

Why HDFhub?

JupyterHub for HDF



Why Jupyter Notebooks?

- Step by step notebook for a user to understand and replicate
- Switch between Python, BASH, etc in one GUI, sharing variables between languages along with other "magics"
- Opportunity to inject markdown cells to explain in plain English what is happening in each chunk of code.
- Images, video are embeddable, so you could have a short video that explains a section of code or the slides for a presentation



All of this is really cool, but...

- A notebook is dependent on a Notebook or Lab server.
- The application is usually run locally, and on multiple operating systems, so syntax differences exist
- This results in a situation where the notebook might not work in the environment that someone else is using.



A notebook is not a notebook

- Homegrown
 - Specific focus to environment
 - unsupported
 - contributable
- Open Source
 - most commonly used packages
 - supported
 - contributable
- Enterprise
 - most comprehensive
 - Supported
 - Contributable



Why JupyterHub?

- "But the plans were on display . . ."
- "On display? I eventually had to go down to the cellar to find them."
- "That's the display department."
- "With a torch."
- "Ah, well the lights had probably gone."
- "So had the stairs."
- "But look, you found the notice, didn't you?"
- "Yes," said Arthur, "yes I did. It was on display in the bottom of a locked filing cabinet stuck in a disused lavatory with a sign on the door saying Beware of the Leopard."
- —Douglas Adams, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



A Notebook is not enough

- The addition of JupyterHub allows us to control the user's environment and data
- This results in redoability not just reproducibility

Science is show me not trust me. - Philip Stark



Other Options to improve notebooks



nbviewer is integrated with Github

- Renders a static version of the last run, committed state of a notebook in the branch you are looking at
- Doesn't allow interactivity

Out[5]: ['GES DISC', 'GHRC', 'LARC', 'NSIDC', 'PODAAC']

Doesn't share the environment

Create a function to select the organization the metadata comes from

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In [3]: def OrganizationChoices(organization):
global OrganizationChoice
global Organization
Organization=organization
print("Organization of the collection is", Organization)
```

Create a dropdown using the Organizations list and the organization selector function. This sets the Organization variable.

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In [4]: interactive(OrganizationChoices, organization=Organizations)
```

Create a list of collections in the organization directory selected in the dropdown above



Projects like Binder are promising

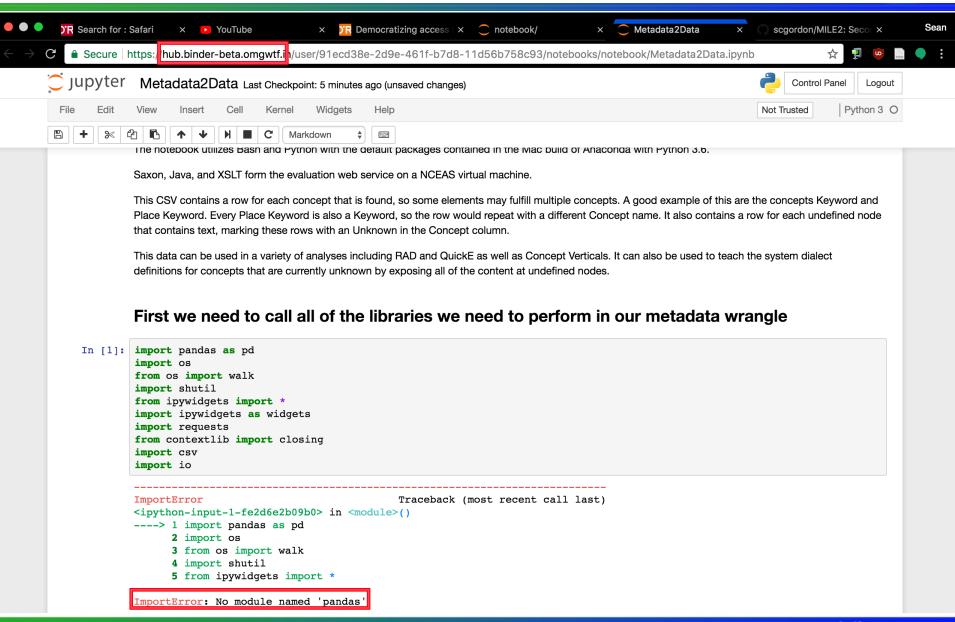
Turn a GitHub repo into a collection of interactive notebooks

Have a repository full of Jupyter notebooks? With Binder, open those notebooks in an executable environment, making your code immediately reproducible by anyone, anywhere.

https://github.com/scgordon/MILE2		
it branch, tag, or commit	Path to a notebook file (Optional)	
master	Path from repo root to notebook file (optional)	launch
Waiting	Building	



But it is beta...





Building HDFhub



Build a JupyterHub

You can build your own from scratch

- Can change the authenticator to the website's
- Can choose spawner
- Can build the environment
- Can use Notebook or Lab for the GUI

Or just grab a docker container and get started jupyterhub-deploy-docker

jupyterhub-deploy-docker provides a reference deployment of JupyterHub, a multi-user Jupyter Notebook environment, on a single host using Docker.

Possible use cases include:

- Creating a JupyterHub demo environment that you can spin up relatively quickly.
- Providing a multi-user Jupyter Notebook environment for small classes, teams, or departments.

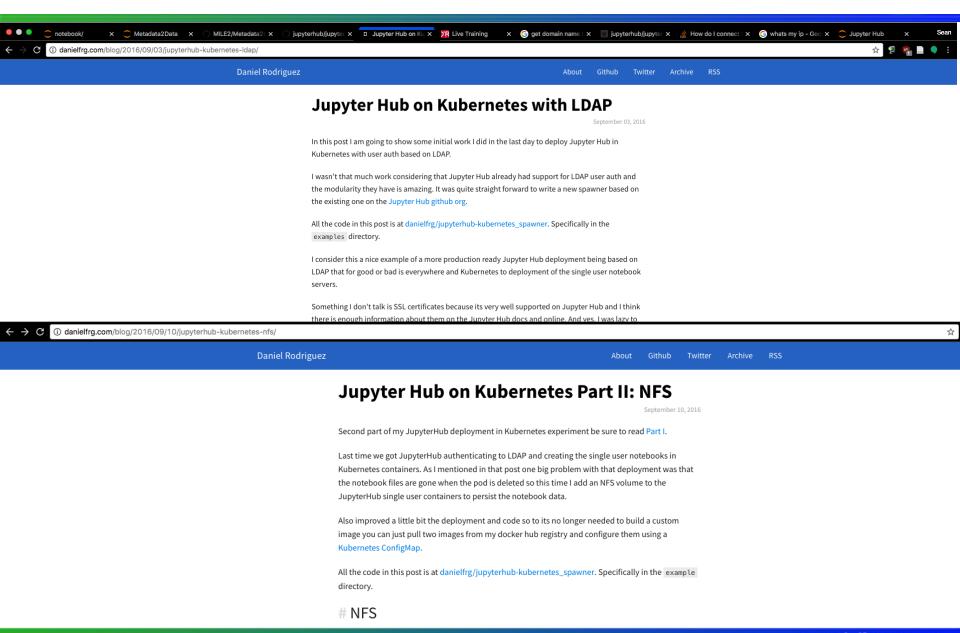


Kubernetes

- Yuvi Panda: Jupyter Hub can be made safer using Kubernetes bc Kubernetes has a bunch of ways to limit impact. No root, remove SMTP access, limit number of sockets. Google or other cloud handles persistence of data if desired
- Can create multiple JupyterHubs with different environments
- Treats the vm like cattle not pets
- Likely to see the most active development and optimization as Yuvi is a core developer for kubespawner as well as Jupyter and Data8



Kubernetes with Authentication and Storage



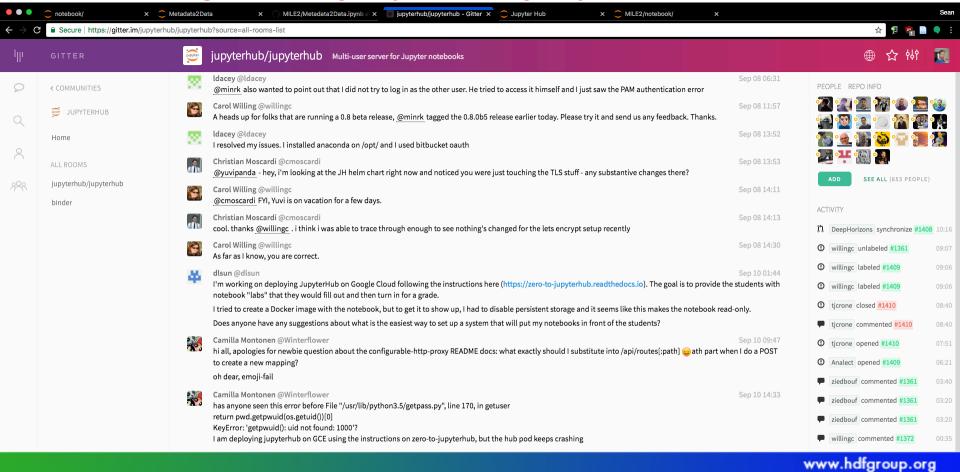
http://localhost:8080/user/vagrant/tree/MILE2



Gitter for all the technical questions

 The majority of Jupyter developers are active in this Gitter Channel:

https://gitter.im/jupyterhub/jupyterhub





Examples of JupyterHub in the wild

- Data8 http://data8.org/
- https://github.com/data-8/jupyterhub-deploy
- Harvard https://github.com/harvard/cloudJHub
- Quantopian Research Platform <u>https://libraries.io/github/quantopian/jupyterhub</u>
- Lawrence Berkeley Labs https://goo.gl/GBQ5gS
- Enterprise solutions Anaconda, Immuta, DataScience offering free trials
- O'Reilly using Hub and Notebooks for webinars now



Why HDFhub for website engagement and beyond



Hub as community engagement

- Interactive with a lower barrier to entry
- People can easily and quickly build on each other's ideas
- This makes HDF more accessible in the perception of our user base as a format and support
- Likely to stimulate conversation on the forum since they are also on the website
- Identify development opportunities to expand HDF capabilities and tools by interacting with current and future users



No more workshop software carpentry

- Allows us to focus on the why immediately
- Only a connected web browser is needed
- Provides an understood GUI with powerful documentation capabilities to drive interactions with products like HSDS or the metadata evaluator
- Gives tangible results to users
- Easily tweakable to particular use case



Larger set of potential presenters

- This means we can reach out on more fronts at any conference/workshop/etc sending fewer participants.
- People more directly involved in identifying potential revenue can show all off our work easily rather than just tell about it with potential customers.
- Allows us all to play to our strengths rather than trying to fill all roles.



Where do we go now?

- Jupyter Notebooks are necessary but not sufficient
- The right environment is needed as well
- What we could do
 - Use the free Binder beta with all it's warts while it's free and hope it works when it's needed
 - Get our own Binder instance running so developers can keep their own work and requirements document up to date
 - Create a JupyterHub that gives each website user and employee persistent a notebook/lab server to attract website users and identify needs and trends while engaging with a broader audience
 - Create a JupyterHub that gives each website user the ability to read and execute featured Notebooks in a Notebook/Lab environment but no persistence and create persistent cloud environments for employees



Binder

This presentation has been hosted on Binder.

 It's part of the repository I used to give people a user interface to our metadata evaluation for improvement at the ESIP Summer meeting this year