CECC to request a bare metal environment, but this is typically reserved for Proofs of Concept and client opportunities, and not for education purposes.

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Leave all the default options and click the **Add** button.

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Click the **Checkout** button.

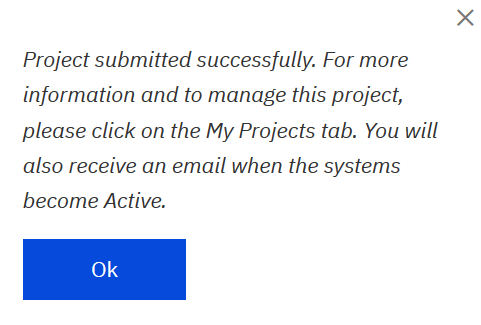
Fill out the project details and click the **Create Project** button. A few things to note:

* + Be sure to set a descriptive name and specify **“Education / Training”** in the **Used for** section.
  + If you are requesting immediate access (versus a time in the future) then provisioning may take upwards of two or more hours.
  + Please consider specifying a realistic timeframe that is courteous to other users of the CECC. For instance, if you’re only planning to go through a lab then you may only need it for a couple of days.

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Once submitted successfully, the following message should be displayed. Click the **Ok** button to dismiss.



**Connecting to the Provisioned Visual Insights Server**

Navigate to the **My Projects** tab in the top navigation bar.

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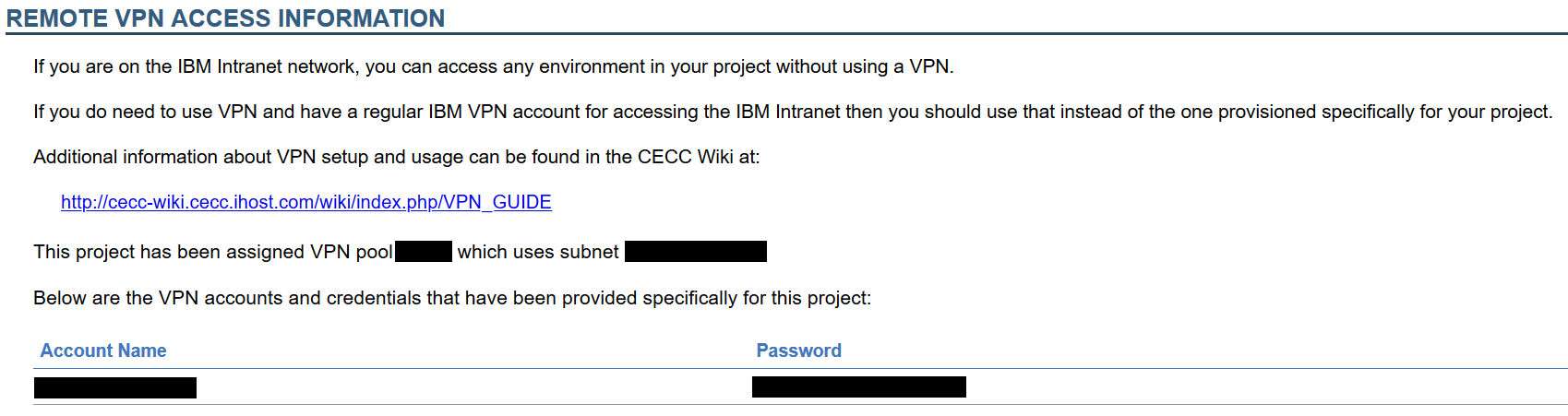
Click the **Project Kit URL** link associated with your request.

The Project Kit will look like this:

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If you are not on the IBM Intranet then you need to VPN in to be able to access your Visual Insights instance. Scroll down to the bottom of the Project Kit and follow the instructions on connecting to the VPN.



Go to the **Reservation Information** section and click the link provided and review the instructions.

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**Deleting Your WMLCE Instance**

The environment will be active until the end date specified for the project, at which point it will be automatically deleted. However, if you are finished with it prior to this date then please be courteous and manually delete it so that the resources can be used by others. You can do this by choosing **End** from the **Action** list for your project.

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*(Credit: Thomas Famularo)*