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Manage notebooks

You can manage notebooks using the UI, the CLI, and the Workspace API. This article focuses on performing notebook tasks using the UI. For the other methods, see [What is the Databricks CLI?](#) and [the Workspace API reference](#).

Enable tabs for notebooks and files

For better navigation between workspace notebooks and files, enable the tabs experience. Go to **Settings > Developer**, scroll down to **Experimental features**, and toggle on **Tabs for notebooks and files**.

Tabs for notebooks and files [Send feedback](#)

Note: this is an experimental feature. Allows opening multiple notebooks and files in a new tabs experience.

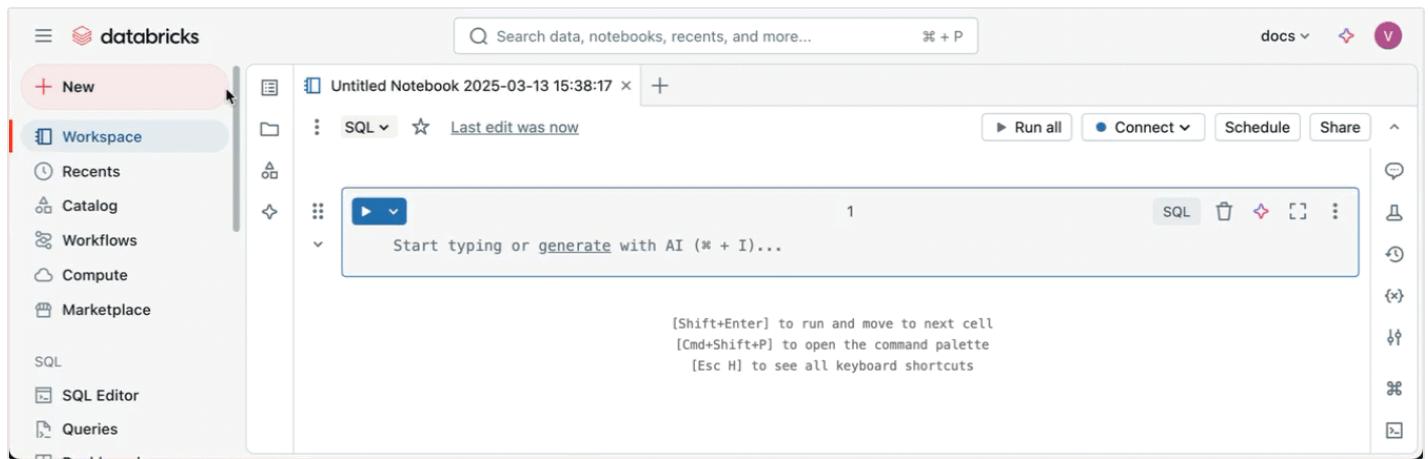
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The tabs experience allows for quick switching between open notebooks, queries, and files without having to navigate to the workspace file browser, or have multiple browser tabs open. You can also open and create notebooks in a new tab.

Create a notebook

Use the New button in the sidebar

To create a new notebook in your default folder, click **+ New** in the left sidebar and select **Notebook** from the menu.



Databricks creates and opens a new, blank notebook in your default folder. The default language is the language you most recently used, and the notebook is automatically attached to the compute resource that you most recently used.

Create a notebook in any folder

You can create a new notebook in any folder (for example, in the **Shared** folder) following these steps:

1. In the sidebar, click **Workspace**.
2. Right-click on the name of any folder and select **Create > Notebook**. A blank notebook opens in the workspace.

Create a notebook in a new tab

If you have [tabs for notebooks and files enabled](#), you can also create a new notebook from any open workspace file by clicking the + icon to the right of the last tab.

A screenshot of a Databricks workspace interface. At the top, there are several tabs: 'New Query 2024-09-14 9:39am', 'New Query 2024-09-19 4:10pm', 'helpers.py', 'New Query 2024-10-01 4:03pm', 'Untitled Notebook 2024-10-01 16:03:29', and 'New Query 2024-10-01 4:16pm'. The current tab is 'New Query 2024-10-01 4:16pm'. The main area shows a single line of code: '1 Start typing or generate with AI (* + I)...'. Below the code editor, there is a button '+ Add parameter' and an 'Output' section which is currently empty. The top right corner has options for '0 - Shared SQL Ware...', 'Schedule', 'Share', and 'Save'.

Open a notebook

In your workspace, click on a notebook to open it.

If you have tabs for [notebooks and files enabled](#), you can open a notebook in a new tab by clicking the + icon on the tabs bar or by clicking on a notebook from the workspace browser on the left side panel.

A screenshot of a Databricks workspace showing an open notebook titled 'hugging-face-dataset-download'. The notebook is in Python and was last edited 87 days ago. The main content of the notebook is as follows:

Best practice for downloading datasets from Hugging Face to Databricks

This guide provides recommended best practices of using the Hugging Face `load_dataset` function to download and prepare datasets on Databricks for different sizes of data.

- Small-Medium (~100GB): set `cache_dir` to an existing Unity Catalog volume path (`uc_volume_path`). Alternatively, if you need to optimize for performance, you can set `cache_dir` to the local disk on your cluster (which is where the elastic disk is mounted), and then copy the dataset to Unity Catalog for persistence.
- Large (~TB or more): set `cache_dir` to an existing Unity Catalog volume path (`uc_volume_path`).

Requirements:

- Databricks Runtime 13.0 ML or above.
- A workspace with Unity Catalog enabled. You also need to have the following permissions in order to write data to a Unity Catalog volume:
 - The WRITE VOLUME privilege on the volume you want to upload files to.

Clone a notebook

Ask Assistant

To clone a notebook:

1. With the notebook open, click **File** in the notebook toolbar, then click **Clone....**
2. (Optional) Edit the new name for the notebook.
3. (Optional) Click **Browse** to change the workspace location to clone the notebook to. By default, the notebook will be cloned to the same location as the current notebook.
4. (Optional) Uncheck **Include outputs** to exclude cell outputs from the cloned notebook. By default, outputs are included.
5. Click **Clone**.

Delete a notebook

See [Work with folders and folder objects](#) and [Manage workspace objects](#) for information about how to access the workspace menu and delete notebooks or other items in the workspace.

Copy notebook path or URL

To get the notebook file path or URL without opening the notebook, right-click the notebook name and select **Copy > Path** or **Copy > URL**.

Rename a notebook

To change the title of an open notebook, click the title and edit inline or click **File > Rename**.

Control access to a notebook

If your Databricks account has the [Premium plan or above](#), you can use [Workspace access control](#) to control who has access to a notebook.

Configure editor settings

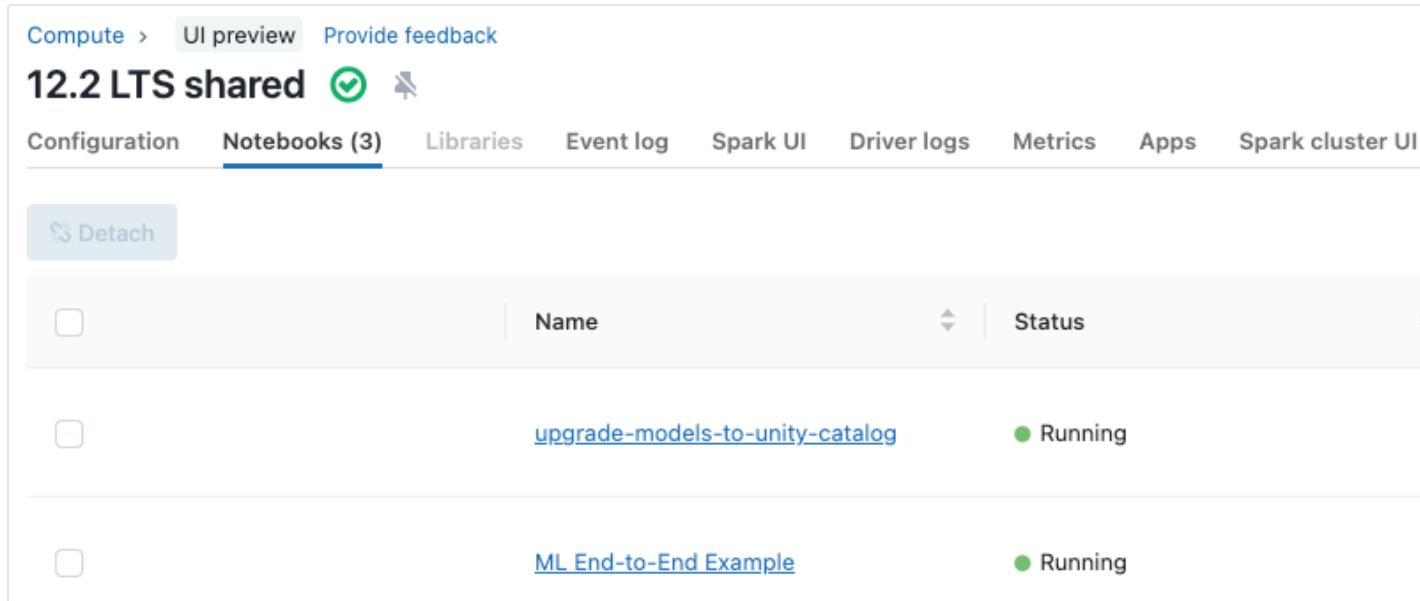
To configure editor settings:



1. Click your username at the top right of the workspace and select **Settings** from the drop down.
2. In the **Settings** sidebar, select **Developer**.

View notebooks attached to a cluster

The **Notebooks** tab on the cluster details page displays notebooks that have recently been attached to a cluster. The tab also displays the status of the notebook, along with the last time a command was run from the notebook.



The screenshot shows the Databricks UI for a cluster named "12.2 LTS shared". The "Notebooks (3)" tab is selected. A table lists three notebooks:

	Name	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	upgrade-models-to-unity-catalog	Running
<input type="checkbox"/>	ML End-to-End Example	Running