

# Annotation Assignment 1 Instructions

In this assignment, we will use our tool to conduct Active Learning for annotating forest and non-forest regions in satellite images. The idea is to make corrections on the labels predicted by an initial model and let the model learn from the corrections made to refine the predictions. For specifics on how to conduct the annotation, please follow the instructions given by the TAs during the demonstration.

To perform this assignment, we expect you to be able to use the Linux terminal and ssh into UAB's Cheaha supercomputer. If you are a Windows user, please consider installing Windows Subsystem for Linux: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install> so that you can use Linux terminal directly.

To use the tool in your local computer, please follow the instructions given below:

## Step 1: Code Download

1. Open a terminal in your local computer
2. Run this command: ssh [BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu](mailto:BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu)
3. Enter your password (UAB's outlook account's password)
4. cd to the directory you want to work on
5. git clone [https://github.com/saugatadhikari/forest\\_model\\_AL.git](https://github.com/saugatadhikari/forest_model_AL.git)

**Note: Please only use the code in the main branch**

## Step 2: Dataset Download

1. Download the 2 zip files from the links below, extract them in the path below inside Cheaha (where you have cloned the git repository):  
/forest\_model\_AL/backend\_code/data\_al/repo
  - a. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pQFycst8o1udDMTOkklQRkHCgl9J0Taa/view?usp=sharing>
  - b. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mMX70XYqufMi-CYlh5BwCQnHSpKNqi9/view?usp=sharing>
2. Download the zip file from the link below and extract it in the path below inside Cheaha:  
/forest\_model\_AL/backend\_code/:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B1eeFZRY2jf6xzwuk40EH3E51UJZhVt/view?usp=sharing>
3. Download the zip file from the link below and put them in a folder that's convenient to you in your local computer. You will need to upload the files present in this folder later to the frontend: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19yM2JogLxKcIS32bGLHUO-YJNNMoFunJ/view?usp=sharing>

## # How to upload downloaded file from your local computer to Cheaha's server?

1. Open a linux terminal in the folder where you have downloaded the zip file
2. Run this command: `scp -r <src_path> BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu:<dst_path>`
  - a. <src\_path>: path of the file in your local computer that you want to upload to Cheaha
  - b. <dst\_path>: destination folder path where you want to upload your file to

## # Extracting zip files in Cheaha's server

6. Open a terminal in your local computer
7. Run this command: `ssh BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu`
8. Enter your password (UAB's outlook account's password)
9. `cd` to the folder with zip file
10. Run this command: `unzip <file.zip>`

## Step 3: Environment Setup

1. GPU env setup in Cheaha (one time thing)
  - a. Open a terminal in your local computer
  - b. Run this command: `ssh BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu`
  - c. Enter your password (UAB's outlook account's password)
  - d. `cd` to `/forest_model_AL/`
  - e. Run this command: `module load Anaconda3`
  - f. open `environment.yml` file, go to the last line and replace 'BlazerId' with your BlazerId, and save the file
  - g. Run this command to install a new virtual env with all the requirements
    - `conda env create -f environment.yml`
  - h. Activate the installed environment using and make sure the environment is activated:
    - `conda activate al_env`

## Step 4: Machine Allocation on Cheaha

From cheaha's terminal, run one of the following two commands. Try to use Amperenodes as first priority since it is faster than Pascalnodes.

1. **Amperenodes:**  
`srun --ntasks=1 --cpus-per-task=1 --mem-per-cpu=32000 --time=12:00:00 --partition=amperenodes --job-name=JOB_NAME --gres=gpu:1 --pty /bin/bash`

## 2. Pascalnodes:

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srun --ntasks=1 --cpus-per-task=1 --mem-per-cpu=32000 --time=12:00:00 --partition=pascalnodes --job-name=JOB_NAME --gres=gpu:1 --pty /bin/bash
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Once this command is run, it will take some time to allocate you a machine. After the machine is allocated, you will see something like this in your terminal: **blazerid@c0xxx**. Please note down **c0xxx**, this is your machine id which will be used in Step 5 below. **Do not exit this terminal until you are done with the assignment.**

## Step 5: ssh into the allocated machine

**Important: Please follow the instructions below in the exact order (otherwise it might not work):**

Open 4 different terminals in your local computer and follow the instructions below. **Do not exit any of these terminals until you are done with the assignment.**

### Terminal 1:

1. Login to cheaha: ssh [BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu](mailto:BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu)
2. ssh into allocated machine: ssh c0xxx (this is the id of machine allocated at Step 4)
3. module load Anaconda3
4. conda activate al\_env
5. cd into forest\_model\_AL/backend\_code/data\_al and run **python data\_maker\_al.py**.  
**Note: This step is only a one-time thing!**
6. cd into forest\_model\_AL/backend\_code/
7. Run flask app: flask run --host=0.0.0.0 --port=5005

### Terminal 2:

1. Login to cheaha: ssh [BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu](mailto:BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu)
2. ssh into allocated machine: ssh c0xxx (this is the id of machine allocated at Step 4)
3. cd into forest\_model\_AL/src/client/
4. Run following commands to run the frontend app:
  - a. export LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH=""
  - b. npm run dev

### Terminal 3:

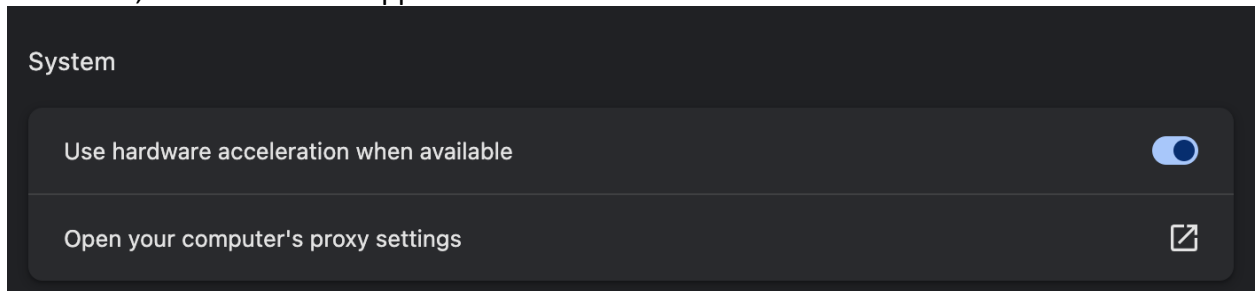
ssh -L 5005:c0xxx:5005 [BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu](mailto:BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu) from local machine's terminal (remember to replace c0xxx with your machine id from Step 4)

#### Terminal 4:

ssh -L 4040:c0xxx:4040 [BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu](mailto:BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu) from local machine's terminal  
(remember to replace c0xxx with your machine id from Step 4)

### Step 6: Running the application from local computer

- Open a browser (Google Chrome preferred!)
- Navigate to `chrome://settings/system` and enable “Use hardware acceleration when available”, without this the application does not work!



- Run `localhost:4040` in the browser
- Enter your BlazerId in Student ID box, and test region id in the Test Region ID box
- Upload elevation png and RGB png for respective test regions and submit

Since this is a bonus project, not everyone is expected to perform this task. For initial stage, we want to see how many of you are interested in working on this assignment. So, we ask you to make the application run successfully for a toy dataset which should be straightforward if you follow the instructions properly. You will only be allowed to perform the actual work if you can make the application work on a toy dataset, which is `Region_0` in the dataset folder provided above. Once you make it run successfully, please take the screenshot of your result as demonstrated by the TAs and upload them in the sign-up form below. We will review your work and assign you the actual task based on this sign-up form. (Note: You will need to login using your UAB email and password to access this Sign-up Form)

#### Sign-up Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wJxVQy0XvW>

#### Known issue:

Frontend, sometimes, cannot call backend `127.0.0.1:5005` for some reason. If that happens:

1. go to Terminal 3 and type “exit” and Enter
2. go to Terminal 1 and hit Ctrl + C
3. run this command again on Terminal 1: `flask run --host=0.0.0.0 --port=5005`
4. go to Terminal 3 and run this command: `ssh -L 5005:c0xxx:5005 BlazerId@cheaha.rc.uab.edu`
5. Try to run the application on frontend and see if it hits the backend this time