

PYTHON NETCDF AND XARRAY

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How to retrieve API key for Copernicus Data Store (CDS)

Steps to obtain your API key and endpoint URL

- ❶ Go to: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/how-to-api>
- ❷ Create a user account, if not already done so – validate via e-mail.
- ✓ Accept Privacy statements.
- ❸ Go to the link above and log in.
- ❹ Now, after logging in, you will see key and url.
- ❺ Copy the **url** and **key** parameters, they look like¹:
url : `https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/api`
key : `abcd1234-ef56-7890-gh12-ijklmnopqrst`
- ❻ Have them ready – you'll need them during hands-on session!

¹This key is made up, only pattern is realistic

Run the Code, Learn the Science!

Everything you need is in the GitHub repo

- **Open the repository:** via GitHub link or QR code
 - 👉 Start with: `1-start-here.ipynb`
- **Launch in Colab:** use the badge on the README
- **Execute:** run each cell in Google Colab
- **No setup needed** – it runs entirely in the cloud



/geacomputing/UCY2Sept

■ Prerequisites

coding
scientific data

basic
basic

■ You can run the code

Cloud
Locally

colab
(git clone) ✓

■ You will need

Copernicus Account
Google Account

free ✓
free ✓

Advanced Launchpad – only if you want to run locally (instead of on the cloud)

Advanced users: Set up the full Python environment locally with Conda

- 1. Clone the repository

```
git clone https://github.com/geacomputing/UCY2Sept.git  
cd UCY2Sept
```

- 2. Create a Conda environment from the .yaml file

```
conda env create -f environment.yaml  
conda activate your-env-name
```

- 3. Launch Jupyter Notebook or Lab

```
jupyter notebook
```

- You're now running the notebooks on your local machine!