Software for the Course

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Setting up Python

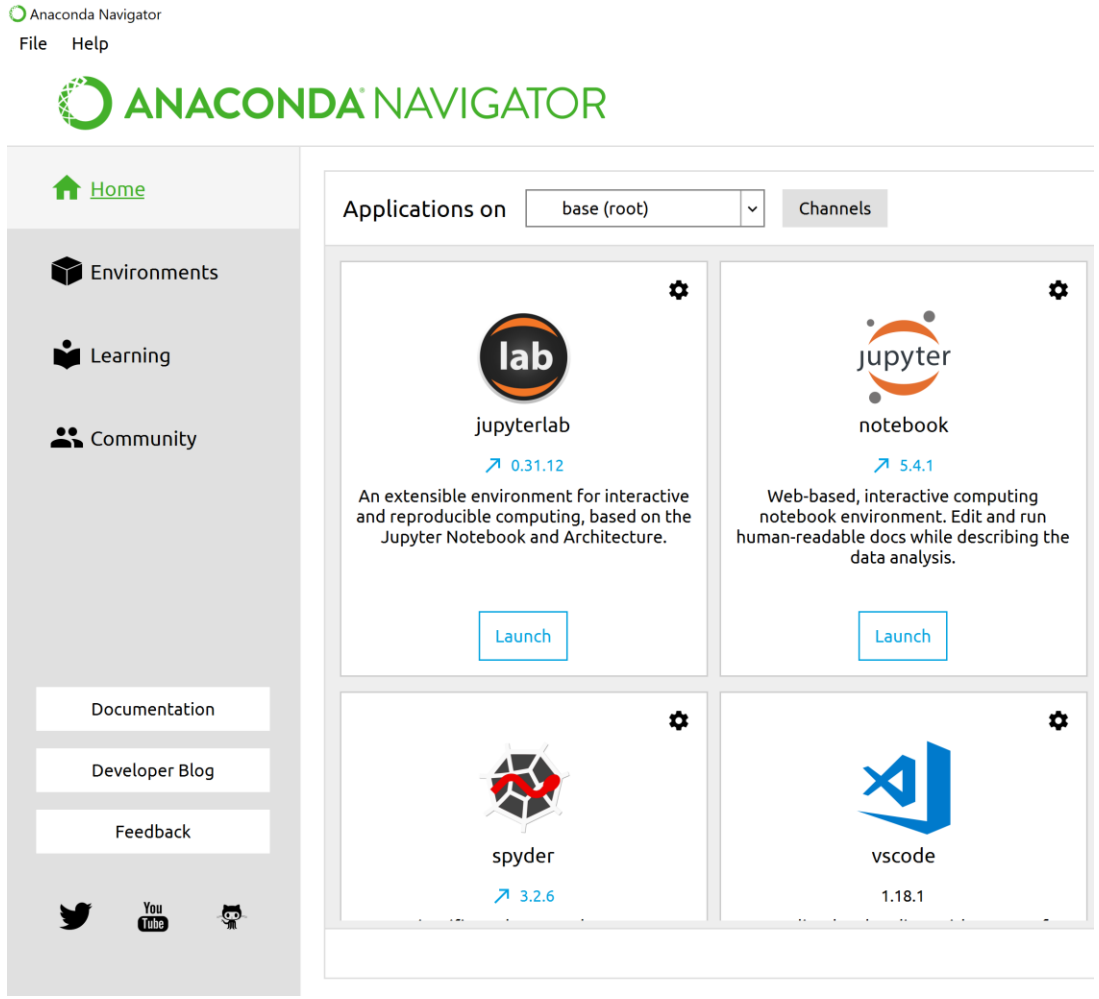
Python Distributions

- Using a distribution simplifies the process of setting up your python environment, includes necessary data packages, and integrate useful tools (IDE's, notebooks, etc.)
- In class we will be using the **Anaconda** Distribution which is based on the conda package manager
- It provides integration with Jupyter, Virtual Envs, etc.

Anaconda

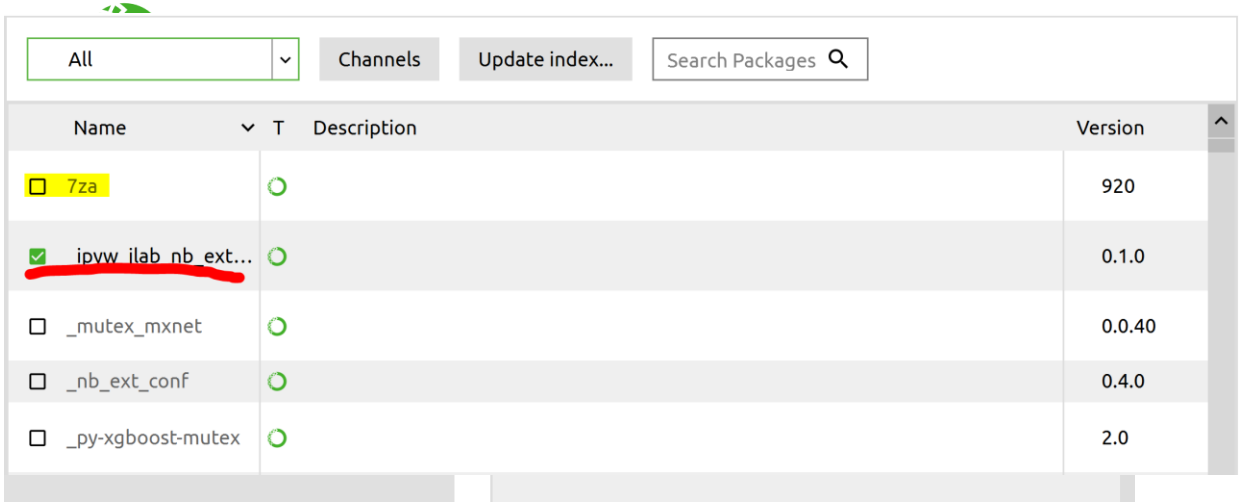
Anaconda Navigator

- The Navigator is a main landing page for working with your python environment.
- Here we can launch editors (spyder, jupyter notebook, etc.) to write and develop python code
- In addition we can manage (install packages, etc.) our python environment

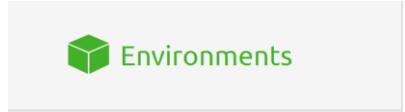


Anaconda Environments

- Clicking on the “Environment” tab will show us what environments are available in Anaconda
  - In the simplest terms, an anaconda “environment” is a self-contained collection of python packages.
- From the “Environment” tab we can see which packages are installed and which packages are available for installation.
  - If you click on a package for installation, you’ll be prompted to Apply your changes

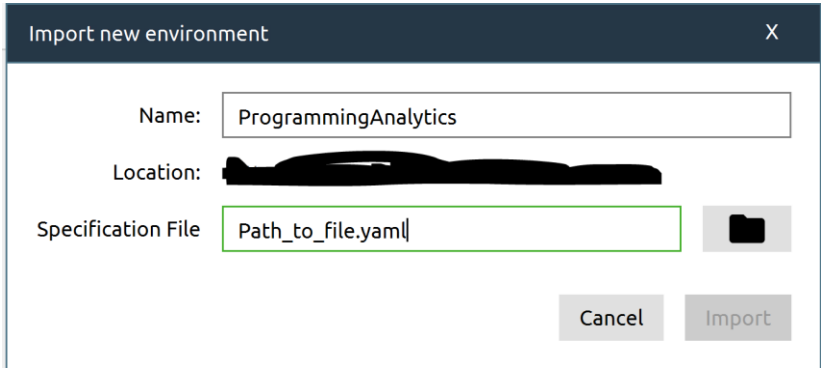


Setting Up Class Environment

- For this class I've provided an environment file (and a package list) on blackboard. This environment should include all of the packages necessary for the class and can be installed as follows:
  1. Navigate to the "Environment" tab in Anaconda. 

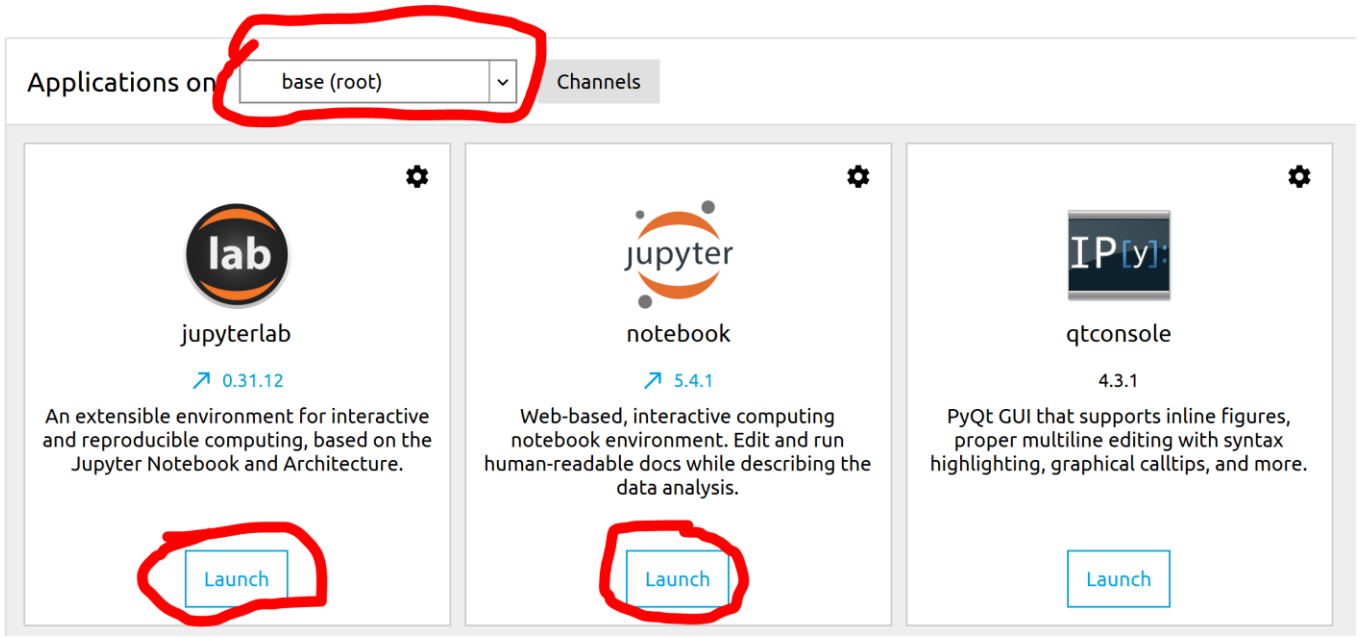
  2. Click on the "Create" button 

  3. Next fill in the specification file by navigating to the provided .yaml file
  4. Import



Anaconda Applications

- On the home page we can choose which environment (base(root) in the image) we want to launch applications from.
- Clicking the “Launch” button on any of these applications will launch a separate window.

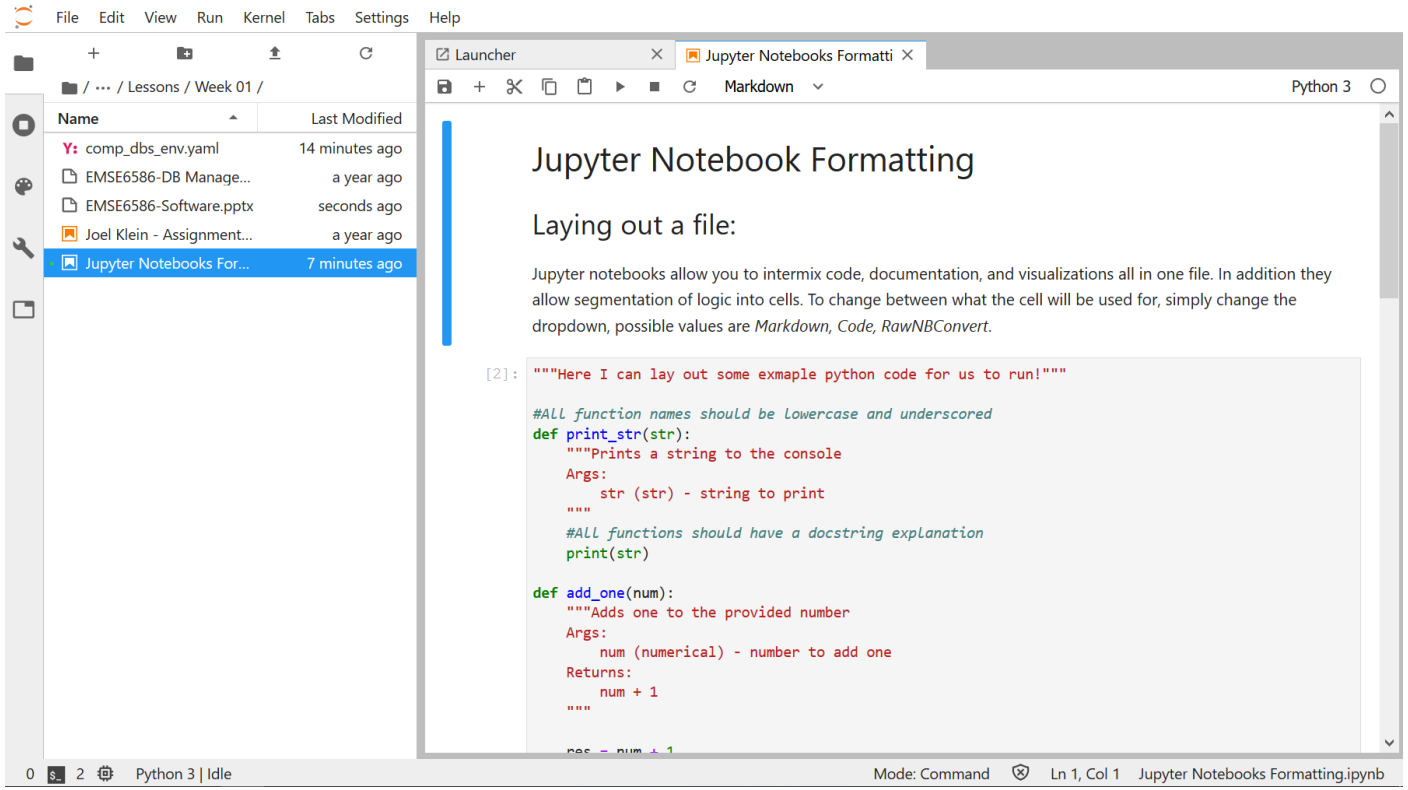


Jupyterlab

JupyterLab

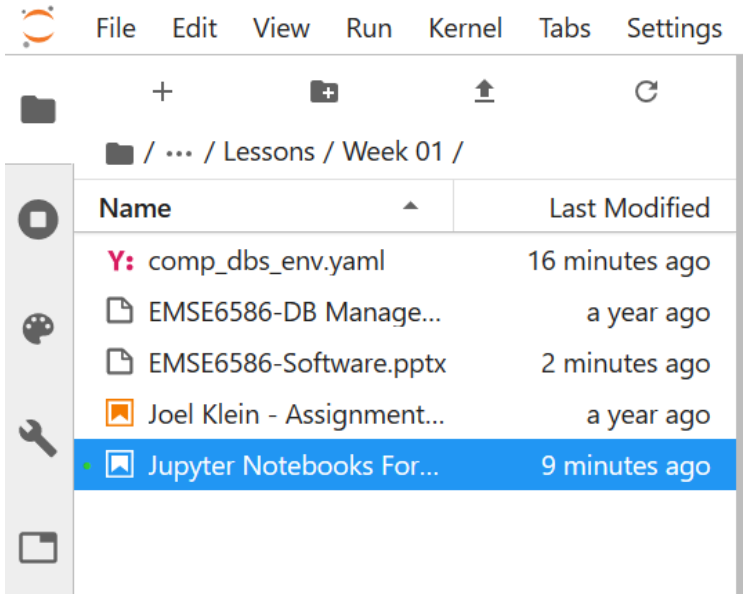
- Jupyter Notebooks and Jupyterlab are the IDEs we will use for this course.

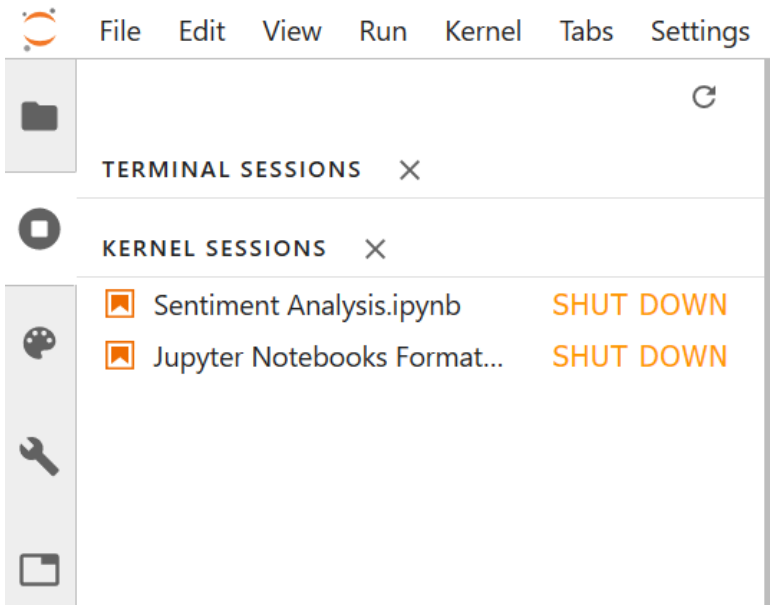
- Jupyter Notebooks are used heavily throughout this course, as they provide a means to intermix text, code, and graphics.



File Navigation and Kernels

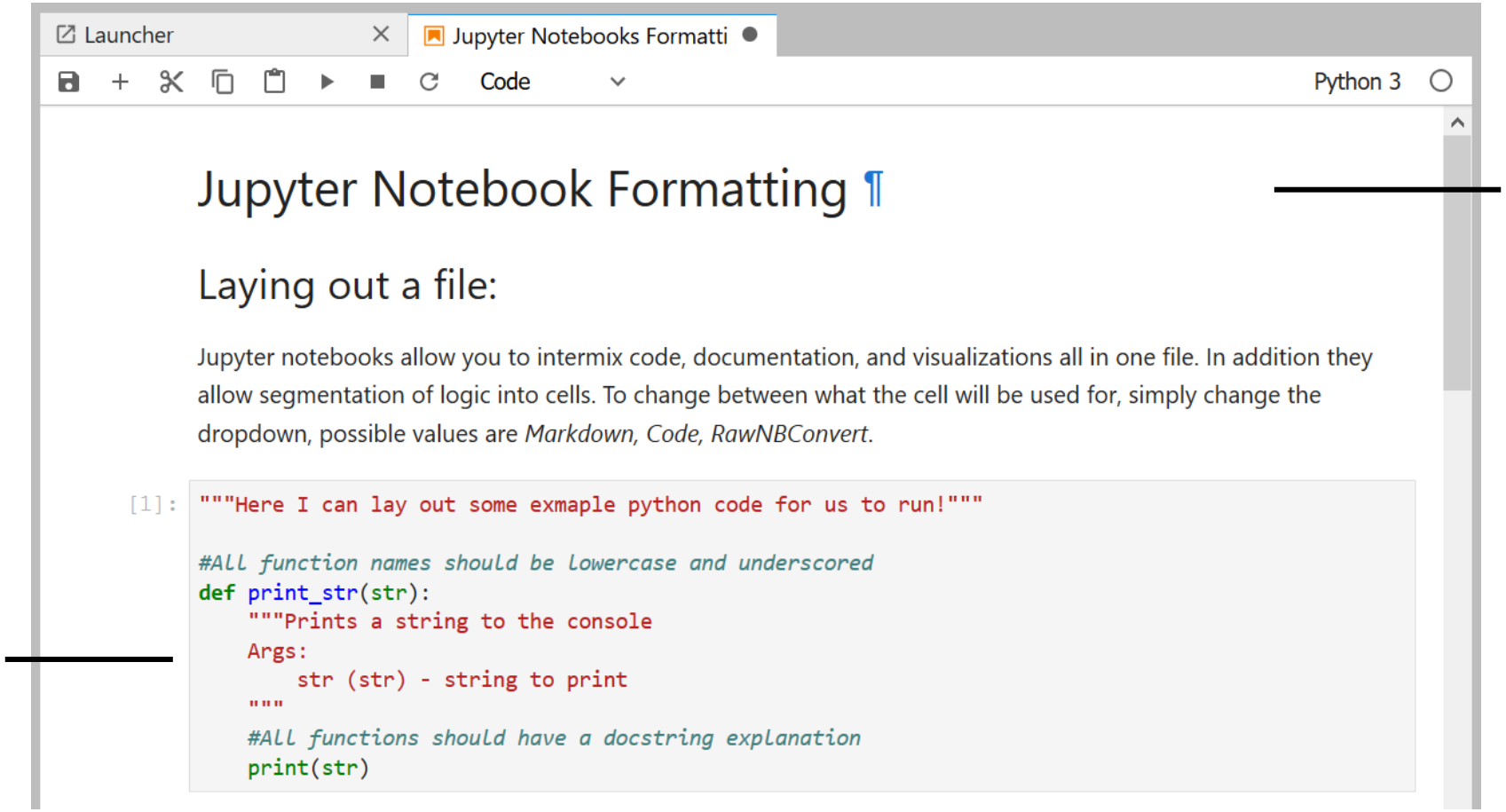
We can navigate the file system using the left hand panel





In addition we can monitor the running kernels within that same panel

Working with Notebooks



Notebooks let us mark up (using markdown) our code to provide context and information.

The primary function is to provide cells of execution for our code/logic

The Databases

MySQL
Type – SQL | Environment – AWS RDS

- We will be interacting with an AWS RDS instance running MySQL to learn about SQL query languages
  - RDS supports several different SQL types

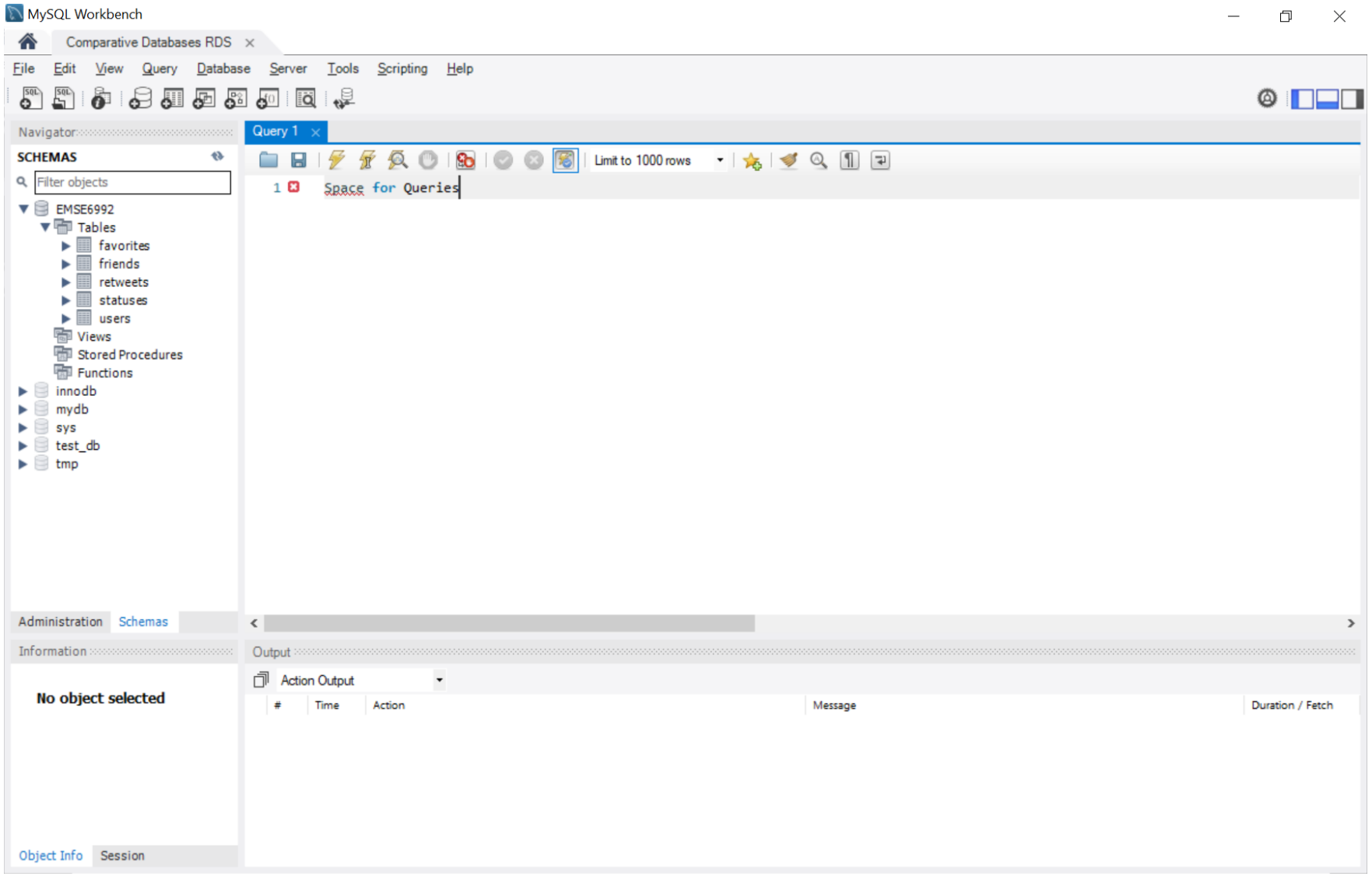
- For non-programmatic access we will be utilizing MySQL Workbench (https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/)

- For programmatic access we will be using the **pymysql** package for python
  - This can be downloaded through anaconda or through pip

MySQL Workbench

This is a free tool for managing MySQL instances and running queries and working with database schemas

You can download it for free at: https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/



Mongo DB:
Type – Document | Environment – EC2 Instance

- For this course we will be using an instance of Mongo DB running on an AWS EC2 instance
  - Alternatively, there is Azure Cosmos and AWS DocumentDB which both support the Mongo API in managed environments

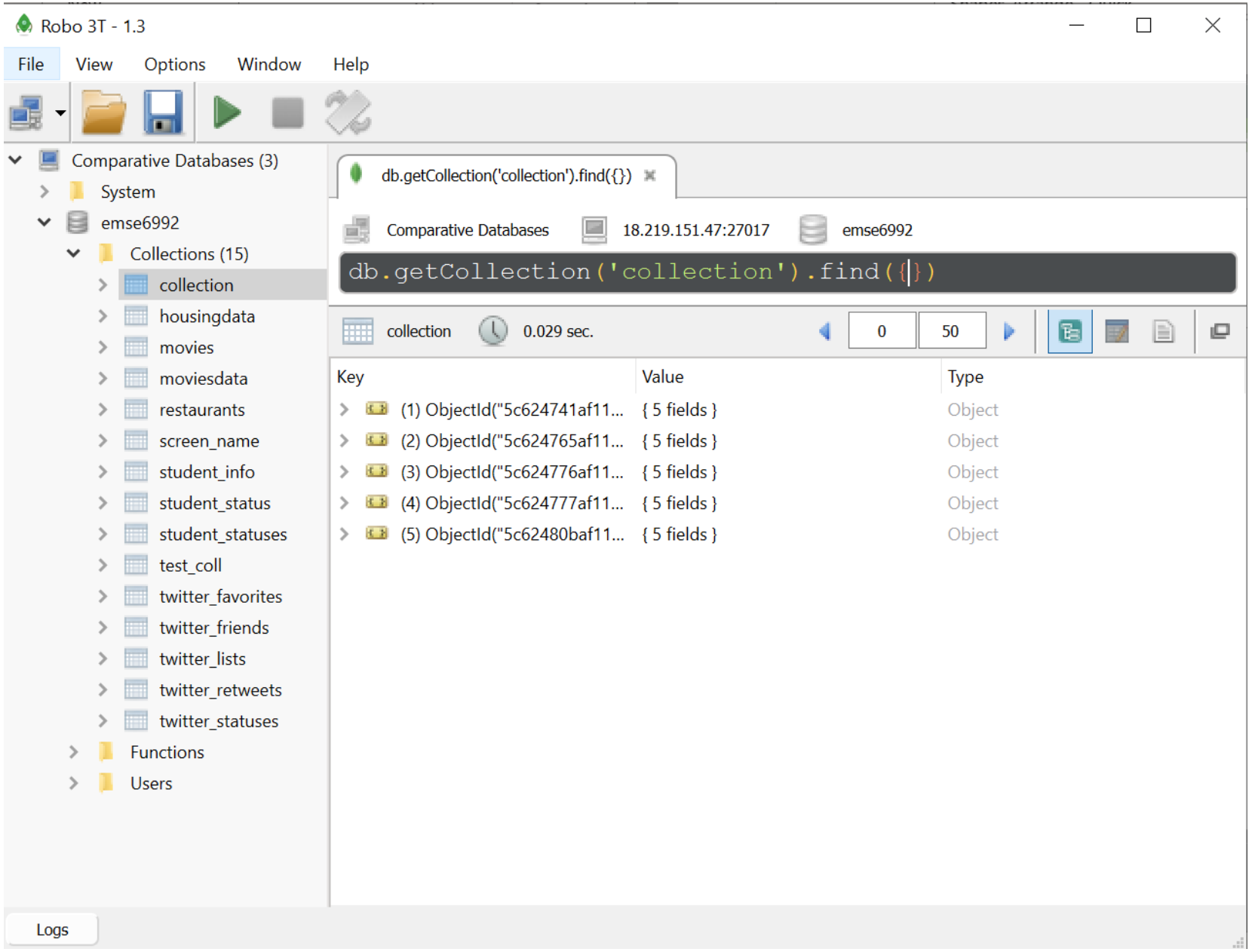
- For non-programmatic access we will be using Robo3T

- For programmatic access we will be using python and the pymongo package

Robo3T

This is a free tool for querying databases that support the mongo API and provides some minimal management options

You can download it for free at: https://robomongo.org/download



Arango:
Type – Graph | Environment – EC2 Instance

- For this course we will be using an instance of Arango running on an AWS EC2 instance
  - Alternatives are Azure Cosmos and AWS Neptune for managed solutions

- For non-programmatic access we will be using a web browser (http://18.219.151.47:8529)

- For programmatic access we will be using python and python-arango package

Arango Web-GUI

Arango natively supports a web GUI for managing the database, running queries, and visualizing graphs

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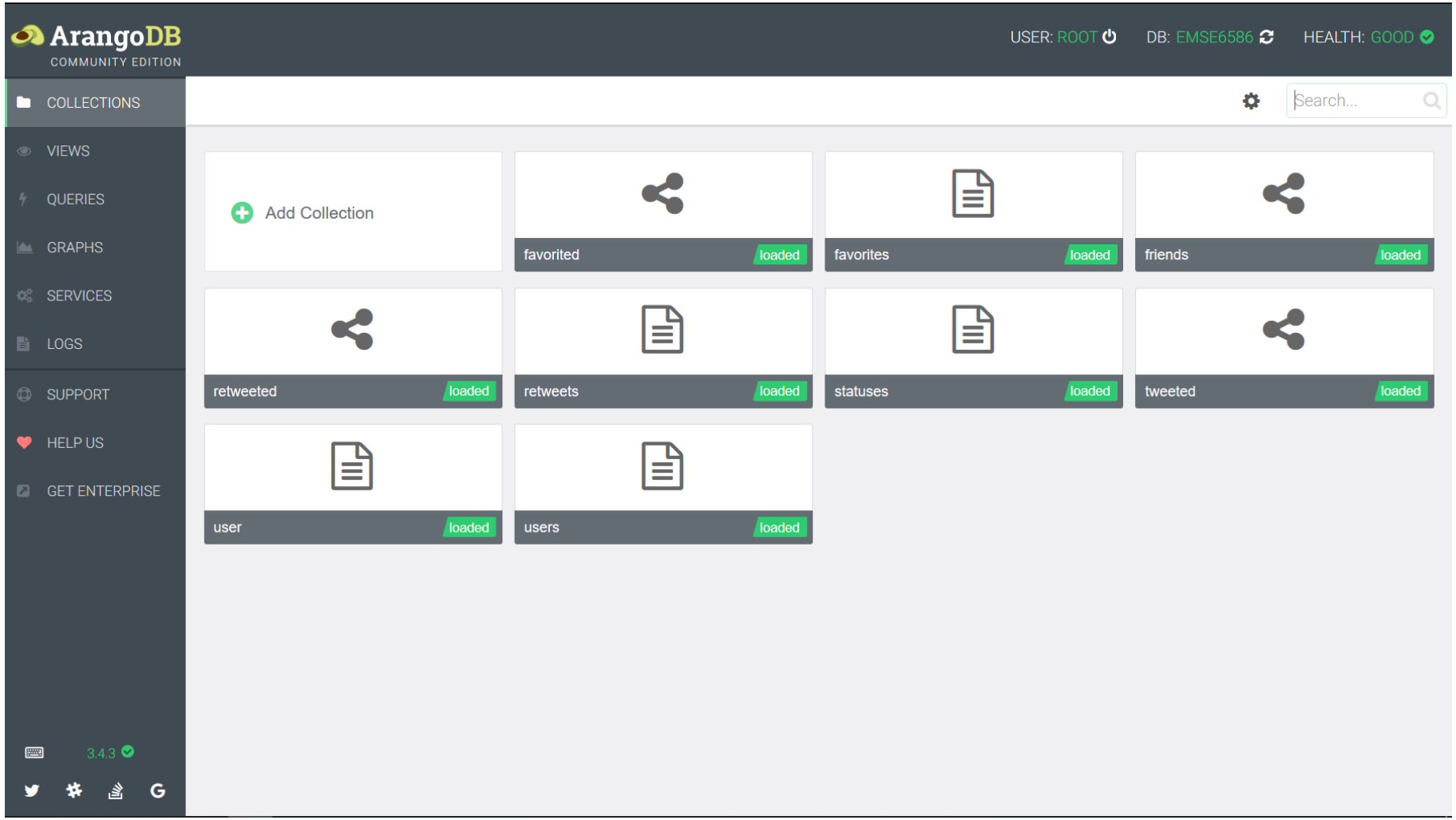

Cloud Database Solutions

Cloud Databases

- While the means in which I host our database resources leverage cloud infrastructure, they are all open-source solutions not dependent on cloud infrastructure

- The following database solutions are approaches to handling data that are more unconventional and rely more heavily on services.

Azure Cosmos

- Azure Cosmos is a multi-model database provided by Microsoft on their Azure cloud.
  - Multi-Model means that the database supports multiple models of interacting with the data

- The benefits of Cosmos is that it provides the following:
  - Managed Solution
  - “Infinitely” scalable
  - Multi-Model
  - Etc.

AWS Athena

- AWS Athena is Amazon's approach to SQL-like access to static files.
  - Essentially Athena is focused on providing queryable access to files stored in S3

- The benefits of Athena are:
  - Quick and Flexible access to existing data
  - A Serverless approach to SQL-like interfaces

Hadoop and Spark

Hadoop/Spark Infrastructure

- Time permitting we will also dive into the Hadoop and Spark architecture

- Hadoop is a pseudo database architecture that has evolved into a ecosystem of tools and services for processing large volumes of data

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Environment Problems?

Pip Install to Environment

- If Anaconda gives you some problems with environment yaml file, then pip is your next best option.

- To install via pip, you'll want to create a new environment manually.
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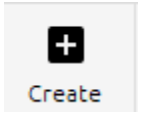
  2. Click on 

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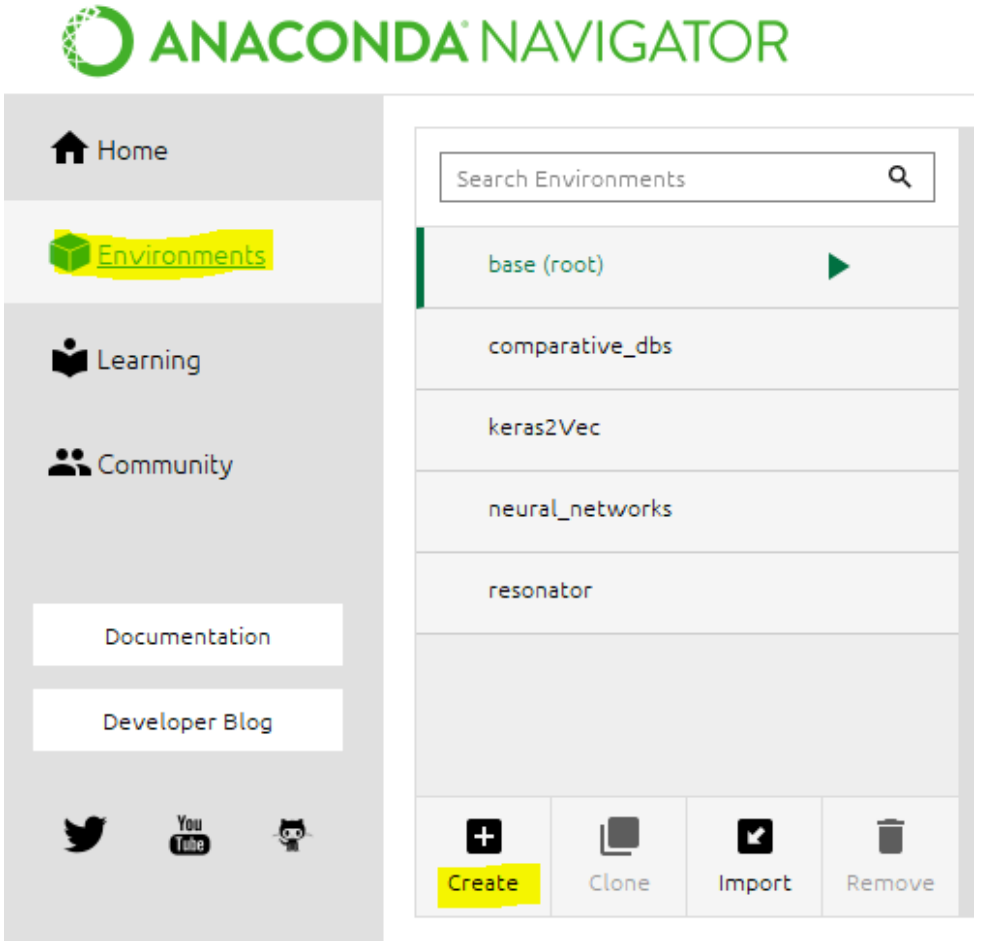
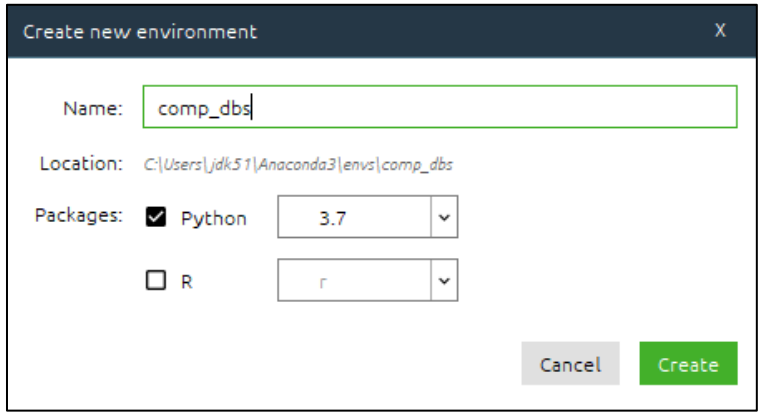
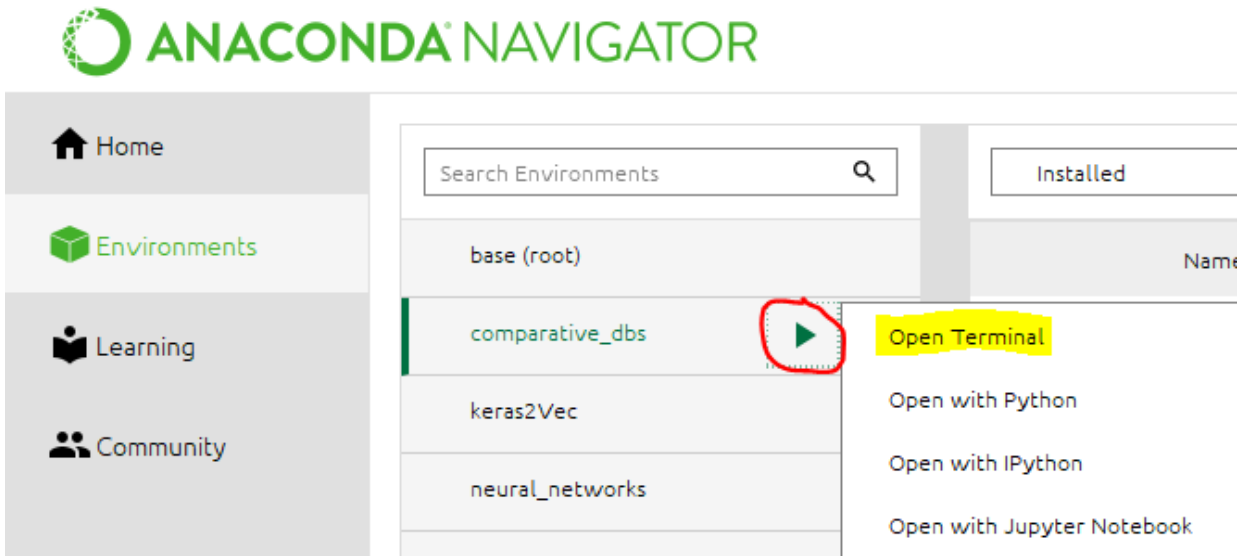


Creating a New Environment

- In the resulting pop-up
  1. Provide a name for the environment
  2. Select “Python 3.7”



- Once the environment is created, you’ll need to open a terminal.
  1. Click on your environment
  2. Hit ▶ that appears
  3. Click on “Open Terminal”



Finally Pip Install

- In the resulting window you'll be able to install the requirements for the environment.

- Simply run "pip install –r requirements.txt"
  - Note: Make sure that you provide the correct pathing to the requirements.txt file