



Efficient Information Extraction: Q&A and Summarization over PDF Documents using LLM

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Introduction

This guide is a resource for students at Algoritma to use in setting up their laptop or environment prior to the scheduled workshops. In this guide, students can find a list of prerequisites that will be consistently used throughout the entire course. These prerequisites are required to be **completed before** the start of the workshop.

For new students, we will run through the installation process to ensure that the necessary programming languages and tools - such as Python - are installed. The next section will then talk about methods on how to verify whether the installs were completed successfully.

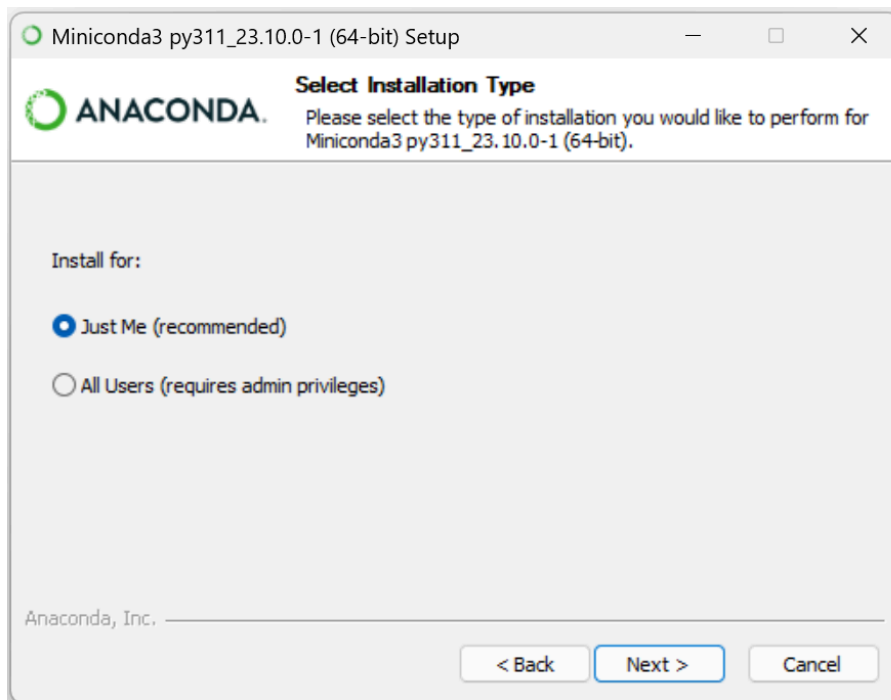
For recurring students, we recommend repeating the System Verification section once more to confirm past completed installations.

Installation

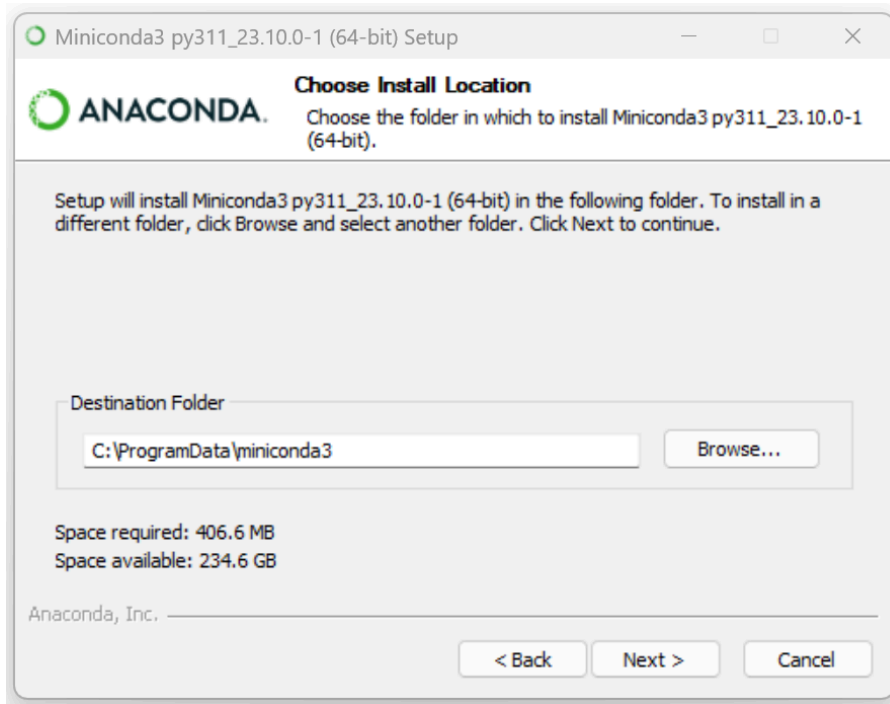
Installing Python using *Miniconda*

To install Python, we will use **Miniconda**, a minimal version of Anaconda that includes only *conda*, Python, and the essential packages they rely on. Miniconda provides not only Python but also the required packages (such as *numpy* and *pandas*) used in our workshops. Please follow the steps below to install Miniconda:

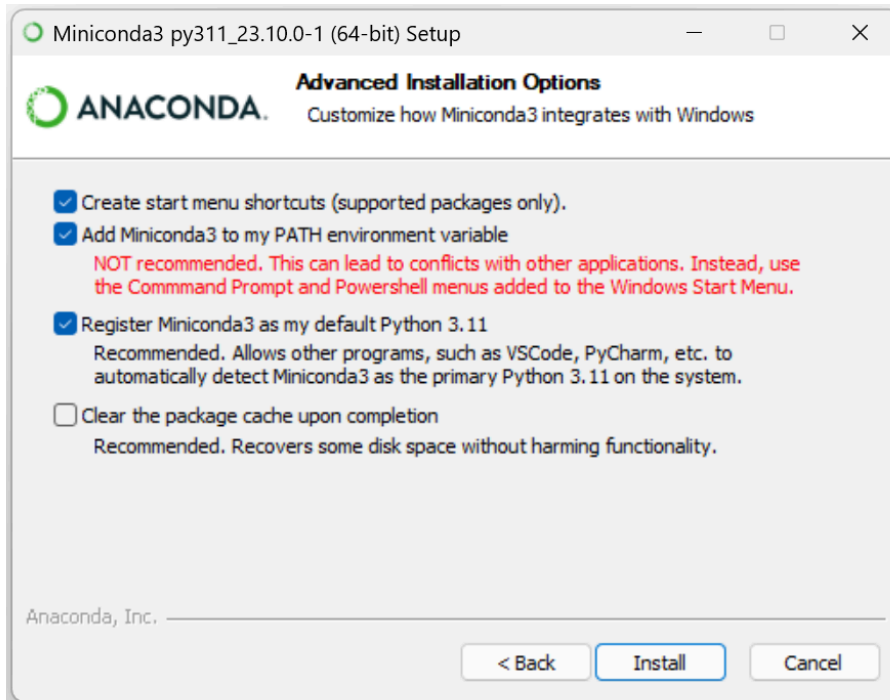
1. Open your web browser and **go to the official Miniconda download page** using this link: <https://docs.conda.io/projects/miniconda/en/latest/>.
2. On the download page, you'll find options for Windows, macOS, and Linux. **Select the appropriate download link that matches your operating system.**
3. Once the download is complete, launch the Miniconda installer file.
4. Follow the installation instructions.
5. When you're on the Select Installation Type menu, select **Just Me (recommended)**.



6. Choose the installation location. It's **recommended to accept the default location**.



7. **! IMPORTANT** : Select the checkbox to add Miniconda to my PATH environment variable. This makes it easier to use Miniconda in other applications.



8. Press the **Install** button to start the installation.

Installing Visual Studio Code

To set up a code editor, we'll be using Microsoft's Visual Studio Code, often referred to as **VS Code**. This robust and versatile code editor supports multiple programming languages and offers a wide range of extensions to enhance its functionality. Follow the steps below to install VS Code:

1. Open your web browser and **go to the official Visual Studio Code download page** using this link: <https://code.visualstudio.com/download>
2. On the download page, you'll find options for Windows, macOS, and Linux. **Select the appropriate download link that matches your operating system.**
3. **Once the installation is complete, launch VS Code.** You'll be greeted with a welcome screen like the picture below.

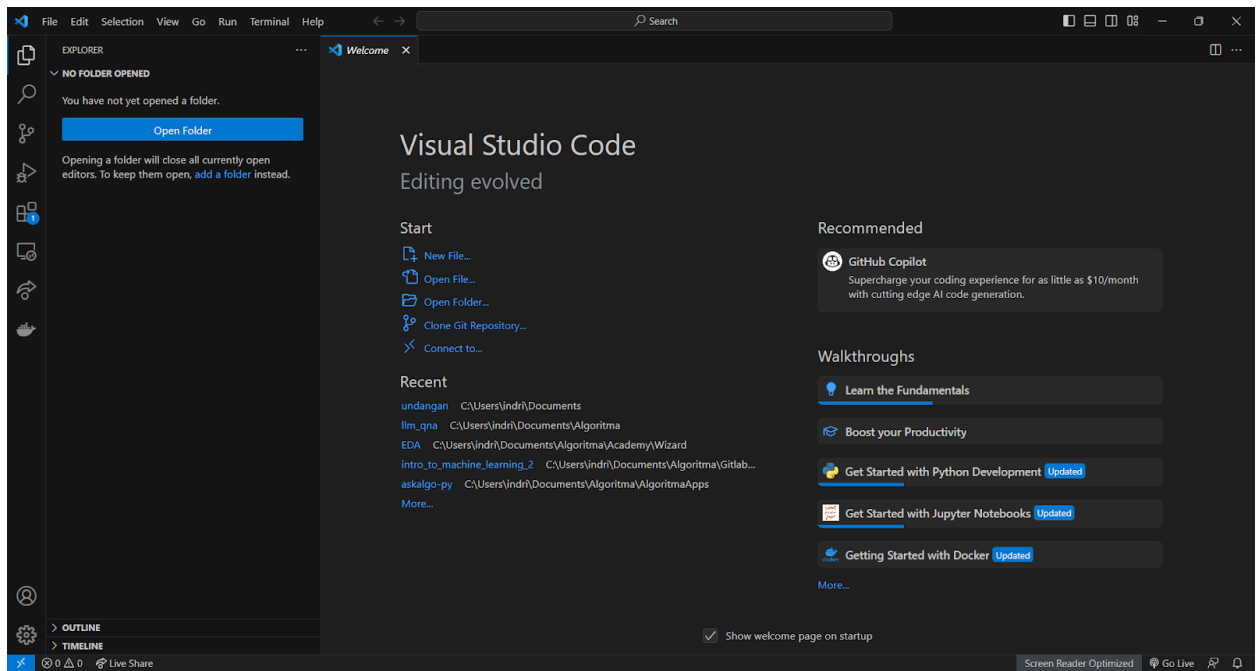


Figure 1: Visual Studio Code's Welcome Page

Installing Python & Jupyter Extension in VS Code

To set up VS Code with Miniconda, we'll require the 'Python' and 'Jupyter' extensions in VS Code. The 'Python' extension is necessary for managing Python environments and providing code assistance. Moreover, the 'Jupyter' extension is essential for editing, running, and interacting with Jupyter notebooks within VS Code. Follow the steps below to install VS Code:

1. Open VSCode and **navigate to the 'Extension' menu on the sidebar** (highlighted in green boxes in the image below). Alternatively, you can also open this menu using the shortcut **Ctrl+Shift+X** on Windows or **Cmd+Option+X** on macOS.

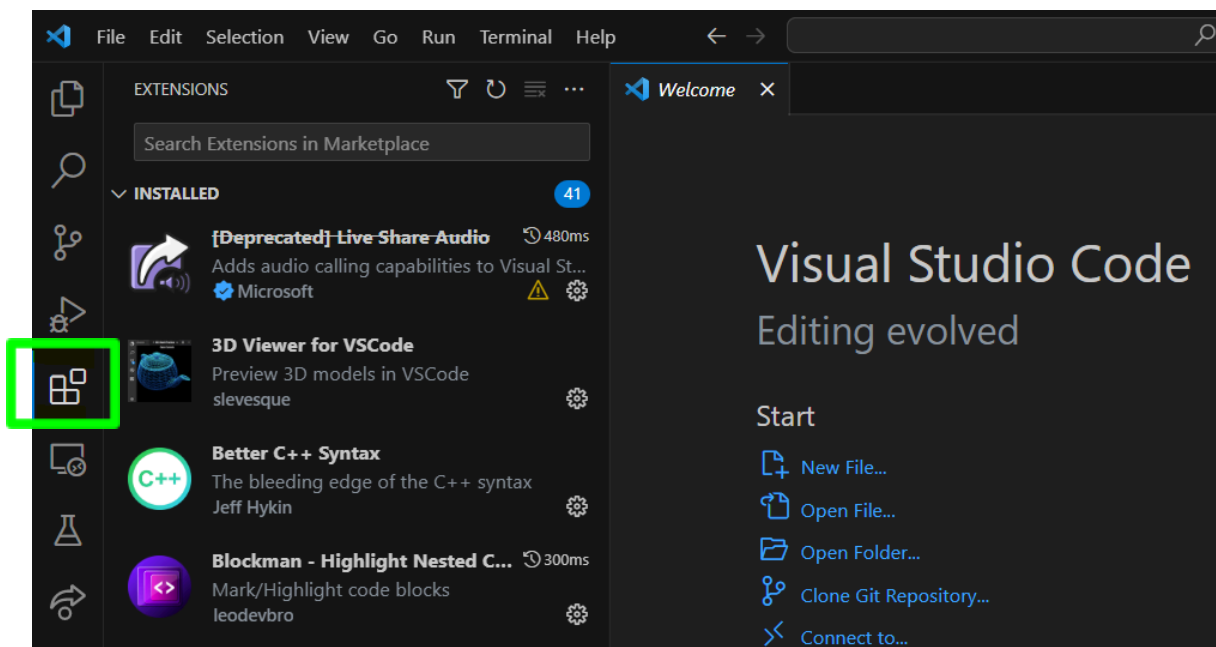


Figure 2: VS Code Extensions on the Activity Bar

Python Extension Installation

2. **Search 'Python'** on Extension search bar. Then, press **Install**.

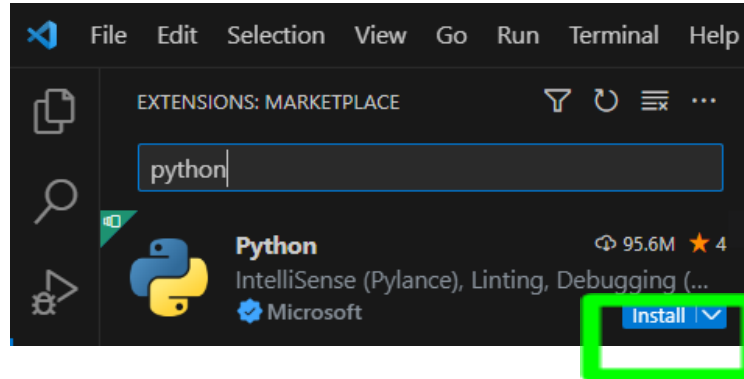


Figure 3: Searching for **Python** Extension in VS Code Extensions

3. Once the 'Python' extension installation is complete, the page view is like picture below.



Figure 4: **Python** Extension Installed in VS Code Extensions

Jupyter Extension Installation

4. **Search 'Jupyter'** on **Extension** search bar. Then, click **Install**.

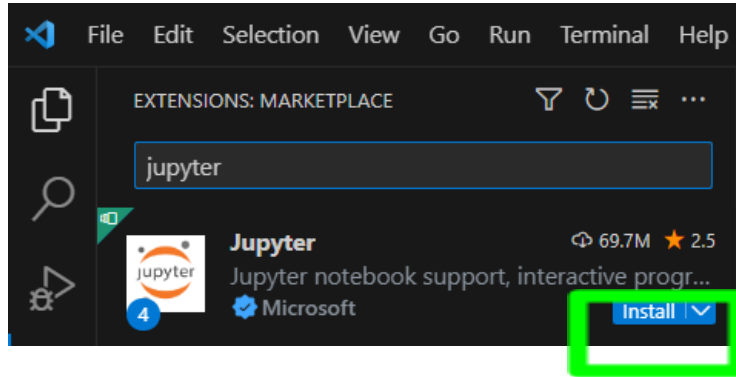


Figure 5: Searching for **Jupyter** Extension in VS Code Extensions

5. Once the 'Jupyter' extension installation is complete, the page view is like picture below.

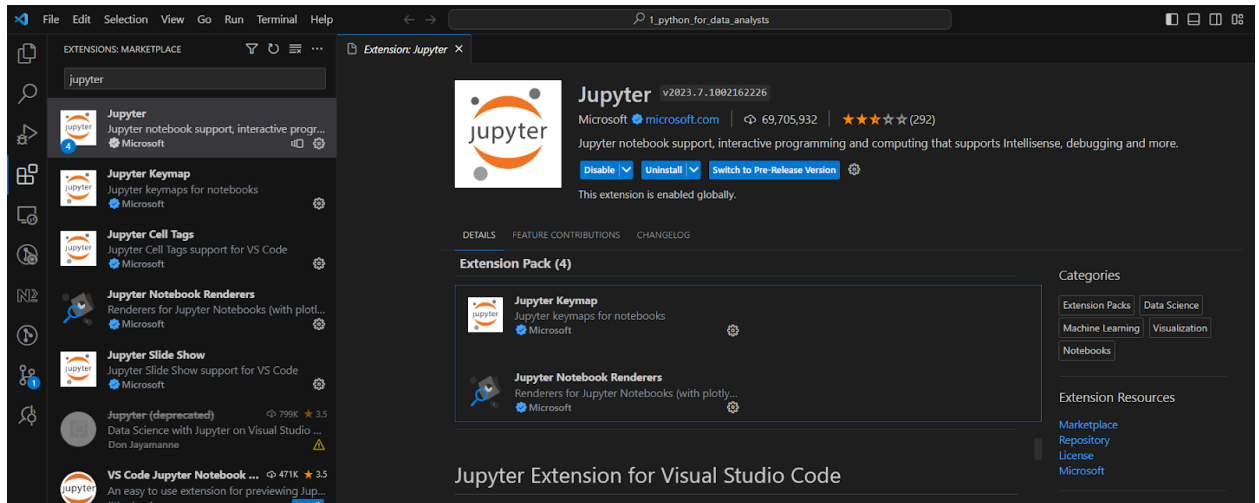


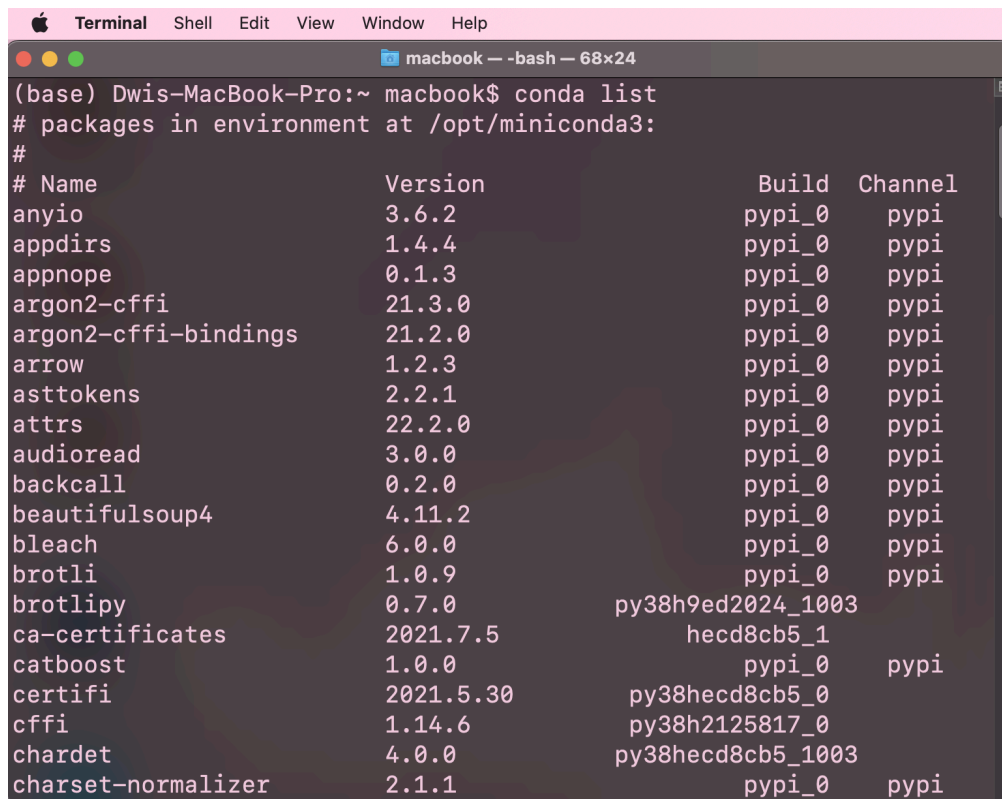
Figure 6: **Jupyter** Extension Installed in VS Code Extensions

System Verification

- **For Mac OS X and Linux-based OS:** Open “Terminal”
- **For Windows:** Open “Anaconda Prompt (miniconda3)”

Verify Anaconda Installation

1. Type the command `conda list` in your “Terminal” or “Anaconda Prompt (miniconda3)”.
2. If the installation was completed successfully, your terminal will give a response of list of packages like the example below.
3. If your terminal does not give any response, please check the installation section’s **Warning**, if the problem still persists, kindly reach out for further assistance via email at mentor@algorit.ma.



```
(base) Dwis-MacBook-Pro:~ macbook$ conda list
# packages in environment at /opt/miniconda3:
#
# Name                                Version                                Build      Channel
anyio                                 3.6.2                                 pypi_0     pypi
appdirs                              1.4.4                                 pypi_0     pypi
appnope                              0.1.3                                 pypi_0     pypi
argon2-cffi                          21.3.0                                pypi_0     pypi
argon2-cffi-bindings                 21.2.0                                pypi_0     pypi
arrow                                 1.2.3                                 pypi_0     pypi
asttokens                             2.2.1                                pypi_0     pypi
attrs                                 22.2.0                                pypi_0     pypi
audioread                             3.0.0                                 pypi_0     pypi
backcall                              0.2.0                                 pypi_0     pypi
beautifulsoup4                       4.11.2                                pypi_0     pypi
bleach                                6.0.0                                 pypi_0     pypi
brotli                               1.0.9                                 pypi_0     pypi
brotlipy                              0.7.0                                py38h9ed2024_1003
ca-certificates                      2021.7.5                              hecd8cb5_1
catboost                             1.0.0                                 pypi_0     pypi
certifi                              2021.5.30                             py38hecd8cb5_0
cffi                                  1.14.6                                py38h2125817_0
chardet                               4.0.0                                py38hecd8cb5_1003
charset-normalizer                    2.1.1                                 pypi_0     pypi
```

Figure 7: `conda list` Response on Mac OS X Terminal

```
Anaconda Prompt (miniconda3) x + v
(base) C:\Users\user>conda list
# packages in environment at C:\Users\user\miniconda3:
#
# Name                      Version      Build Channel
boltons                     23.0.0       py311haa95532_0
brotlipy                    0.7.0        py311h2bbff1b_1002
bzip2                       1.0.8        he774522_0
ca-certificates             2023.05.30   haa95532_0
certifi                     2023.5.7     py311haa95532_0
cffi                        1.15.1       py311h2bbff1b_3
charset-normalizer          2.0.4        pyhd3eb1b0_0
colorama                    0.4.6        py311haa95532_0
conda                       23.5.2       py311haa95532_0
conda-content-trust         0.1.3        py311haa95532_0
conda-libmamba-solver       23.5.0       py311haa95532_0
conda-package-handling      2.1.0        py311haa95532_0
conda-package-streaming     0.8.0        py311haa95532_0
console_shortcut_miniconda 0.1.1        haa95532_1
cryptography                39.0.1       py311h21b164f_2
fmt                          9.1.0        h6d14046_0
idna                        3.4          py311haa95532_0
jsonpatch                   1.32         pyhd3eb1b0_0
jsonpointer                 2.1          pyhd3eb1b0_0
libarchive                  3.6.2        hb62f4d4_2
libcurl                     8.1.1        h86230a5_0
libffi                      3.4.4        hd77b12b_0
libiconv                    1.16         h2bbff1b_2
libmamba                    1.4.1        h77c03ed_1
libmambapy                  1.4.1        py311h77c03ed_1
```

Figure 8: `conda list` Response on Anaconda Prompt (miniconda3)

Verify 'Python' and 'Jupyter' Extension on VS Code Installation

1. Open VS Code and press **Ctrl+Shift+P** on Windows or **Cmd+Option+P** on MacOS until a modal, like the one pictured below, appears. This modal is called the Command Palette, and from here, we can access all the functionality of VS Code.

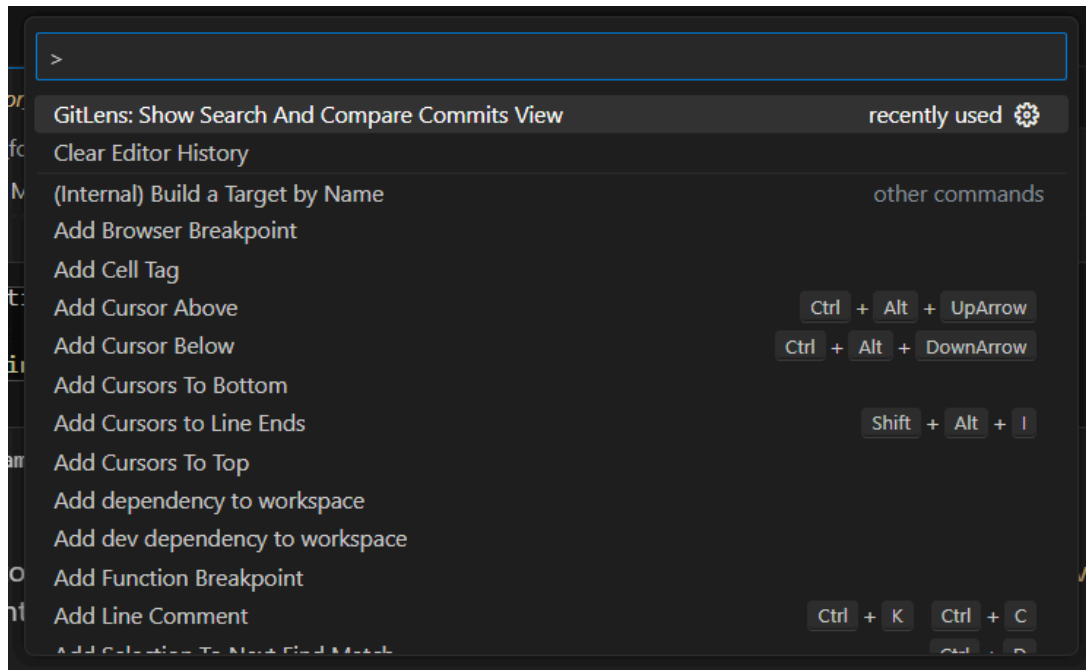


Figure 9: Opening the Command Palette in VS Code

2. Type 'interpreter' to the search bar.

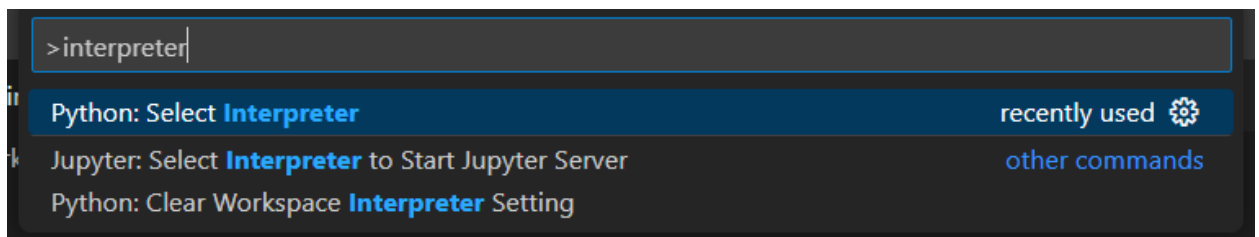


Figure 10: Typing 'Interpreter' to Find the 'Python: Select Interpreter' Menu

3. Click on "Python: Select Interpreter" then you can select the **base** environment (~\miniconda3\python.exe).

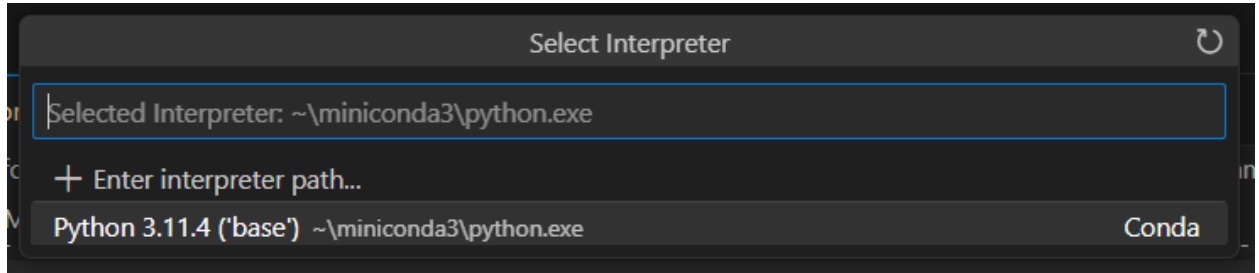
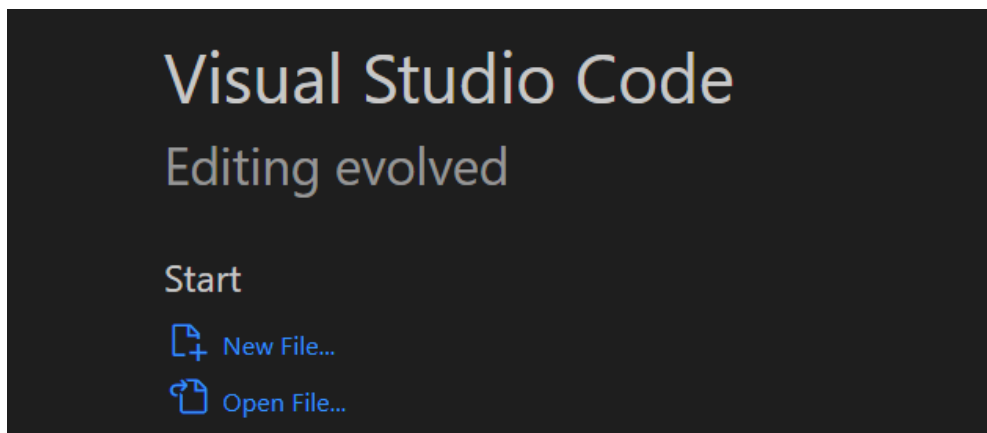


Figure 11: Selecting 'Python 3 ('base') ~\miniconda\python.exe'

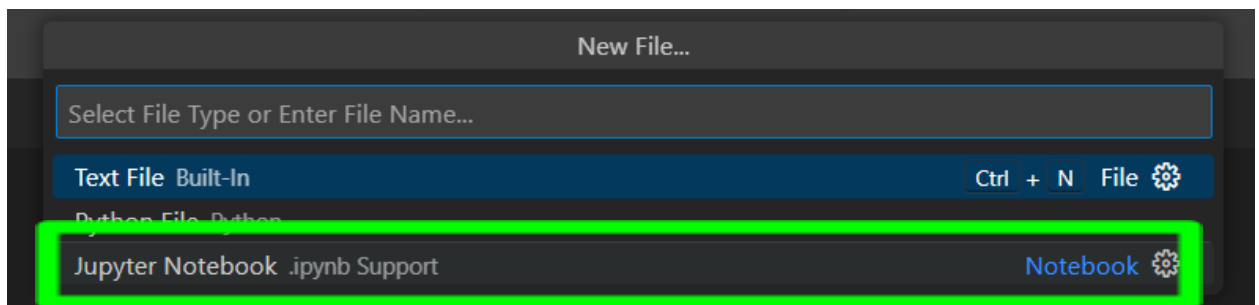
Alternative Kernel Selection

Instead of manually using Ctrl+Shift+P or Cmd+Shift+P in VSCode, you can select the kernel by clicking on "Select Kernel" in the upper right-hand corner of your notebook.

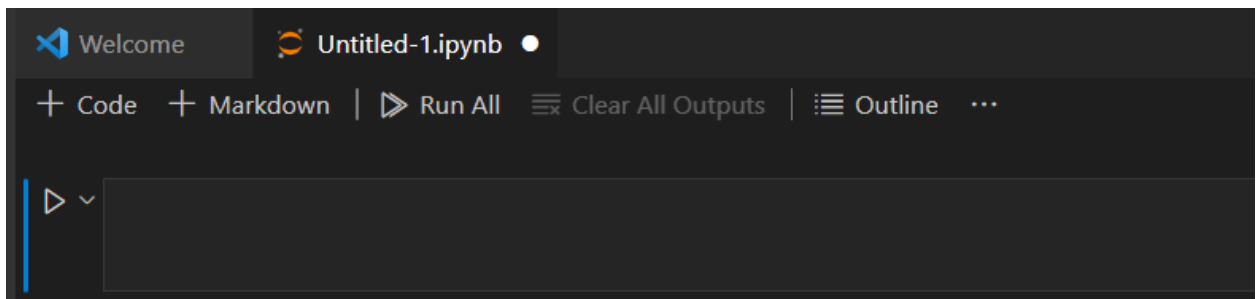
1. Create a **new notebook** by clicking the '**New File**' button.




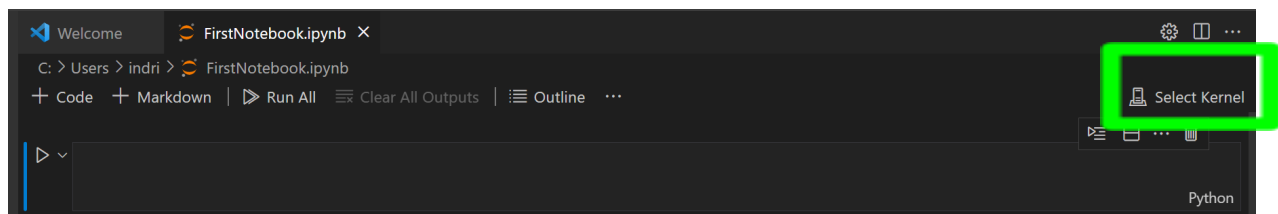
2. A modal will appear, prompting you to choose a file type. **Select the 'Jupyter Notebook .ipynb Support' file.**



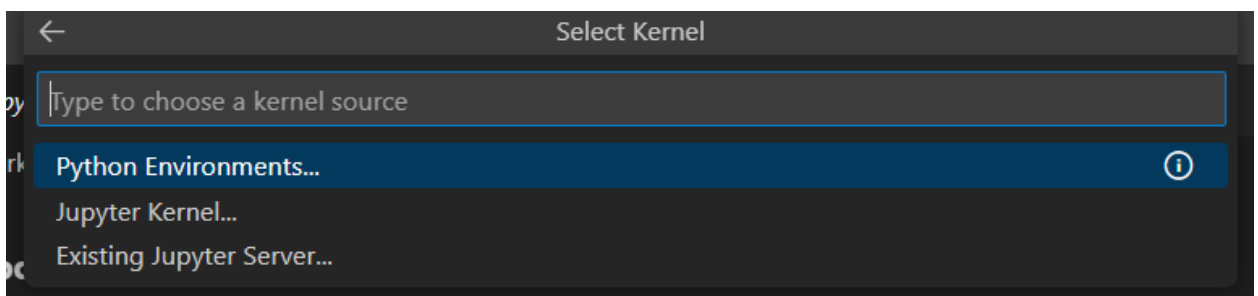
- Afterward, an 'Untitled.ipynb' file will appear as shown below. Save it as **'FirstNotebook.ipynb.'**



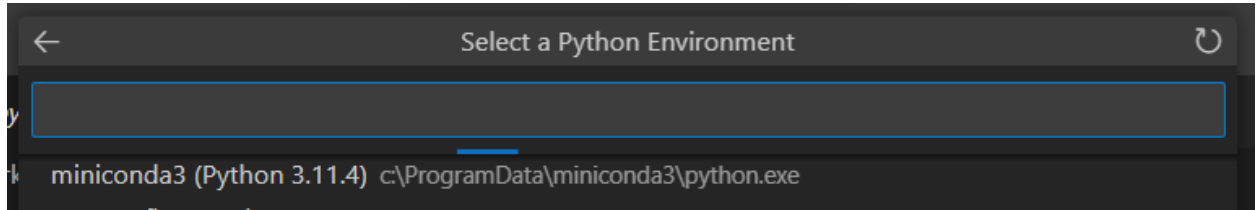
- Look for the  **Select Kernel** option on the upper right-hand corner of your notebook interface. It's typically a dropdown menu or a button with a kernel icon.



- Click on it to see a list of available kernels. Kernels are associated with specific programming languages or environments, so choose the one that matches your requirements.
 - Select **"Python Environments"**



- After installing Miniconda for the first time, you can select the **'miniconda3'** kernel, which is the default Python 3.X.X kernel provided by Miniconda.



6. Once you've selected the desired kernel, your notebook will start using that kernel for code execution.

This makes it easy to switch between different programming languages or environments within a Jupyter Notebook without having to remember keyboard shortcuts.

Virtual Environment and Package Preparation *

This step is required to prepare our environment throughout the course and prevent any conflicting dependencies. Make sure you have downloaded **requirements.txt** file attached alongside this handbook in the Google Classroom post.

1. Search for **Anaconda Prompt (miniconda3)** application for Windows or **Terminal** for Mac.
2. Create a new virtual environment named **dss_may2024** with Python version 3.10 using the following syntax. Press **Enter**.

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```
conda create -n dss_may2024 python=3.10
```

```
(base) C:\Users\ASANI>conda create -n dss_may2024 python=3.10
```

3. During the process, you will be asked to proceed by typing either **y** or **n**. Type **y** and press **Enter**.

```
The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

bzip2                pkgs/main/win-64::bzip2-1.0.8-h2bbff1b_6
ca-certificates      pkgs/main/win-64::ca-certificates-2024.3.11-haa95532_0
libffi               pkgs/main/win-64::libffi-3.4.4-hd77b12b_1
openssl              pkgs/main/win-64::openssl-3.0.13-h2bbff1b_1
pip                  pkgs/main/win-64::pip-24.0-py310haa95532_0
python                pkgs/main/win-64::python-3.10.14-he1021f5_1
setuptools            pkgs/main/win-64::setuptools-69.5.1-py310haa95532_0
sqlite                pkgs/main/win-64::sqlite-3.45.3-h2bbff1b_0
tk                    pkgs/main/win-64::tk-8.6.14-h0416ee5_0
tzdata                pkgs/main/noarch::tzdata-2024a-h04d1e81_0
vc                    pkgs/main/win-64::vc-14.2-h2eaa2aa_1
vs2015_runtime        pkgs/main/win-64::vs2015_runtime-14.29.30133-h43f2093_3
wheel                 pkgs/main/win-64::wheel-0.43.0-py310haa95532_0
xz                    pkgs/main/win-64::xz-5.4.6-h8cc25b3_1
zlib                  pkgs/main/win-64::zlib-1.2.13-h8cc25b3_1

Proceed ([y]/n)? y_
```

4. Wait until the environment creation is complete.
5. Activate the newly created environment, namely **dss_may2024**. Press **Enter**.

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```
conda activate dss_may2024
```

```
(base) C:\Users\ASANI>conda activate dss_may2024  
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI>_
```

6. After activating your environment, install LangChain library by using the following command. Press **Enter**. If you are asked to proceed by typing either **y** or **n**, type **y** and press **Enter**. Wait until the installation is complete.

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```
conda install langchain -c conda-forge
```

```
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI>conda install langchain -c conda-forge
```

7. Navigate to the directory where you saved **requirements.txt** file. We will use this file to install the remaining packages. For example, if you saved it in your **Downloads** directory, navigate to that directory using the **cd** command and press **Enter**.

```
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI>cd Downloads  
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI\Downloads>_
```

8. Install all of the remaining packages in **requirements.txt** using the following command. Wait until the packages installation process is complete and your environment is ready!

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```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

```
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI>cd Downloads  
(dss_may2024) C:\Users\ASANI\Downloads>pip install -r requirements.txt_
```

Here is the list of package in **requirements.txt**:

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```
python-dotenv  
huggingface-hub==0.22.2  
langchain-community  
langchain-chroma==0.1.0  
langchain-google-genai==1.0.3  
langchain-openai==0.1.6  
pypdf==4.2.0  
PyPDF2==3.0.1  
sentence-transformers==2.7.0  
rapidocr-onnxruntime
```

Alternatively to the package installation using **requirements.txt**, you can also install the package above one by one using the following command. For example, we want to langchain-chroma:

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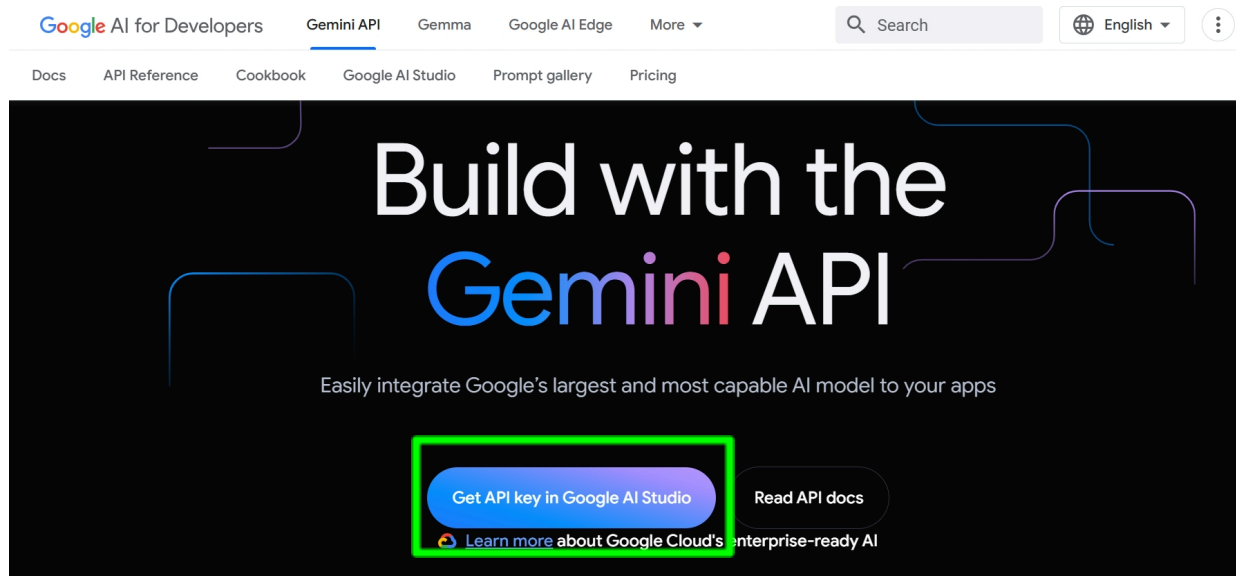
```
pip install langchain-chroma==0.10
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* : will be discussed later in day 1 class

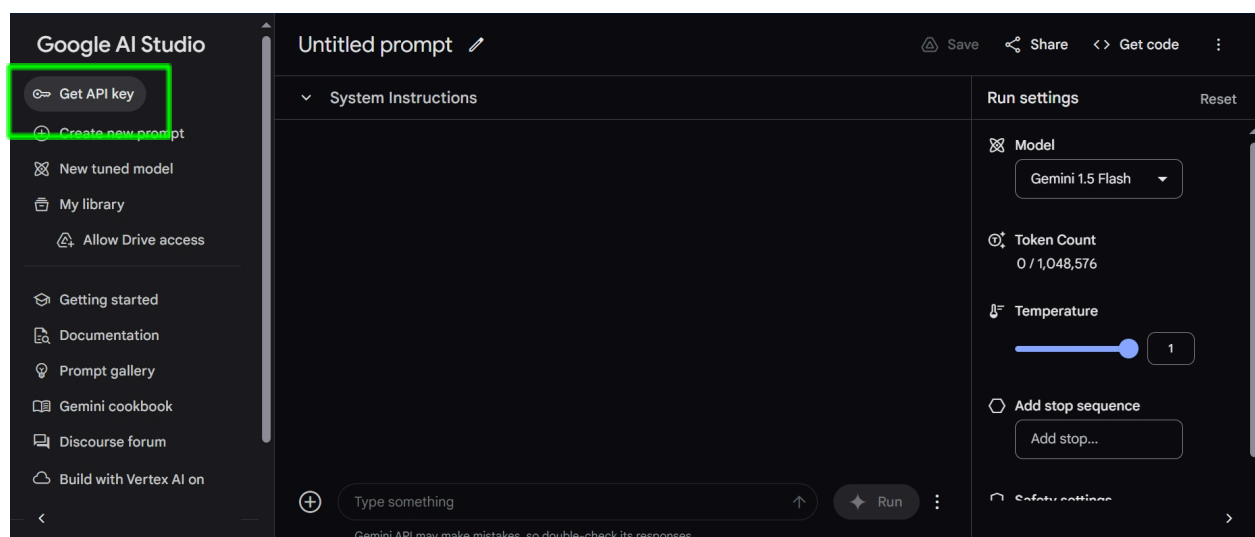
Gemini API Key Guideline

During our workshop, we will primarily utilize the LLM developed by Google, Gemini API. The usage of this Gemini API requires us to have an API key. To obtain your Gemini API key, follow these steps:

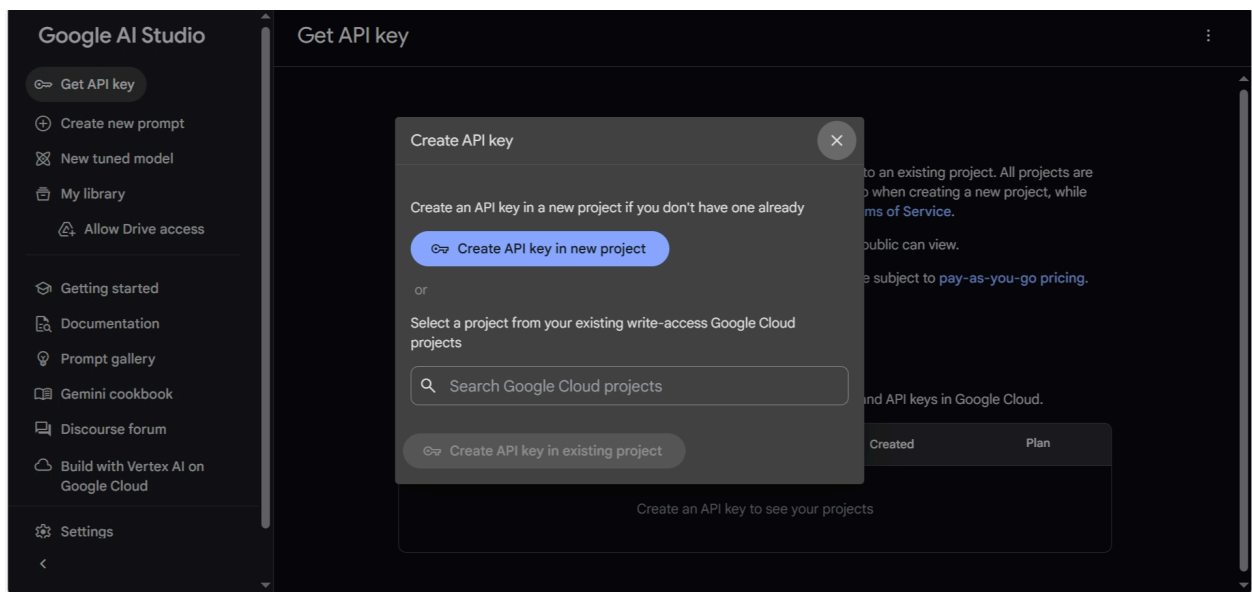
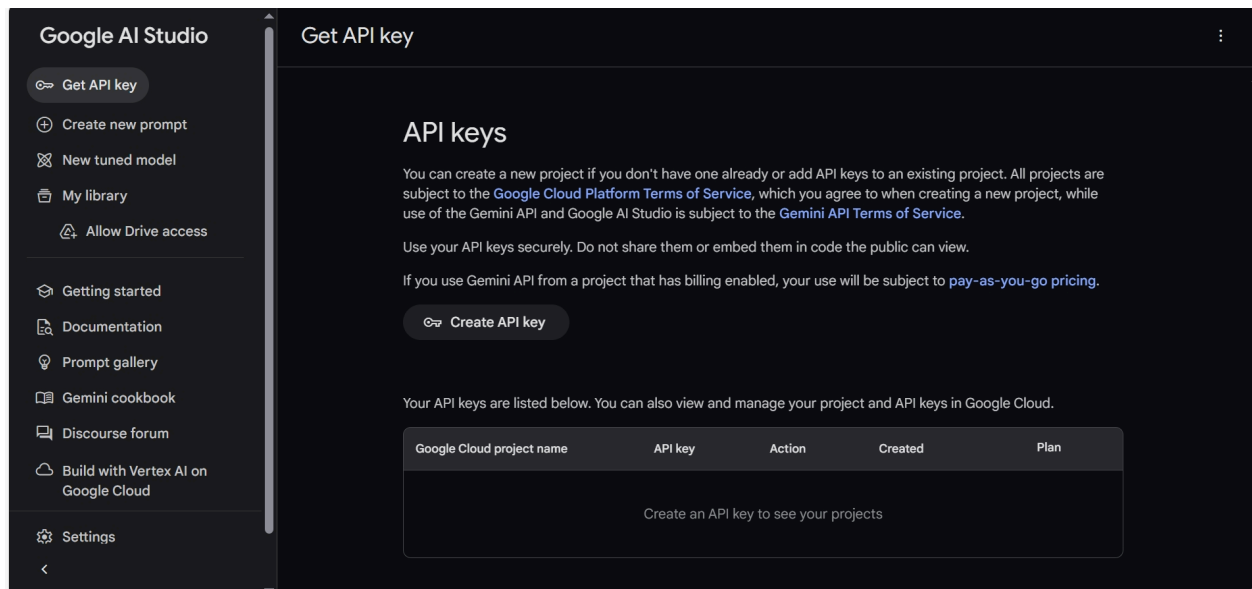
1. Open this link from your browser: <https://ai.google.dev/gemini-api> (make sure you have signed in to your Gmail account) .

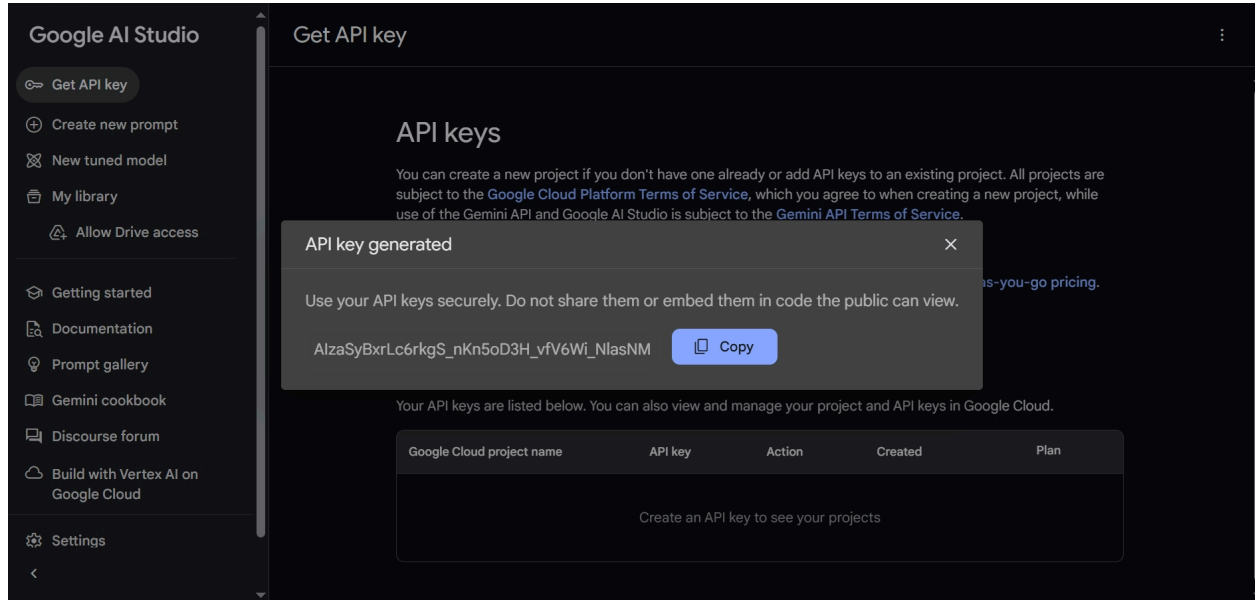


2. Choose **GetAPI key in Google AI Studio** menu and you will be directed to this page. Choose **Get API key** menu in the top left corner.



3. Choose the menu **Create API Key > Create API Key in New Project** and your API key will be generated. Copy your API key and save it somewhere safe.





4. For Windows users, you can paste the API key in Notepad with the following format and save your file with the name **.env**

For Mac users, you can follow the same steps using TextEdit.

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```
GOOGLE_API_KEY = "paste_API_key_here"
```

