

# Scalable Data Science with Dask



# Hi!

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# What's your experience with Scalable Data Science?

*On a scale of 1 - 5*

*1: What is scalable compute?*

*5: I understand the challenges and have a solution that works for me*

# We'll talk about

- 
- Big data - What is it?
  - Parallel and distributed computing
  - Dask for scaling data science
  - Coiled - Dask on the cloud

Slides and notebook at:  
[bit.ly/pyladies-berlin-dask](https://bit.ly/pyladies-berlin-dask)

# Big data

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## Characteristics:

- Volume
- Velocity
- Variety
- Veracity



# Scalable compute

# Parallel computing

- Working in parallel
- Use all CPU cores
- Multiple processes and shared memory

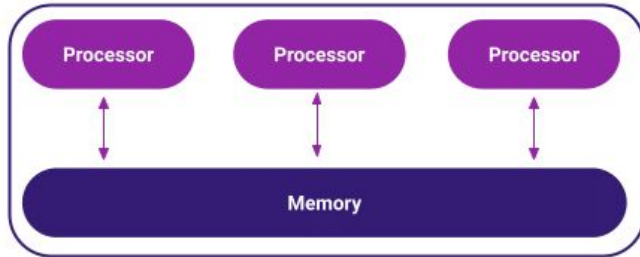


# Distributed computing

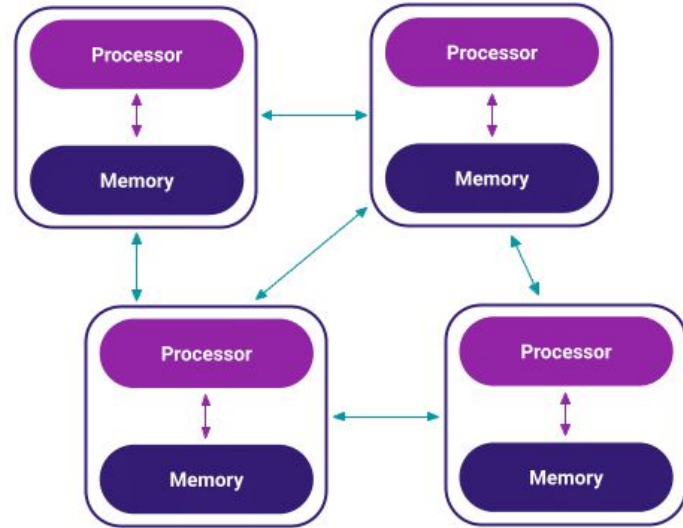
- Using groups of machines
- Each machine has processors and memory



## Parallel Computing



## Distributed Computing

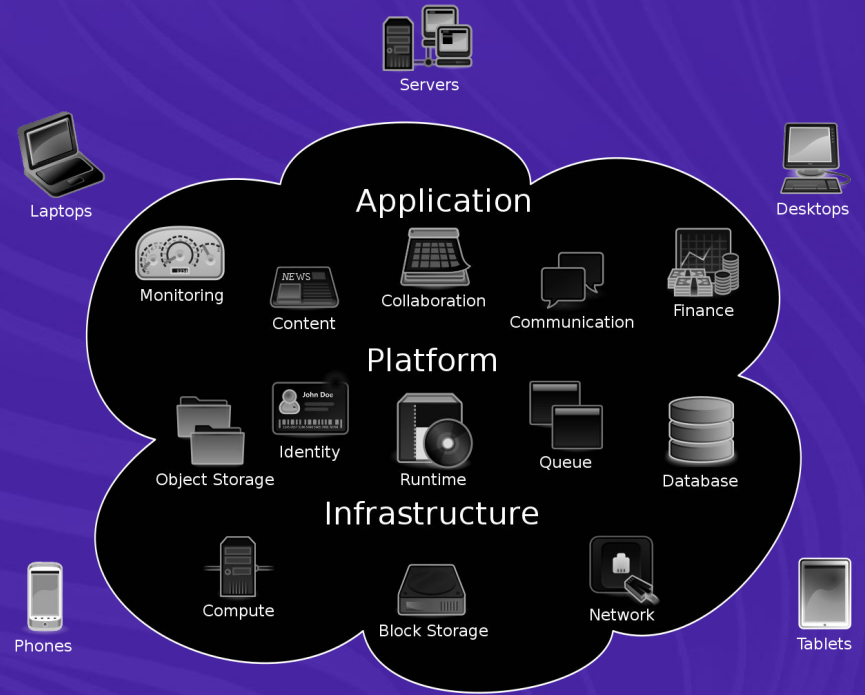


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# Cloud computing

- Using cloud resources
- AWS, Azure, GCP
- Lots of storage and computational power



Source: Wikimedia Commons

# Dask

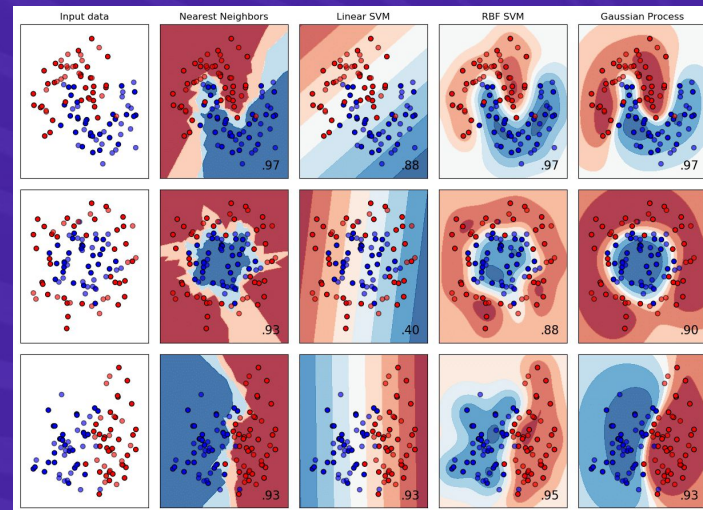
# Dask

Library for parallel and distributed  
computing in Python



# Dask

Makes it easy to scale-up your  
workflows to use all cores in your local  
machine

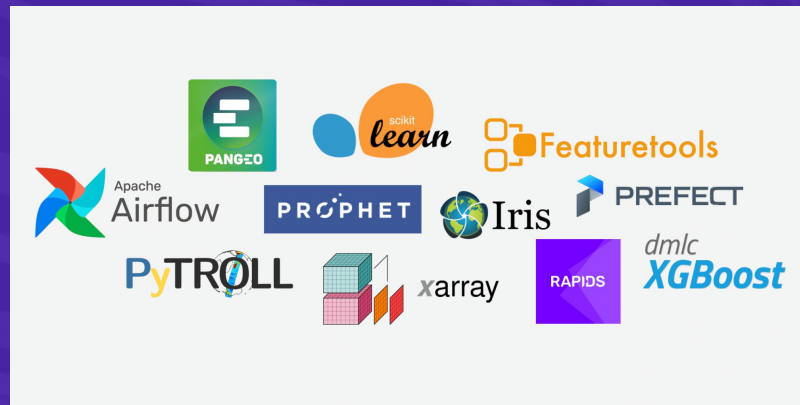




# Dask

Provides a distributed computing framework

Powers tools like RAPIDS, Airflow, PyTorch, and more!



# Dask features

*Familiar API*

Resembles normal pandas, NumPy,  
scikit-learn code

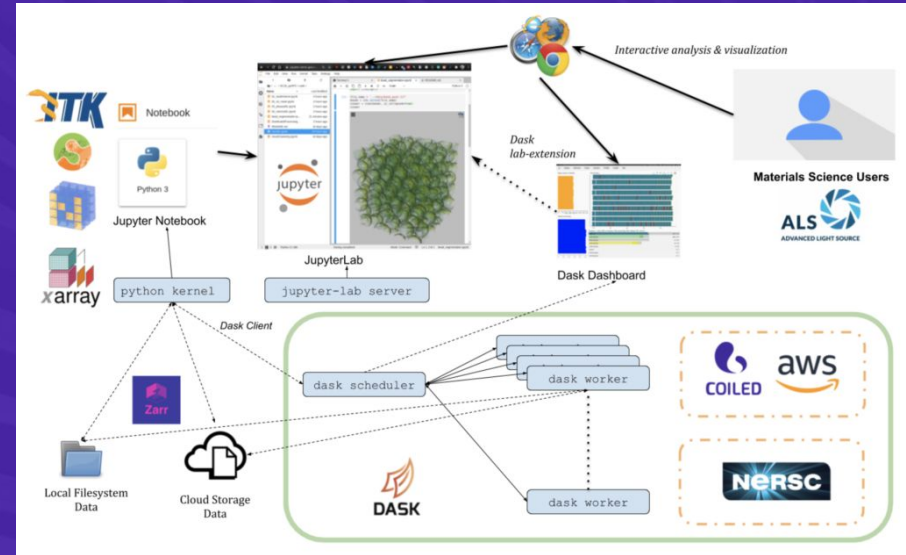
```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv("data_taxi/yellow_tripdata_2019-01.csv")
df.groupby("passenger_count").tip_amount.mean()
```

```
import dask.dataframe as dd
df = dd.read_csv("data_taxi/yellow_tripdata_2019-*.csv")
mean_amount = df.groupby("passenger_count").tip_amount.mean()
mean_amount.compute()
```

# Dask features

*Flexible*

Local machine, on-prem, on the cloud,  
anywhere



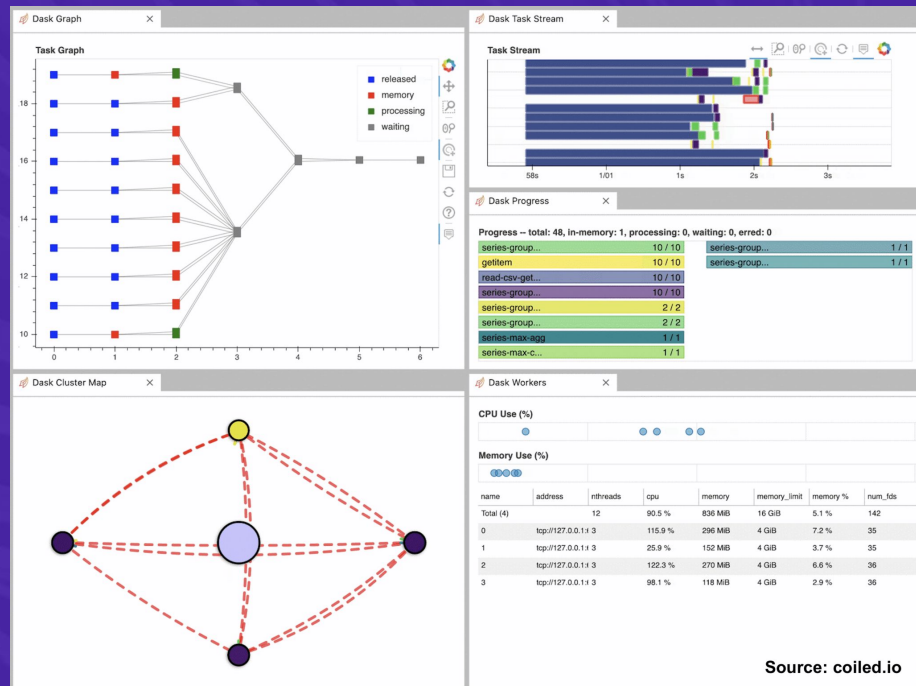
*3D microstructure interactive image analysis and  
visualization system architecture.*

Source: [Article presented at Super Computing 2020](#)

# Dask features

*Dashboards!*

Real-time visualizations



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# Dask users in retail

## Walmart

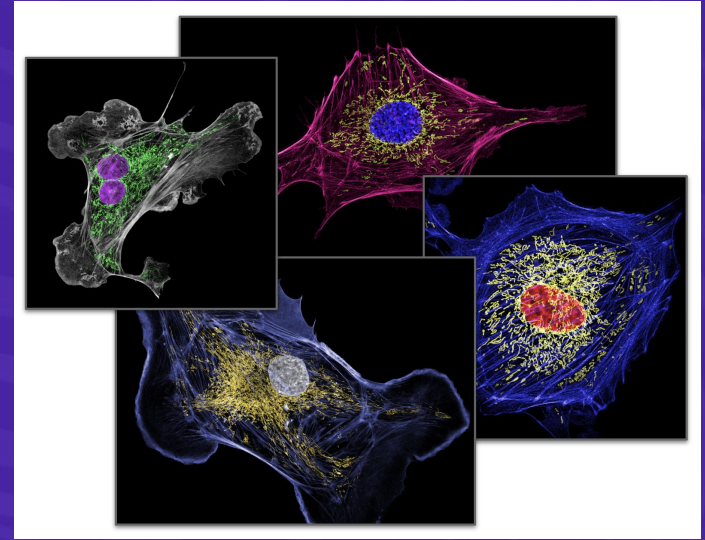
- demand forecasting
- 500M+ store combinations
- 100x speedup from RAPIDS and Dask



# Dask users in life science

High resolution, 4-dimensional, cellular imagery

- Harvard Medical School
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
- UC Berkeley Advanced Bioimaging Center



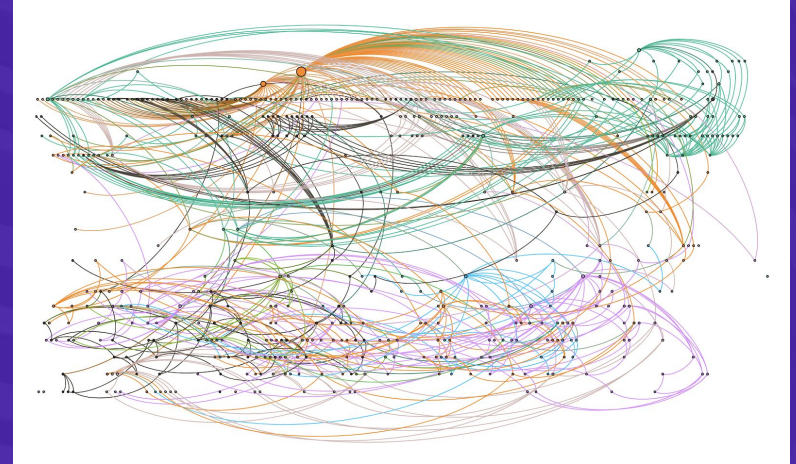
# Dask users in finance

## Capital One

- ETL and ML pipeline speedup

## Barclays

- Financial system modelling

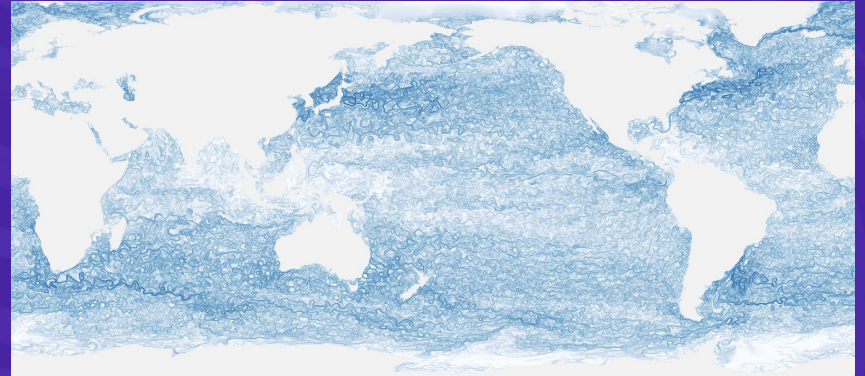




# Dask users in Geo

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Labs*

- Climate Science
- Energy
- Hydrology
- Meteorology
- Satellite Imaging



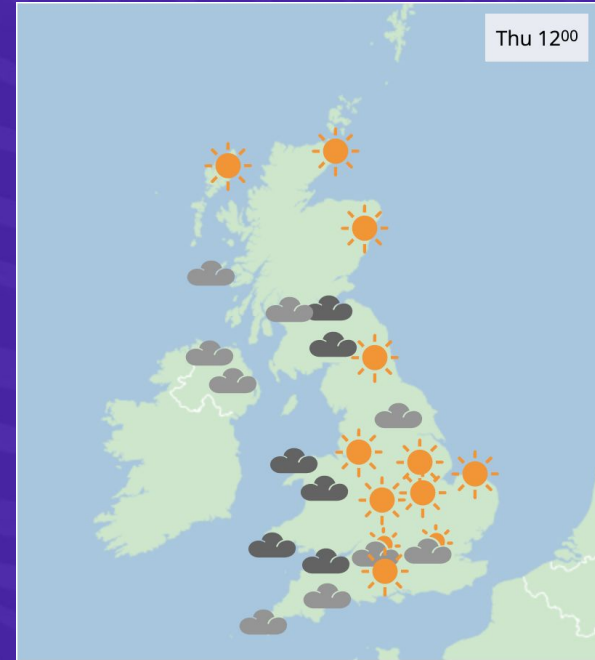


# Dask users

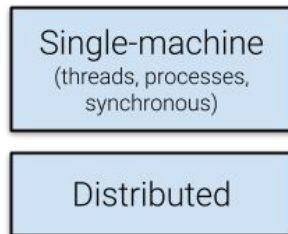
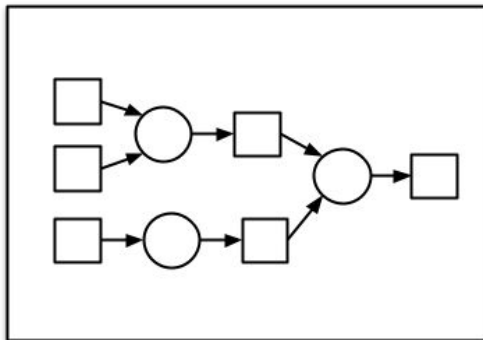
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NASA

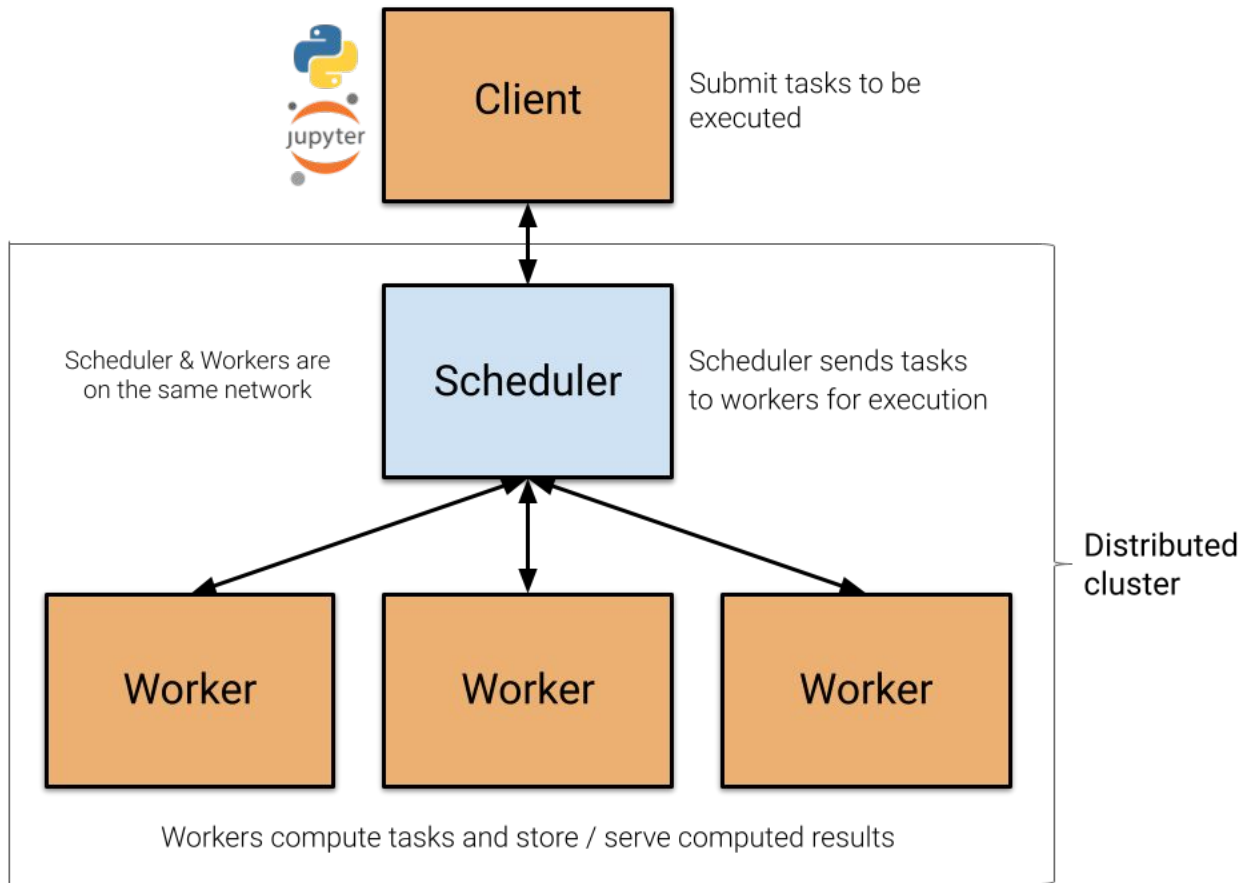
Software Libraries

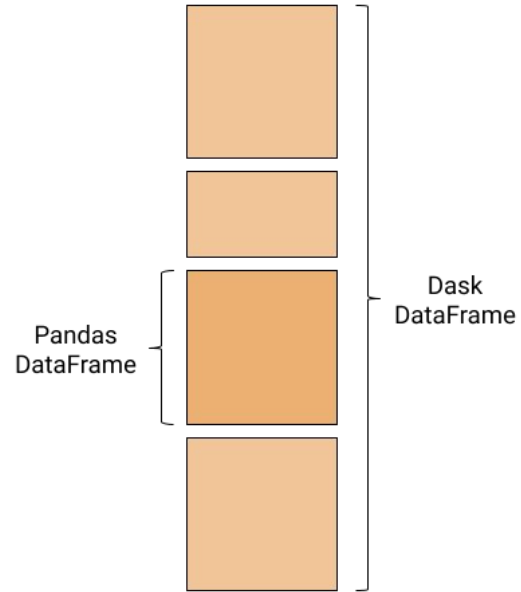


# Demo



Source: [dask.org](https://dask.org)





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*Shout out to Matthew Rocklin, and the  
entire Dask community for this material!*

# Coiled

Built by Dask maintainers, contributors,  
and enthusiasts.

Open source culture is at the heart of  
Coiled.



# Cloud computing

## *has some challenges*

- Security concerns
- Managing software environments
- Cost optimization

```
(coiled) + ~ ipython
Python 3.8.5 | packaged by conda-forge | (default, Jul 22 2020, 17:24:51)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.16.1 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.
```

```
In [1]: import coiled
```

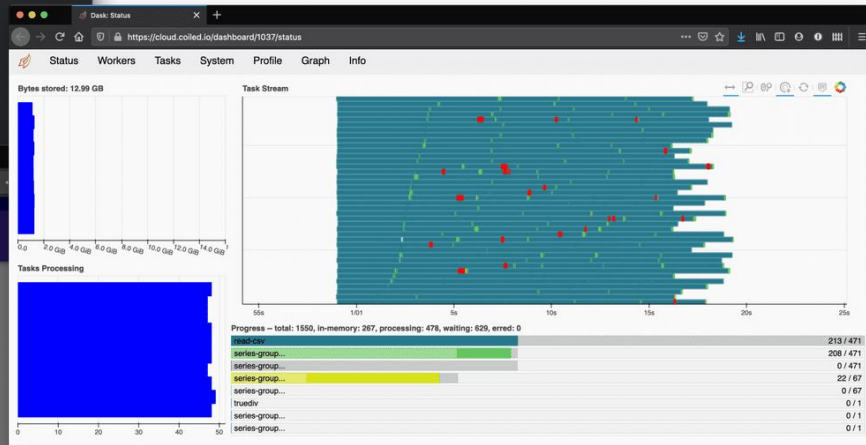
```
In [2]: cluster = coiled.Cluster()
Creating Cluster. This takes about a minute ...Checking environment images
Valid environment image found
```

```
In [3]:
```

The screenshot shows the Coiled web interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with links: Quick start, Clusters, Cluster Configs, Software Envs, Users, Notebooks, Documentation, Feedback, and Join Us In Slack. The main content area is titled 'Software Environments' and shows a table of environments. A modal window is open for the 'alice/xgboost' environment, displaying its Conda configuration.

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alice/xgboost

```
conda
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Coiled tackles these challenges for you.

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# Thank you!

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