

THE DATA SCIENCE LAB

General Introductions

COM 490 – Spring 2022

Week 1

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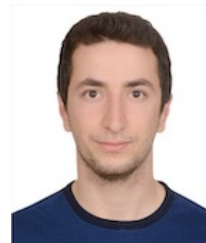
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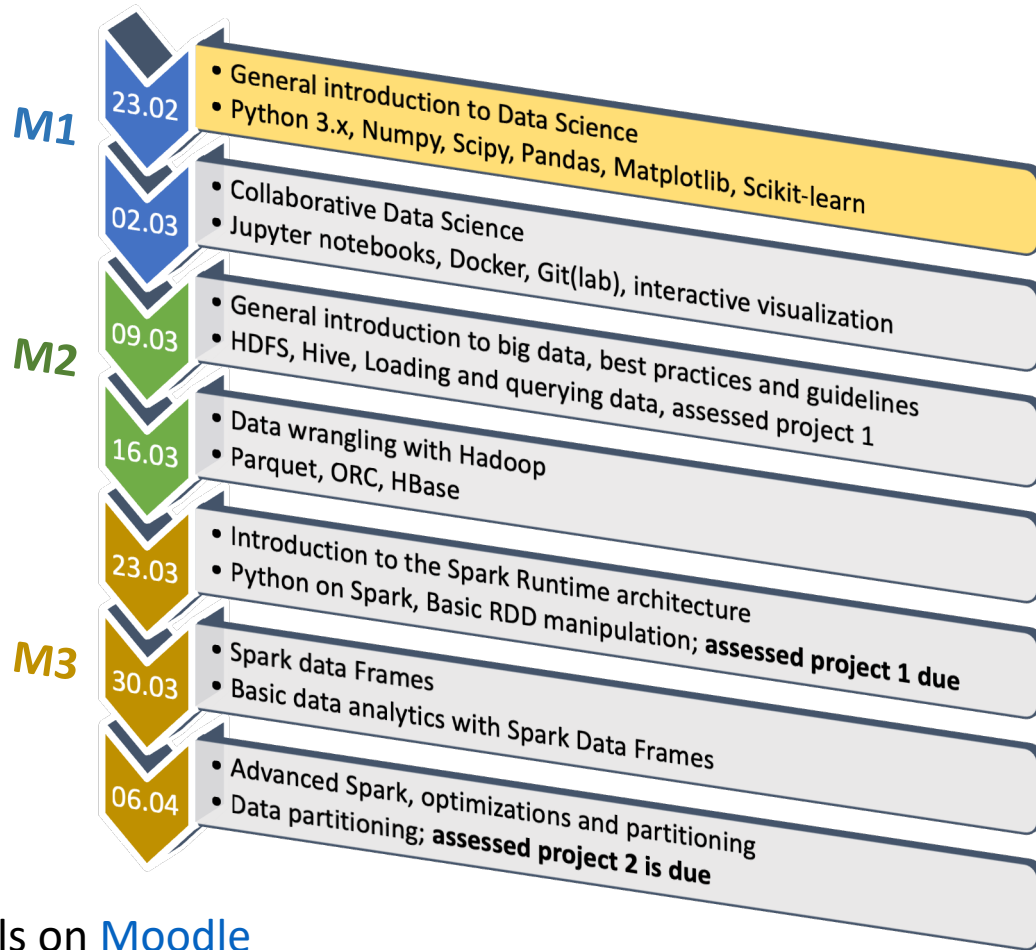
Lab Overview

- **4 Modules and 1 Final Project, 14 weeks until June 1st**
 - Module 1 - Crash course in Data Science with Python
 - Module 2 – Distributed data wrangling with Hadoop Big Data stack
 - Module 3 – Distributed machine learning with Apache Spark
 - Module 4 – Real time data acquisition and processing
 - Final – Putting it all together
- Data Science as a journey
- Very hand-on and practical
- Team work (groups of 4)
- 3+ instructors

Lab Assessment

- 60% Continuous assessment during the semester
 - One take-home project assignment per module
 - Groups of 4 students
 - Projects due within 2 weeks (jupyter notebooks)
- 40% Final project
 - Groups of 4 students
 - Project due within 4 weeks (it will be announced with assignment 4)
 - Code, plus 6-7min video presentation
 - Mini oral (group)

Agenda Spring 2022



*Details on [Moodle](#)

Class Logistics and Format

- **Labs on Wednesday – 13h10 to 16h00**
 - First 30min to 60min - theory and general introduction to exercises
 - Class materials made available before the class on Moodle
 - 1-3 exercise sessions of 30min to 40min each, and 10min to 15min recap discussion between exercise sessions
 - Classes are recorded, and videos are made available after the class
 - Zoom <https://epfl.zoom.us/j/68790504617?pwd=bHFoM29hNURLc0EzSzIUTXJ0Y3dyQT09>
 - Graded assignments are due by midnight on Tuesdays before the class
 - Final is **due by Sunday 29.05 midnight**
- **Office hours**
 - Interactive communication via Slack workspace
 - Outside class hours on demand - time to be adapted according to students' schedule

Agenda - Spring 2022 - Important Dates



- Tuesday 22.03 – Assessment 1 is due by midnight
- Tuesday 05.04 – Assessment 2 is due by midnight
- Tuesday 26.04 – Assessment 3 is due by midnight
- Tuesday 10.05 – Assessment 4 is due by midnight
- Sunday 29.05 – Final assessment is due by midnight

- Wednesday 01.06 – Oral sessions about final project

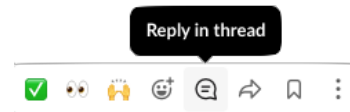
Communication

- **Class Moodle**

- Class schedule, announcements, class materials (slides) and other useful links
- Updated once a week
- <https://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=15635>

- **Slack**

- <https://epfl-com490-2022.slack.com> (by invitation only)
- For real-time intra/inter group communication, and to reach us outside class hours
- Channels:
 - [#general](#) For our general announcements or to forward EPFL guidelines
 - [#meetup](#) Looking for a team, or a teammate?
 - [#random](#) Public and unmoderated water-cooler chats
- Etiquette:
 - **DO** Answer questions in a thread
 - **DO** Help each other with technical issues etc.,
 - **DO NOT** provide solutions to assignment



Programming Environment

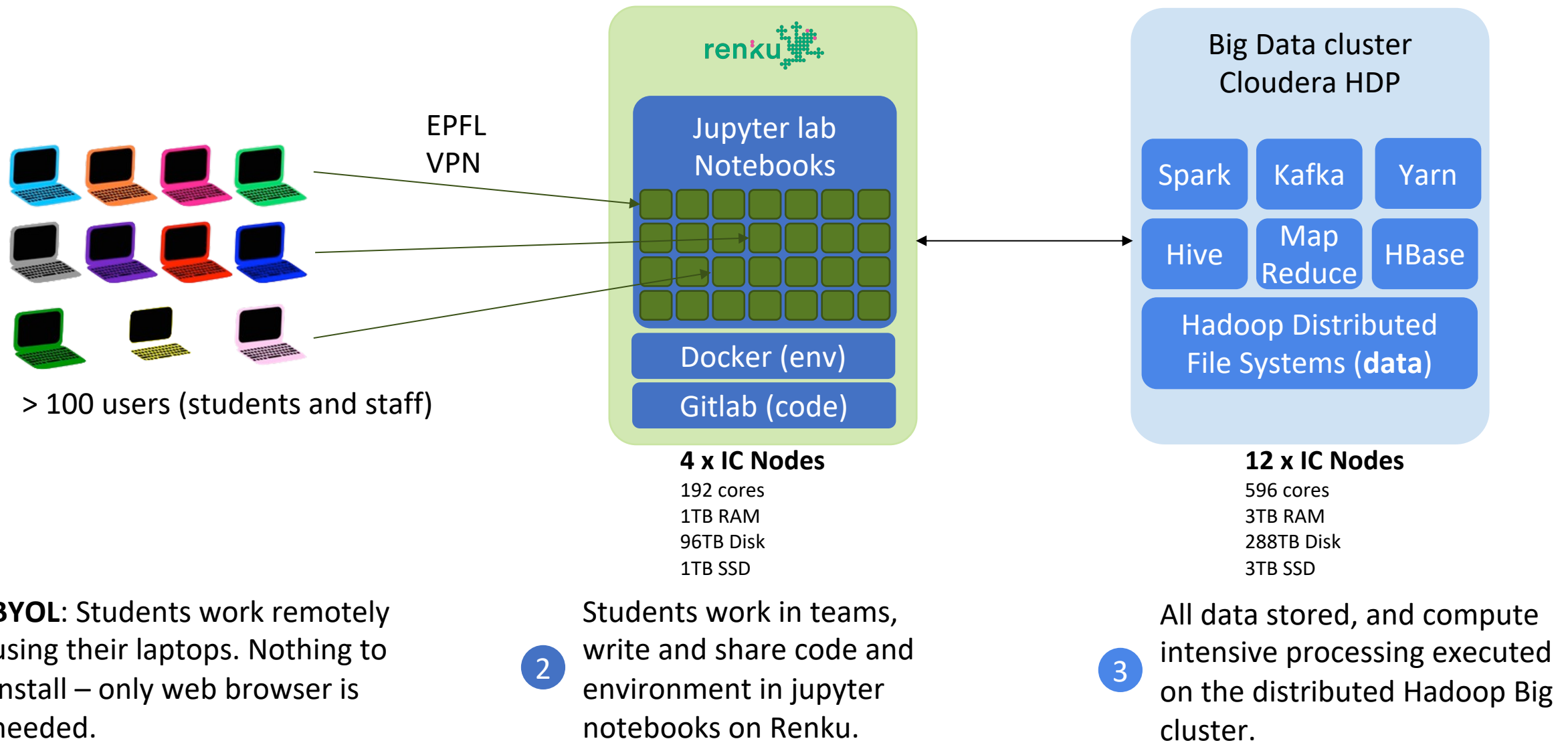
- **Programming environment RENKU**

- <https://dslab2022-renku.epfl.ch> (EPFL network, VPN required)
- Login with your gaspar username and password (no need to register)

- **Programming Languages**

- Mainly Python
 - Numpy, pandas, scikit-learn, matplotlib, PySpark (etc.) packages
- Also SQL(-like)
- And a pinch of Bash and Linux commands

Programming Environment



Programming Environment

- You will reuse the same RENKU project for all the exercises
 - The course materials for the week will be in folder `./week<n>`
 - The project will be automatically updated when you start a session
- You will create a separate RENKU group project for each assignment

Today's check list

- **You have access to EPFL network (VPN)**
 - Otherwise: → <https://vpn.epfl.ch>
- **You have registered for the class on IS-Academia**
 - Otherwise: → <http://is-academia.epfl.ch>
- **You have access to our Moodle page and have bookmarked it**
 - Otherwise: → <https://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=15635>
 - Contact us to add you to the list
- **You have access to our Slack workspace**
 - Otherwise: → <https://epfl-com490-2022.slack.com>
 - Ask us for an invite if you haven't received one yet
- **You have access to our programming environment RENKU**
 - Otherwise: → <https://dslab2022-renku.epfl.ch>
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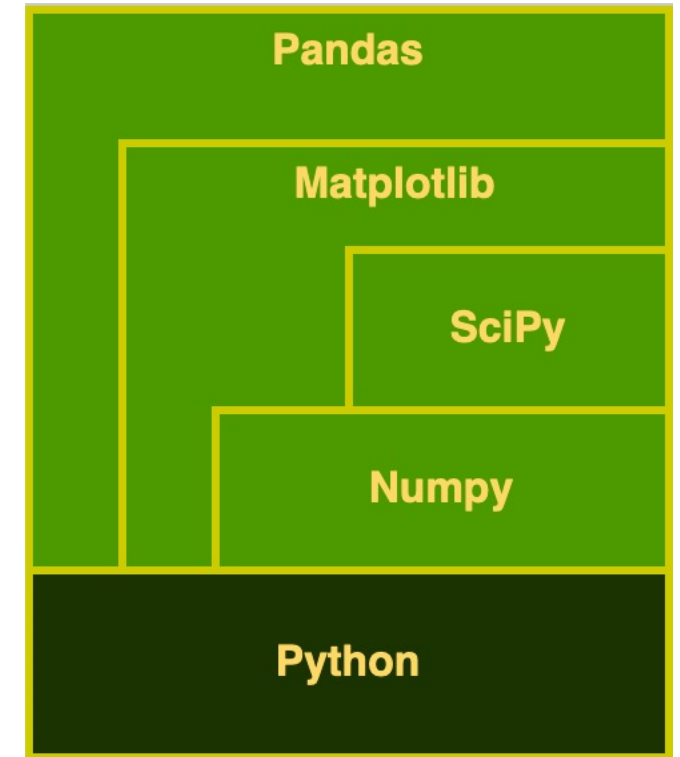
General Introduction to Data Science

with Python

Python Mathematical Libraries

- **Python**

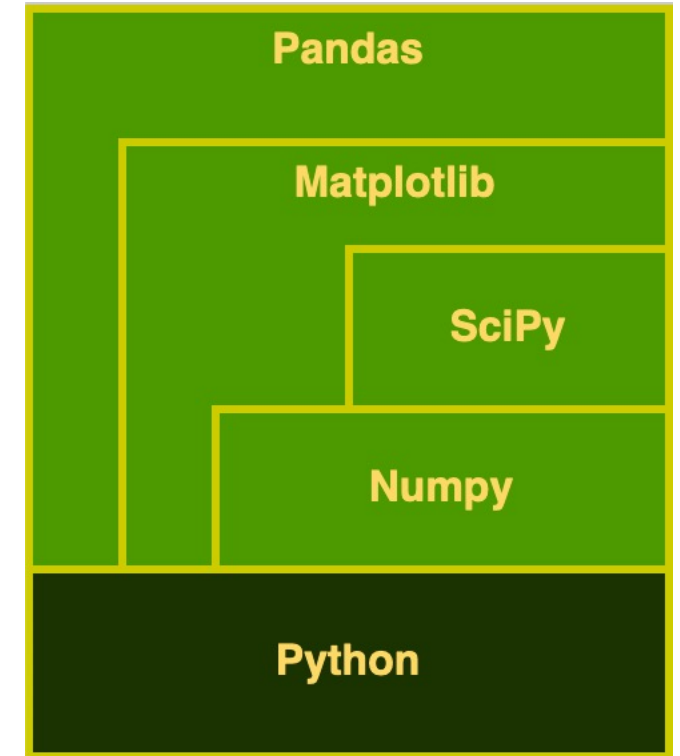
- Core programming language used in the class
- Today
 - Python types
 - List and dictionary comprehensions
 - Generators
 - Functional programming



Python Mathematical Libraries

- **Numpy**

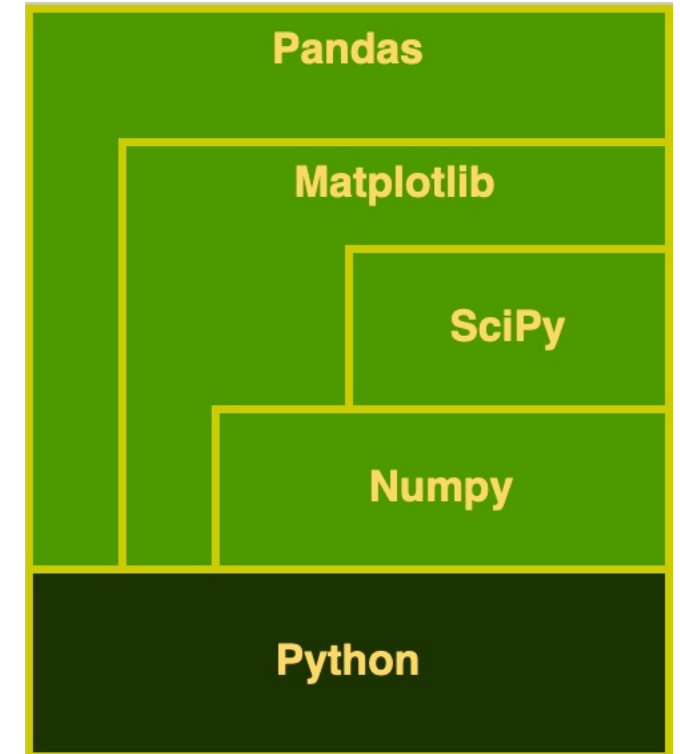
- Core library for scientific computing in Python
- Provides a high-performance multidimensional array object
- Large collection of high-level mathematical functions to operate on arrays objects
- Optimized for size and performance



Python Mathematical Libraries

- **SciPy**

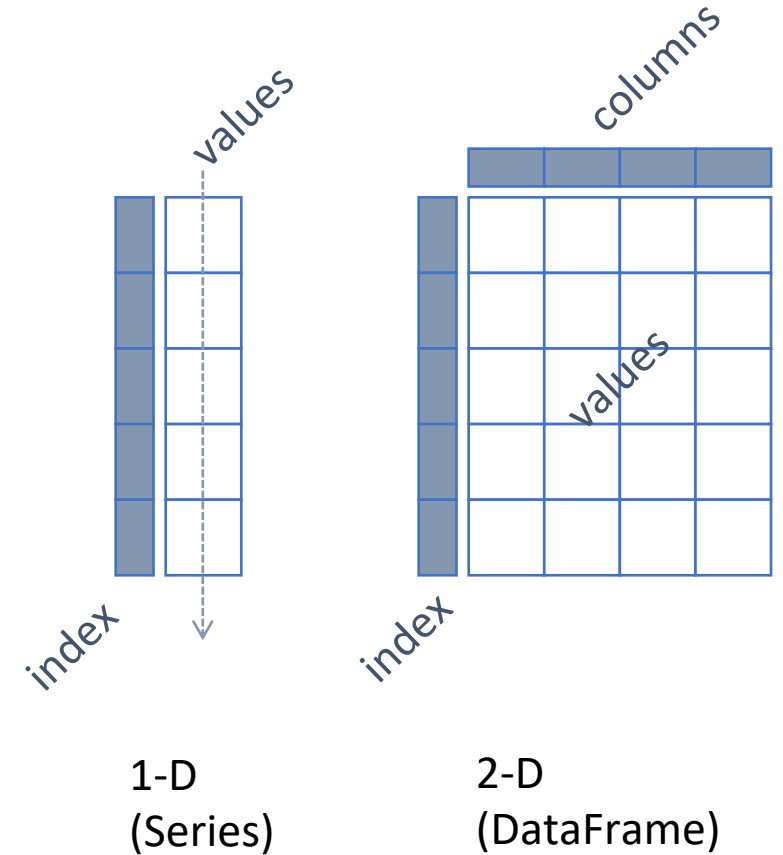
- Built on NumPy
- Mathematical library for Scientific and Technical Computing
 - Linear algebra, Interpolation, Integration
 - Image and signal processing, FFT
 - Linear optimization
 - Spatial algebra
 - Statistical functions
 - ...



Python Mathematical Libraries

- **Pandas**

- Powerful & flexible data munging library
- Built on top of NumPy
 - NumPy stores your data in arrays
 - Pandas takes the arrays, ...
... and gives you labelled index to it
- Pandas data structure with columns of potentially different types
 - Basically dictionary based NumPy *ndarray*
- Recommended reading: [pandas documentation](#)



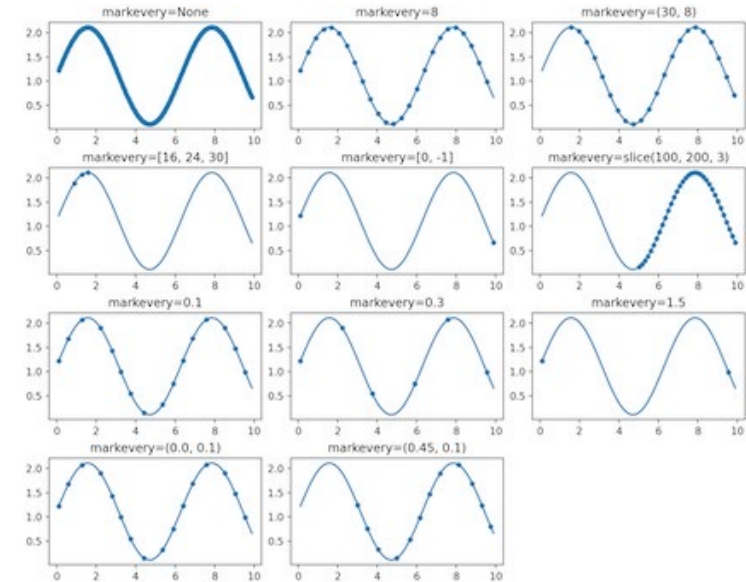
Python Mathematical Libraries

- **Matplotlib**

- The library for creating visualizations in Python
- Pandas' default visualization engine
`pandas.DataFrame.plot()`
- Powerful, but low level programming interface
- Best for quick and basic data exploration

- **Alternatives**

- Plotly
- Seaborn, folium, bokeh, osmnx, vispy, pygal, cufflinks, ...



Python Mathematical Libraries

- **Scikit-learn - Machine Learning in Python**
 - Classification, [Decision Trees](#) and [Random Forests](#)
 - Regression (logistic regression)
 - [Clustering](#) ([K-Mean](#))
 - [Nearest Neighbors](#)
 - Dimensionality reduction ([PCA](#))
 - [Model selection](#) ([hyper-parameters](#))
 - ...

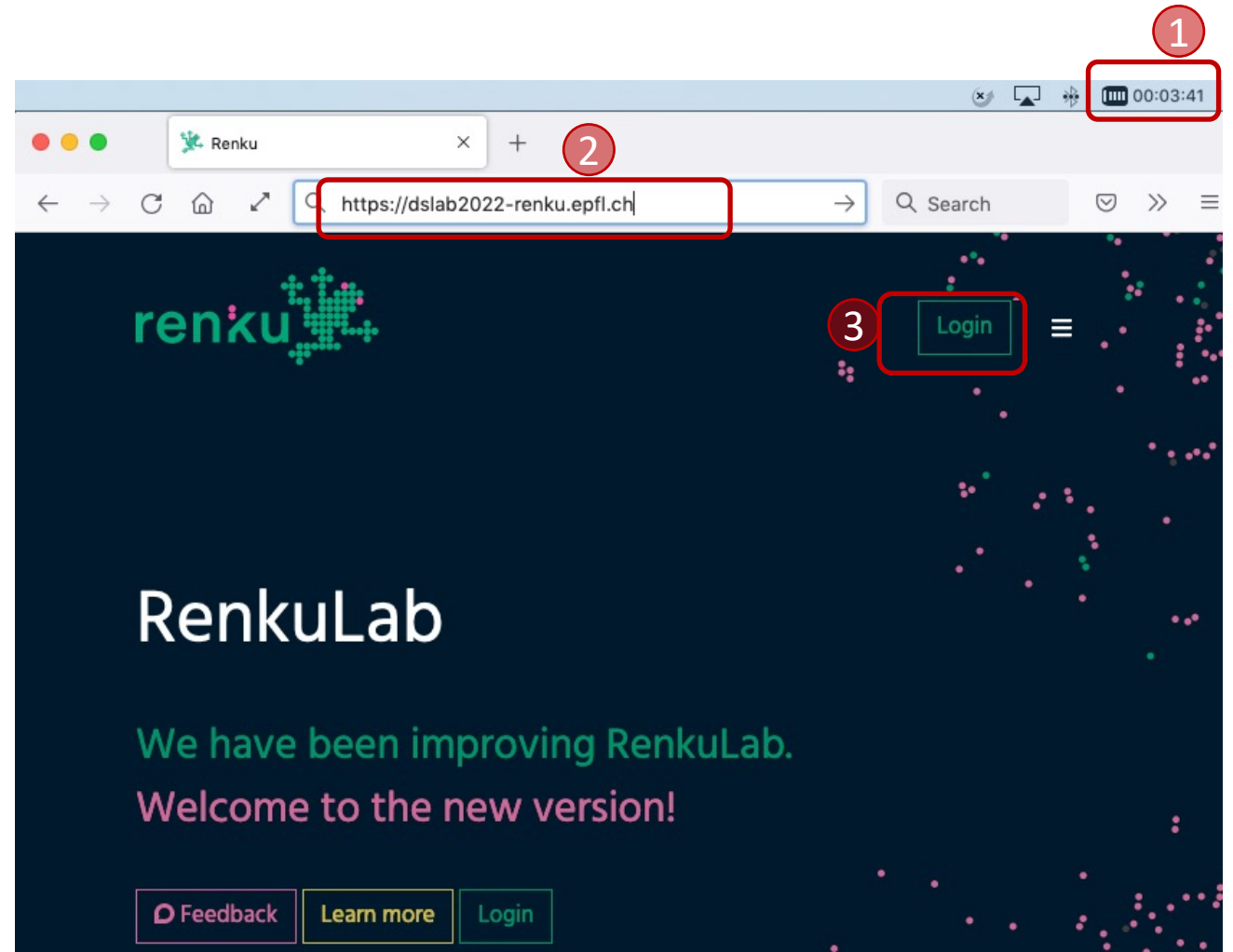
Start your engines

Bootstrapping into RENKU

<https://dslab2022-renku.epfl.ch>

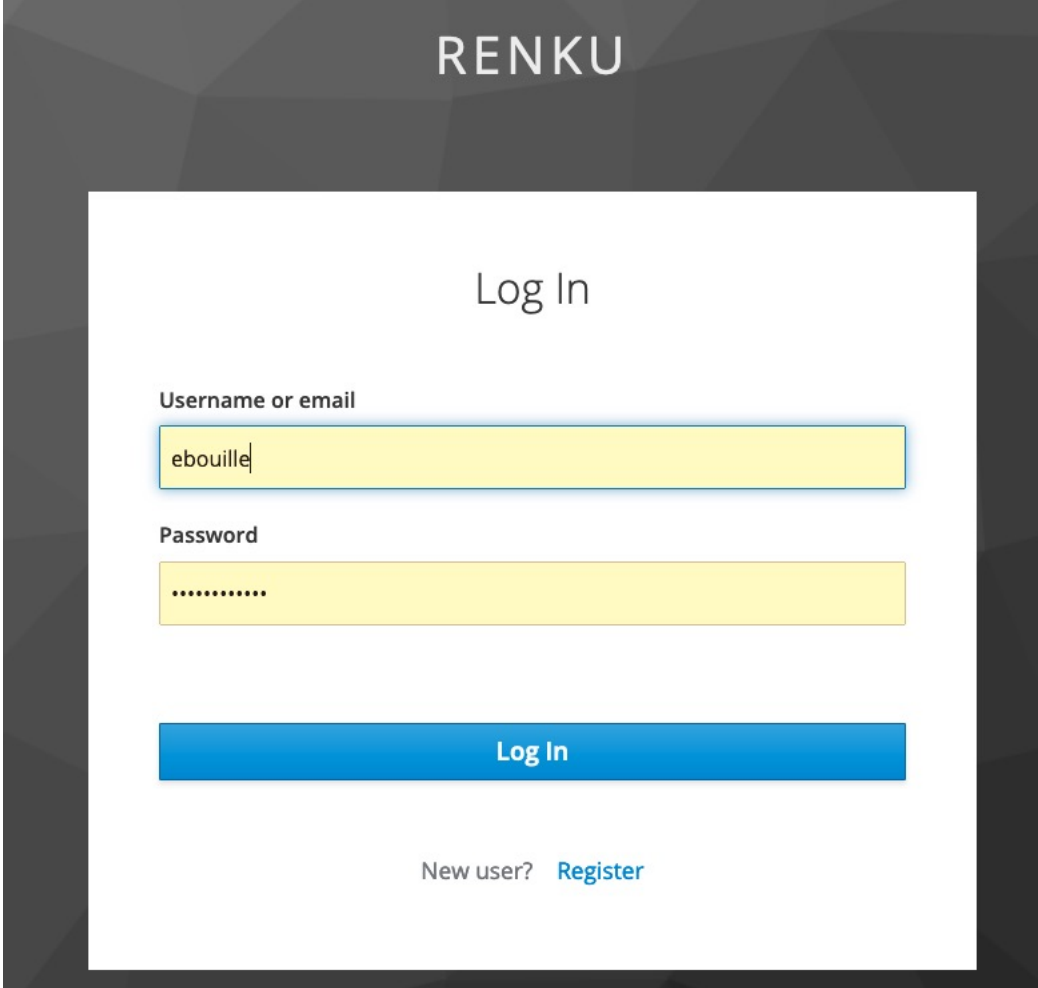
RENKU – Login

1. Must be on EPFL network (VPN)
2. Open <https://dslab2022-renku.epfl.ch> in a browser (Firefox, Safari, Chrome)
3. Click **Login or Sign Up**



RENKU – Login

- Enter your GASPARD username and Password
- Log in
- No need to register!



The screenshot shows the RENKU login page. At the top, the word "RENKU" is displayed in white on a dark background. Below it, the text "Log In" is centered. There are two input fields: "Username or email" containing the text "ebouille" and "Password" containing a series of dots. A blue "Log In" button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom, the text "New user? [Register](#)" is displayed.

RENKU - User Home Page

1. Your recent projects
2. Projects tab
3. Runtime sessions tabs
4. Gitlab view
 - Create your group
 - Manage your group members
 - Set your project visibility mode
 - and more ...

The screenshot displays the Renku user interface for a user named 'ebouille @ Renku'. At the top, a dark navigation bar features the Renku logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Projects', 'Datasets', and 'Sessions' (labeled 2, 3, 4). Below the navigation bar, the user's profile 'ebouille @ Renku' is shown. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Your Projects' (labeled 1), lists four projects: 'com490-2022' (updated 2 days ago), 'lab-course' (updated 1 week ago), 'hadoop-base' (updated 1 week ago), and 'test1' (updated 2 weeks ago). The right column contains a 'First Time' guide, a 'Help' section, and a 'Renku version 0.9.2 (October 13th 2021)' announcement. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Learn More... ?', '...do the tutorial... 📖', and '...or create a project +'. The footer includes the copyright notice '© SDSC 2022', the Renku logo, and links for 'Help', 'Forum', 'Gitter', and 'About'.

RENKU – Managing groups of users

1. Open any RENKU's **Gitlab view**
2. In Gitlab, navigate to **Groups/Create group**
3. Give a name to you group, set the visibility (private is better) and **Create group**.
4. You can now add members to your group in the group settings (members tab)

The image displays three screenshots from the RENKU web interface, illustrating the process of creating a group. The first screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the 'Groups' menu highlighted, and a red circle with the number '1' indicating the first step. The second screenshot shows the 'Groups' page with the 'Create group' button highlighted, and a red circle with the number '2' indicating the second step. The third screenshot shows the 'Create group' form with fields for 'Group name' (z-cool-group), 'Group URL' (https://sv-renku-git.epfl.ch/ z-cool-group), and 'Visibility level' (Private selected), and a red circle with the number '3' indicating the third step.

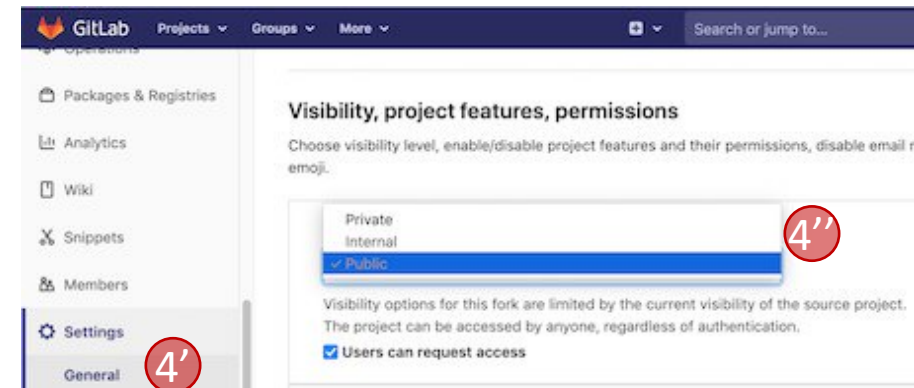
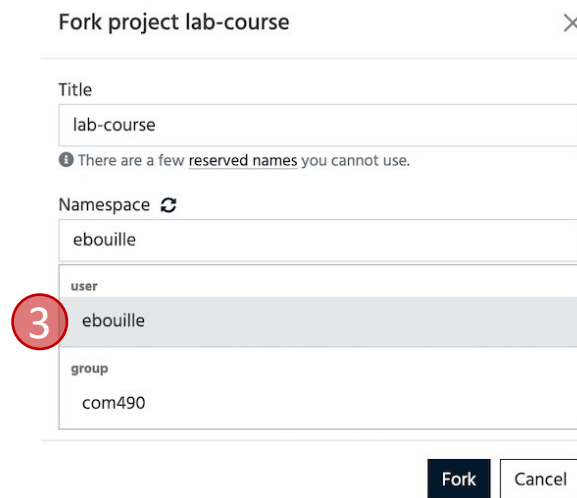
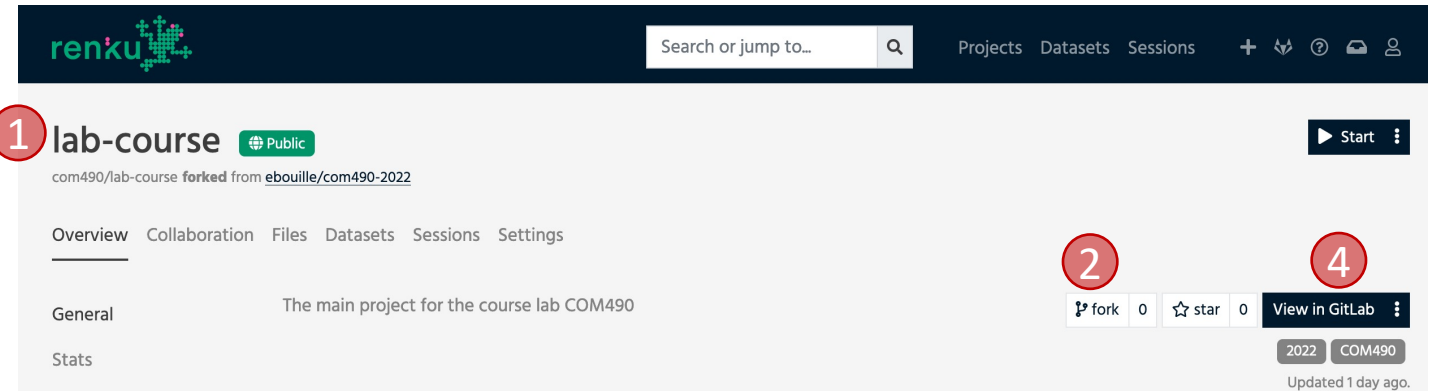
RENKU - Duplicating a project (fork)

1. Open the project you want to duplicate
2. Click **fork**
3. Fork under your user name, or your group name.

4. **Graded assignments and final must be set to private**



- Open project's **View in Gitlab**
- Navigate to *Settings/General/Visibility*
- Set Visibility to **Private**



RENKU – Interactive environments

Starting a new session

1. Select your project

2. Click **> Start :**

You can customize your session

3. Click **> Start :** *with options* (right of button)

Or use the project's *Sessions*/**New session**

4. Configure the session

5. Click **Start session**



You may ask for more CPU and RAM. Note however that they are shared and limited resources: the more you ask, the longer you will wait until they become available.

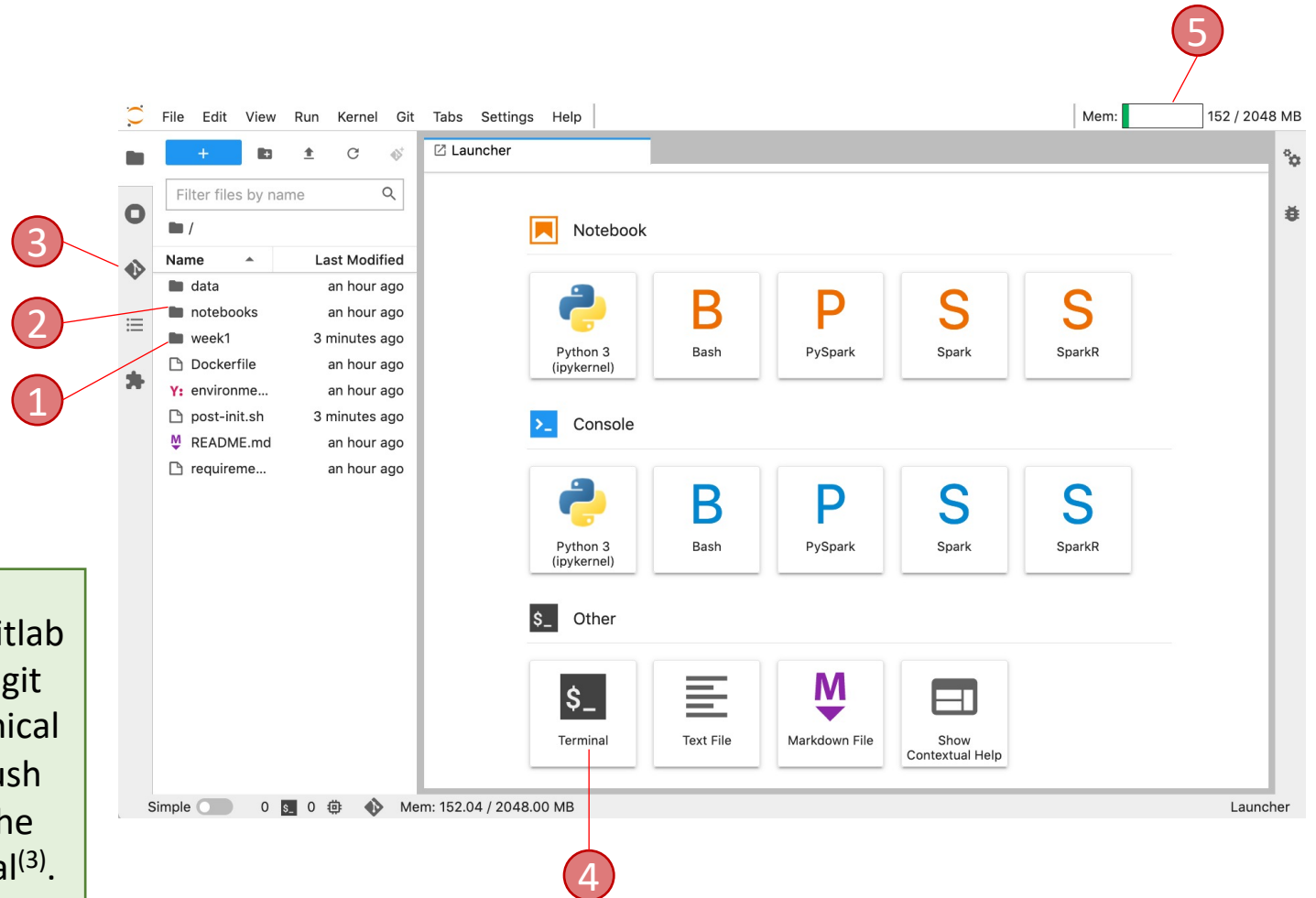
Furthermore that only affects the resources of your Jupyter notebook, not for the big data cluster where most of the work is done.

RENKU – Working with interactive sessions

1. Folders of weekly lab
Week1, Week2, ... updated weekly
2. Folder of homework notebooks
3. Git graphical interface
4. Terminal (bash/linux)
5. Memory usage. The session should be restarted with more RAM if the gauge goes into the red.



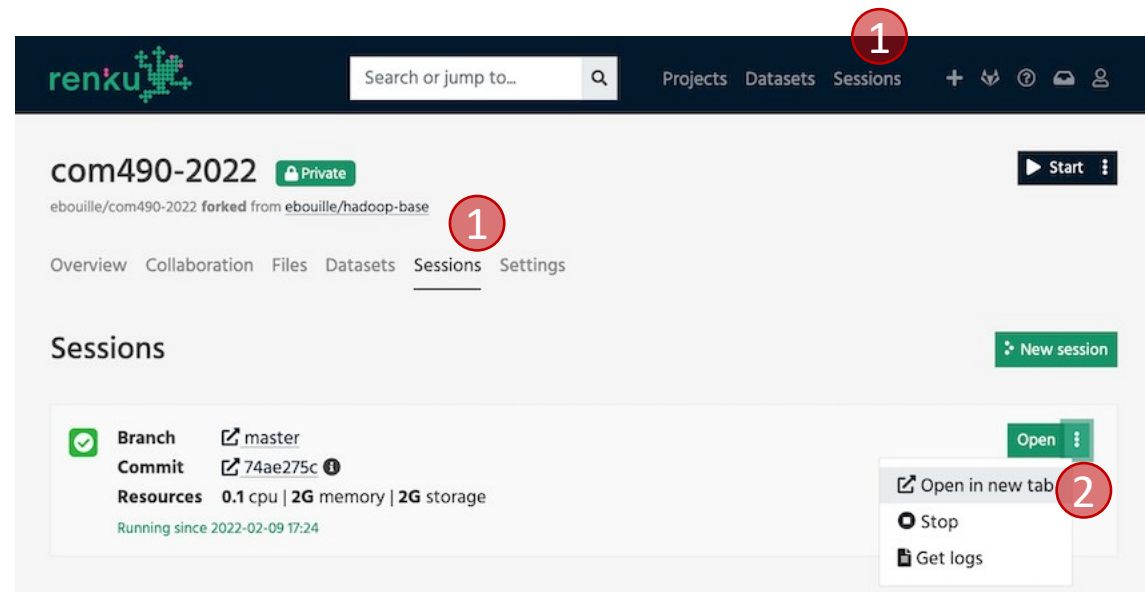
Saving your notebook will not save it on gitlab (it is saved locally only). You must use the git commands in the terminal or the git graphical interface in order to stage, commit and push your changes. Alternatively, you can use the **renku save** command line inside a terminal⁽³⁾.



RENKU – Re-opening interactive sessions

Closing your browser does not stop your session immediately.
You may re-open your session at a later time as follows:

1. Select the global or the project's Sessions tab
2. **Open :** the desired session, preferably in a new browser tab

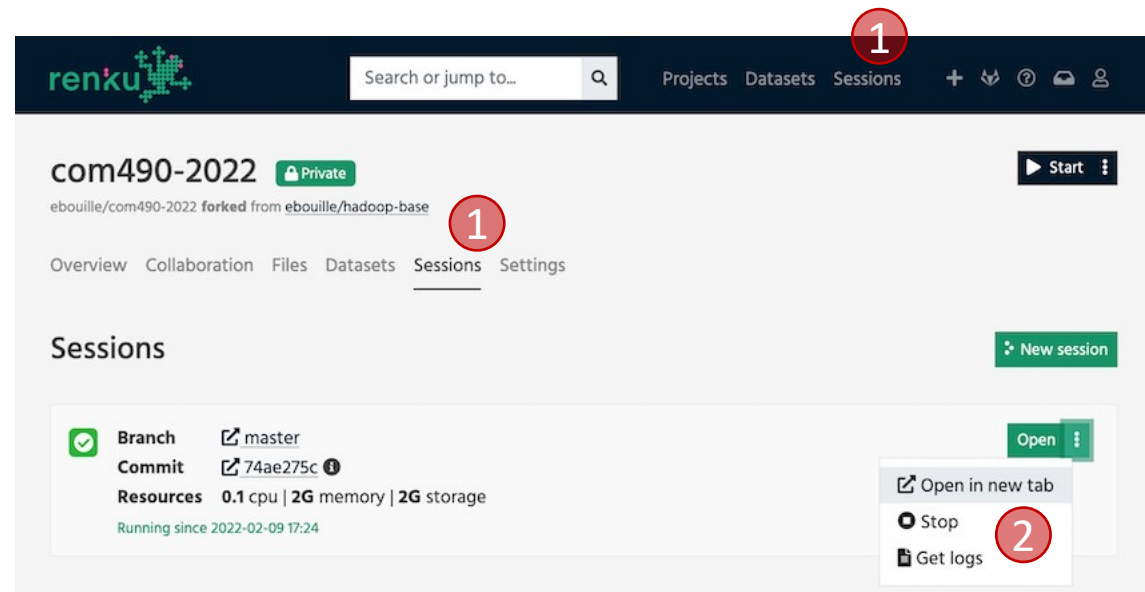


Your interactive environment will run for 24h after you close your browser and you can reconnect to it within 24h using this method. After that your work is git-saved on a backup branch and is stopped. By default, sessions are restarted from the backup if one is present.

RENKU – Stopping interactive sessions

Closing your browser does not stop your session immediately.
It is good etiquette to free the resources when you are done:

1. Select the global or the project's Sessions tab
2. Stop the desired session (click : on the right side of the open button)



Remember to save (commit and git push) your work inside your interactive environment before stopping it otherwise it will create a backup branch on gitlab.

RENKU - Etiquette

- Each user can run one interactive environment per git commit per project, that's a lot of interactive environments
- This is a small RENKU deployment, 4 VM shared by 100 students
- Be nice to others, try to keep it to one interactive environment per person
- If you like RENKU, join us on the public <https://renkulab.io> instance, it's free and there is no VPN required (but no big data).