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Introduction to Google Colab

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Google colab

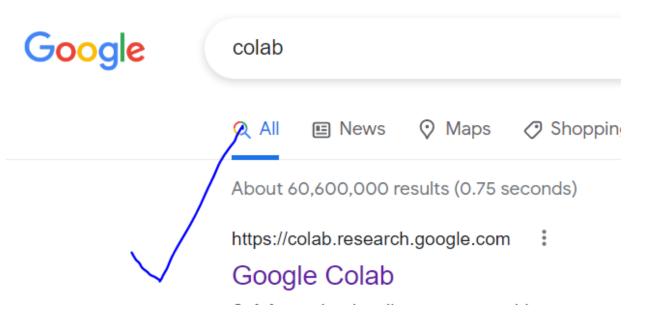


Google the word 'colab'

You can open the first link you find in the search results.

You need a to have google account to create 'colab' notebooks.

- Documentation, Notes, Comments, Sections, Headings, etc.
- Python Code
- Sharing the code with others
- Hostin the code on github



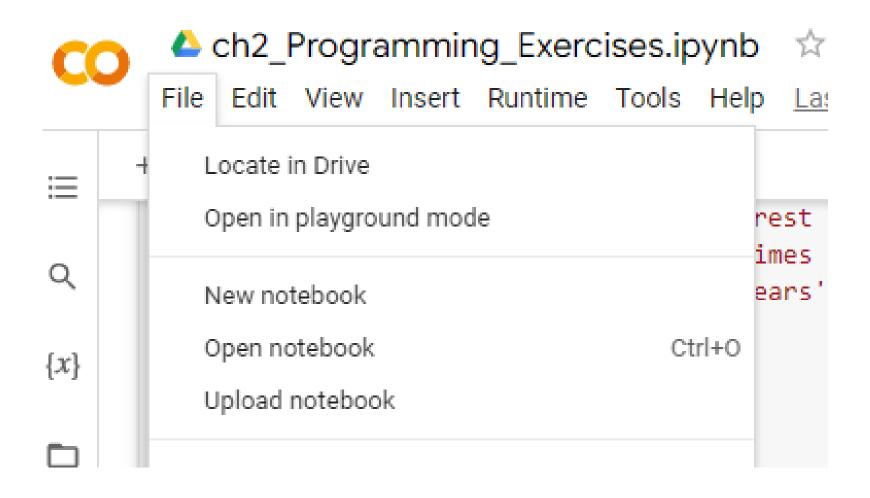
Different ways of opening the colab notebook.



Create a new notebook (File → New notebook)

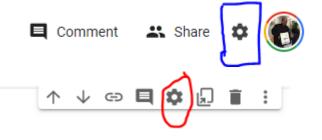
Open an existing notebook you created earlier (File → Open notebook)

Upload a notebook given to you by others (File → Upload notebook)

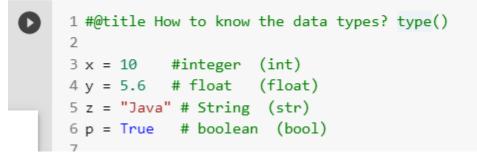


Showing line numbers in the code





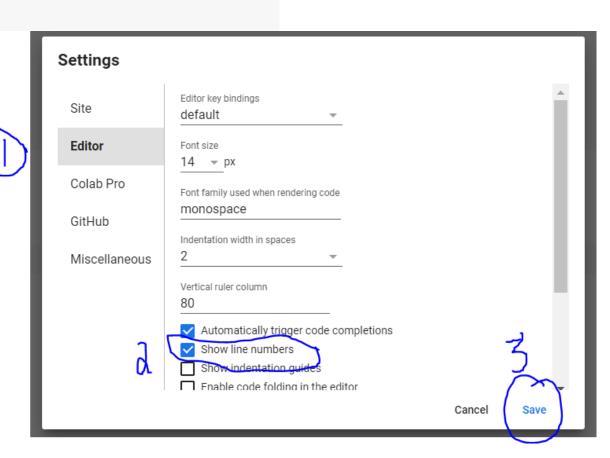
How to know the data types? type()



Please make sure that you enable this setting.

It helps me to point the line numbers while reviewing your code

Settings \rightarrow Editor \rightarrow [x] Show Line Numbers \rightarrow Save



Running the code





1 print("Welcome to Google Colab")

You can click the play button.

SHIFT + ENTER short cut will also run the code.

Inserting the code or text cells



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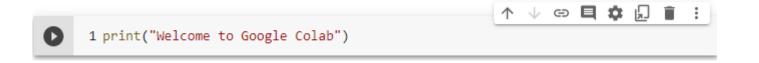
+ Code + Text

13 r = input('Enter the annual interest rate: '
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- +code will add a CODE CELL +Text will add a TEXT CELL
- The new cells are added just below the current cell

Actions available on each cell





- Move up
- Move down
- Create a link to the cell
- Comment
- Settings (font, size)
- Delete (trash can)

Short-Cuts to Actions available on each cell



https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2020/04/5-amazing-google-colab-hacks-you-should-try-today/

And some other cool commands

!ls

!pwd

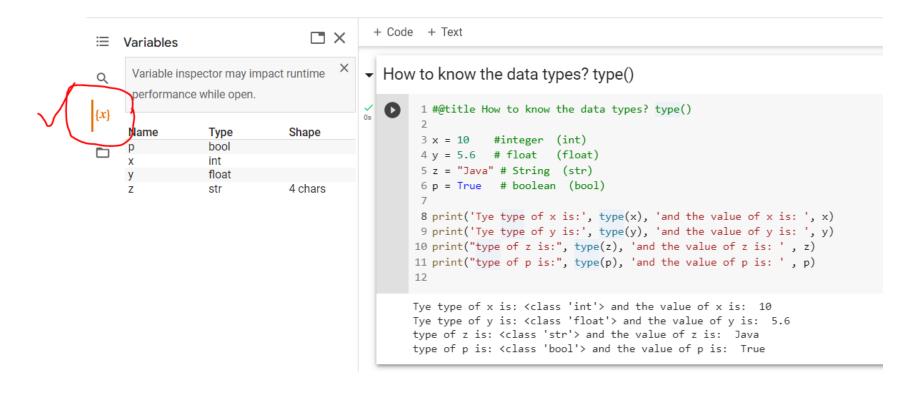
!mkdir

!pip list !pip install

Shortcut Function	Key Combination
Mount Drive	Ctrl + D
Unmount Drive	Ctrl + U
Convert to Text Cell	Ctrl + M M
Convert to Code Cell	Ctrl + M Y
Move Cell Up	Ctrl + M K
Move Cell Down	Ctrl + M J
Insert Code Cell Above	Ctrl + M A
Insert Code Cell Below	Ctrl + M B
Show Keyboard Shortcuts	Ctrl + M H
Split Cell at the Cursor	Ctrl + M -
Undo Cell Level Action	Ctrl + M Z
Run Selected Code	Ctrl + Shift + Enter
Clear Selected Output	Ctrl + M C

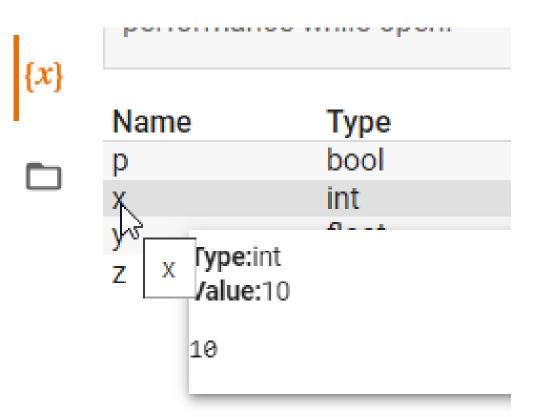
Seeing the variables and their data types





Seeing the variables and their data types





If you hover the mouse over the variable, you can also see:

- Its type
- Its value
- Is shape (in the case of strings or lists)

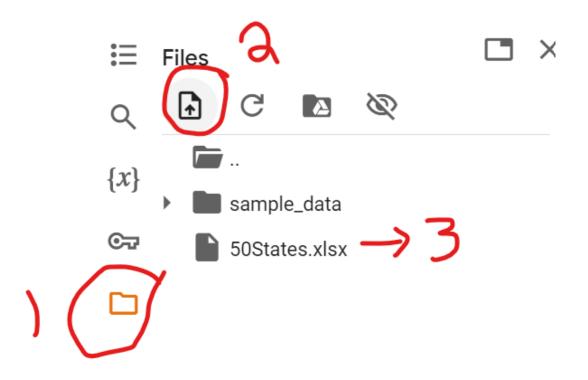
Uploading the files



When you are processing the file (e.g. reading a file), you need to upload the file to the google colab environment.

These files do not persist in google environment.

So, you need to upload the file each time you start the google colab.



Collapsing the code cells



#@title my_cool_program

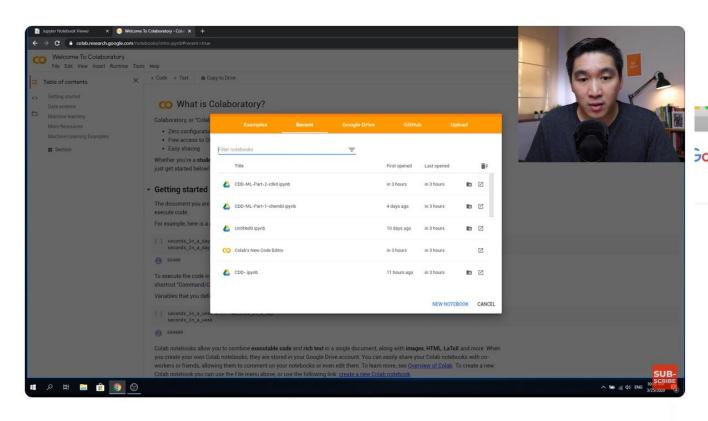
Adding the above comment starting with the string "@title" will create a collapsible section in google colab.

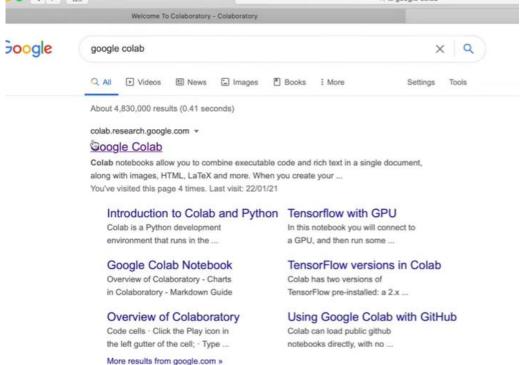
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17. Prime Numbers Code
1 #@title 17. Prime Numbers Code
2 def is_prime(number):
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4  # if the nubmer is divisible by any number b
5  # that means the number is NOT a prime.
6  # When a function bumps into a "return" stat
7  # the program execution just stops and we ex
8  for x in range(2, number):
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Youtube videos on google colab



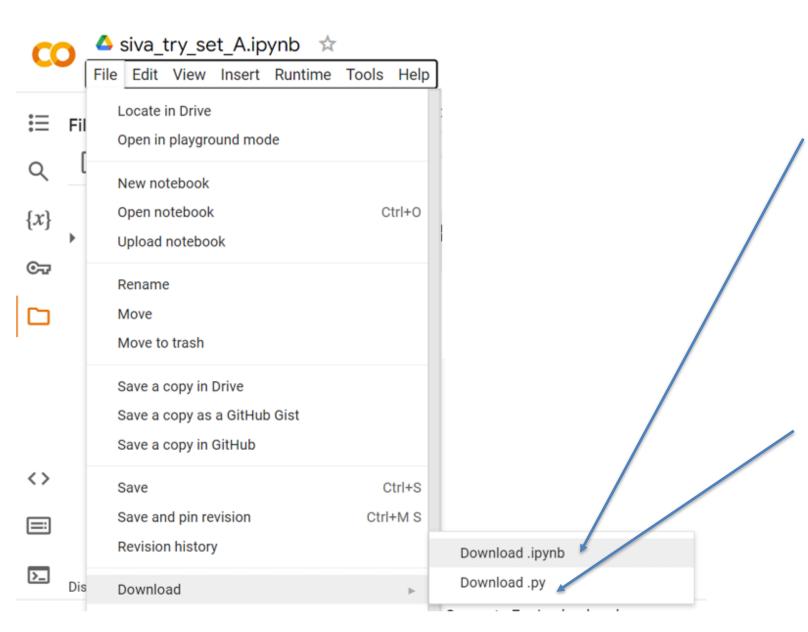
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCngVVBSsmA





Saving the colab notebook as .py or .ipynb file





File → Download → Download *.ipynb

You can also save your notebook as a colab notebook with *.ipynb extension. Others can upload this file into their environment to run the notebook. For example, you will be submitting the *.ipynb file

File → Download → Download *.py

You can save your notebook as a python file with *.py extension. You can then use other IDEs (pycharm, visual code, etc.) to run this *.py file.

Printing the colab notebook as pdf



File → print

You can rely on the "print" functionality to save the colab notebook as a PDF file.

For "Try it yourself" sets from w3schools and "Try It Out" sets from the textbook, you will be submitting the *.PDFs to the dropbox.

