# Deep Learning MSiA 432



#### Theory and Applications



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# **COMPUTING RESOURCES**



#### Overview

- GPU Cluster (Deepdish)
- Jupyter server
- Intel Devcloud



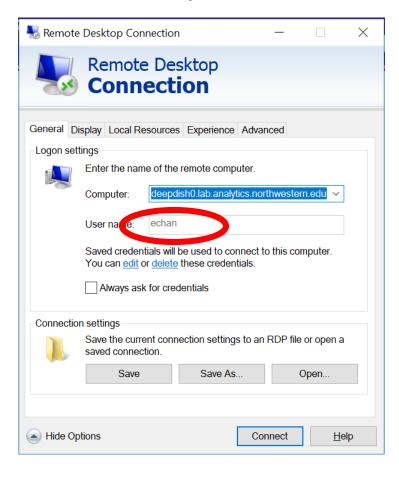
# Deepdish GPU cluster

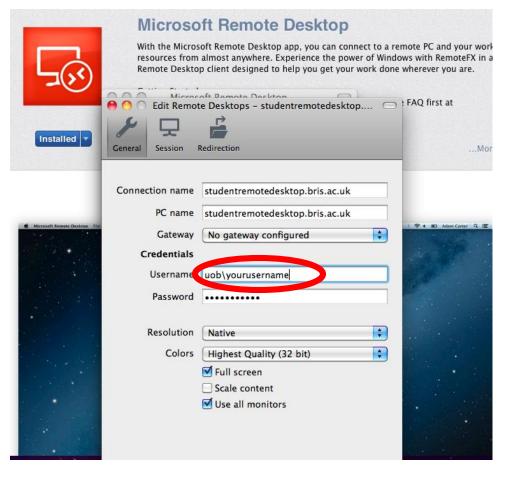
- 2 servers: deepdish0.lab.analytics.northwestern.edu, deepdish1.lab.analytics.northwestern.edu
- Each server has:
  - 4 NVIDIA GeForce 1080 GPUs
  - 128 GB memory
  - Intel i7 CPU with 6 cores (12 threads)
- Accessible via RDP
  - Windows mstsc (remote desktop connection)
  - Mac Microsoft remote desktop client
  - Linux rdesktop client
- Also available via ssh



#### Accessing via RDP

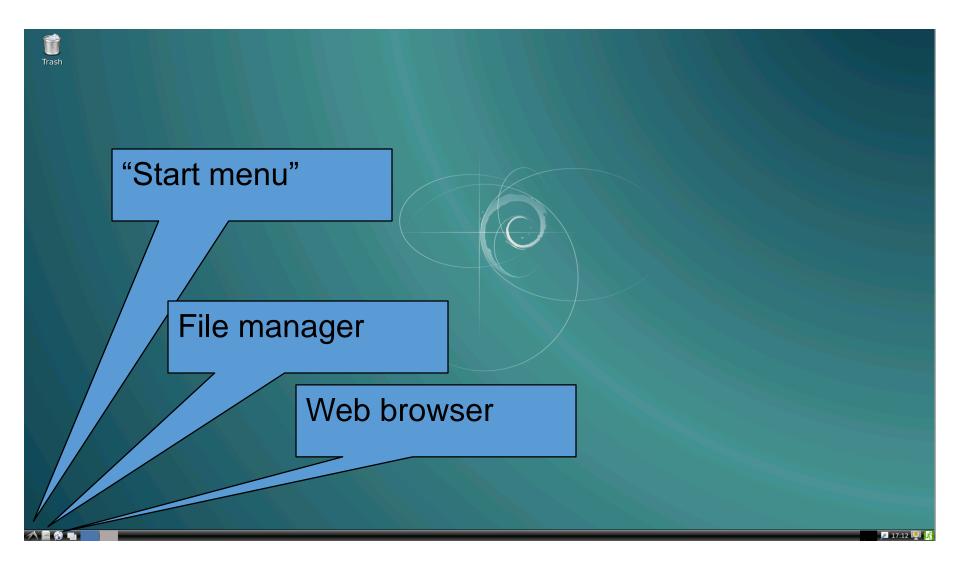
Be sure to provide the credentials at the time of login





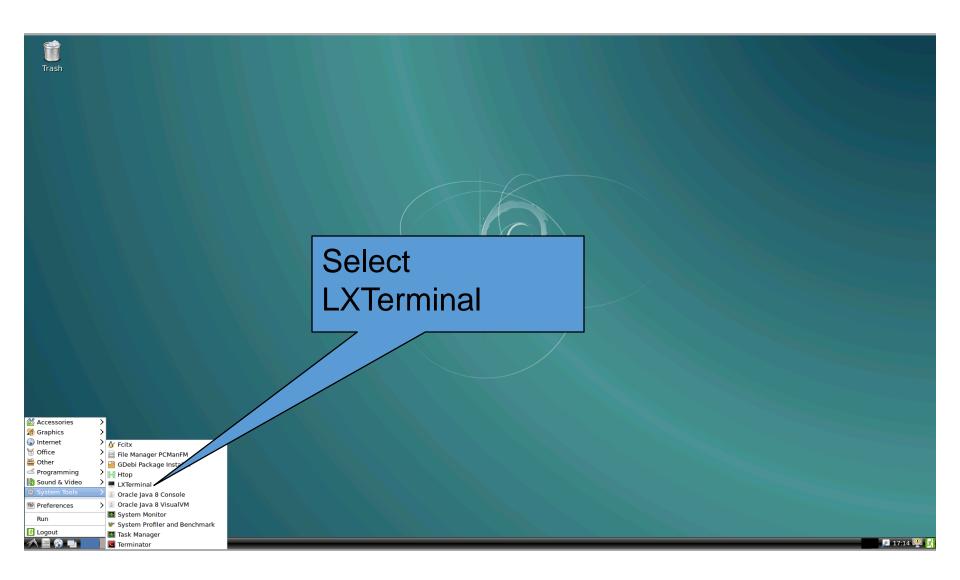


# Desktop interface



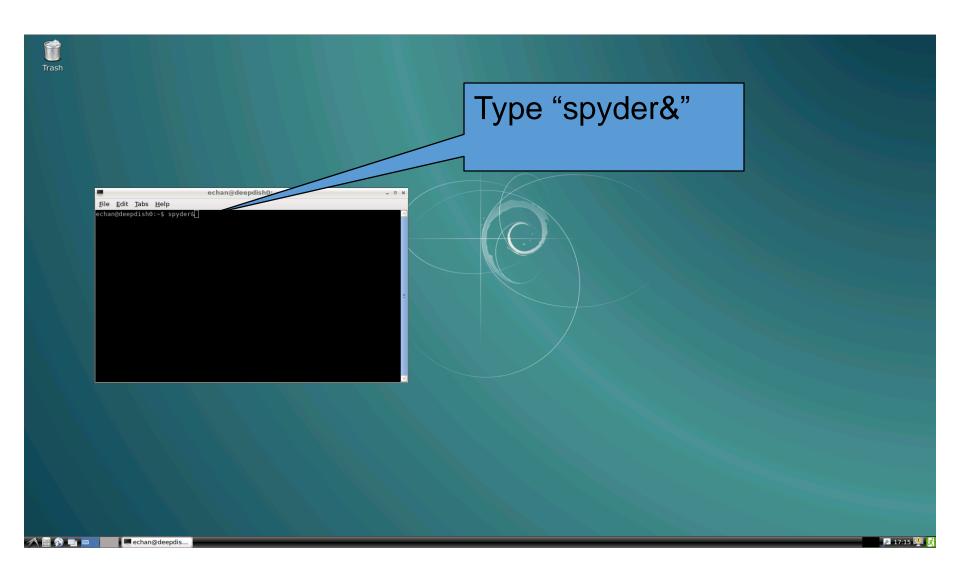


# Starting a terminal



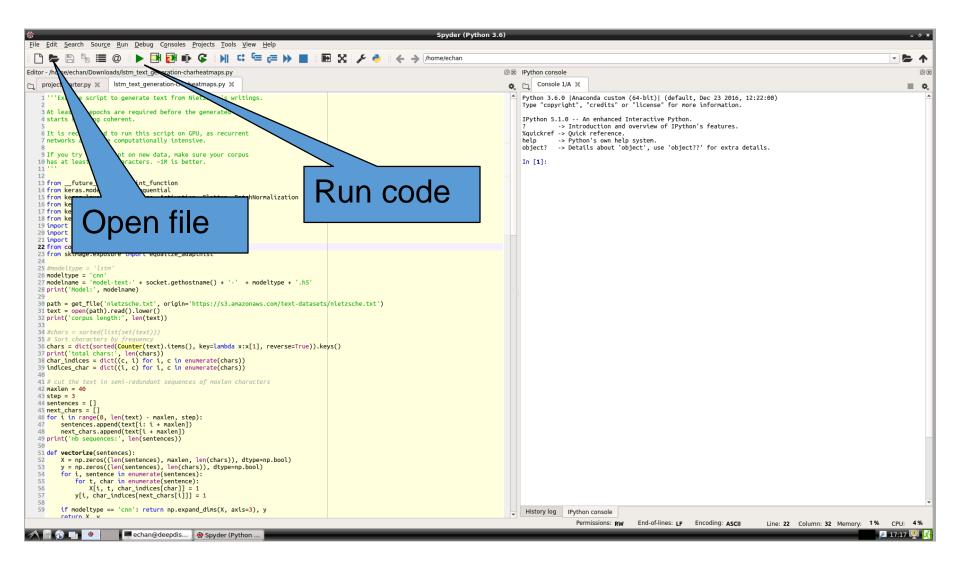


# **Starting Spyder**





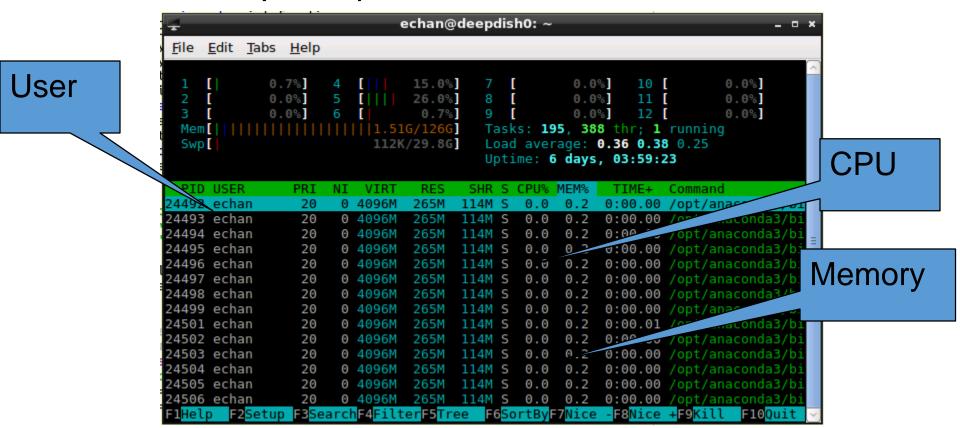
#### **Using Spyder**





#### Monitoring system resources

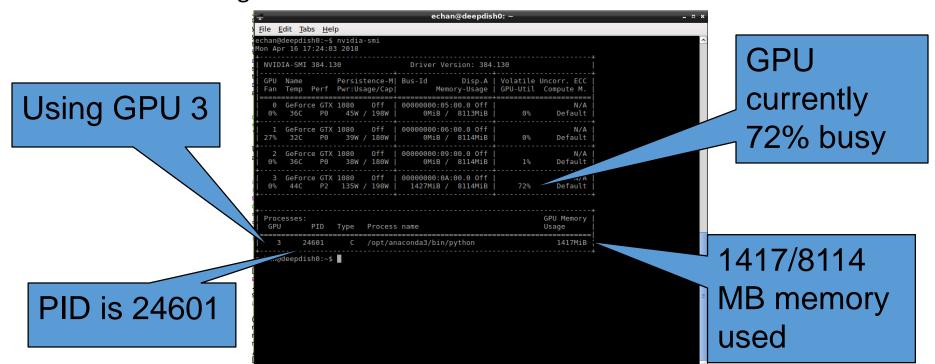
- System resources are scarce. Be "nice" to other groups.
- CPU/memory htop





#### **GPU**

- Each user is assigned a single GPU at login per session. Please be courteous and only run a single job at a time to ensure fair allocation. We occasionally catch resource hogs and terminate their jobs.
- If a job fails, try the other server, but please terminate your current job.
- Tool to check usage is nvidia-smi





# Finding GPU hogs

- NVIDIA-SMI doesn't provide a direct way to map PID (process ID) to user
- Need to use ps aux to figure out the owner of the job





#### GPU rules of the road

- Please have only one job per user execute on the cluster at a time. GPU resources are limited.
- If a user accidentally runs too many jobs, please let them know they have runaway jobs and ask them to terminate the excess jobs.
- Tensorflow by default pre-allocates all GPU memory, and this causes problems with other users. Please apply the fix described on the next slide.



# Tensorflow GPU preallocation fix

- Tensorflow by default pre-allocates all GPU memory.
  This can cause other jobs to fail to launch.
- https://stackoverflow.com/questions/34199233/howto-prevent-tensorflow-from-allocating-the-totality-of-agpu-memory
- The preferred fix is to paste the following code at the top of your Python file:

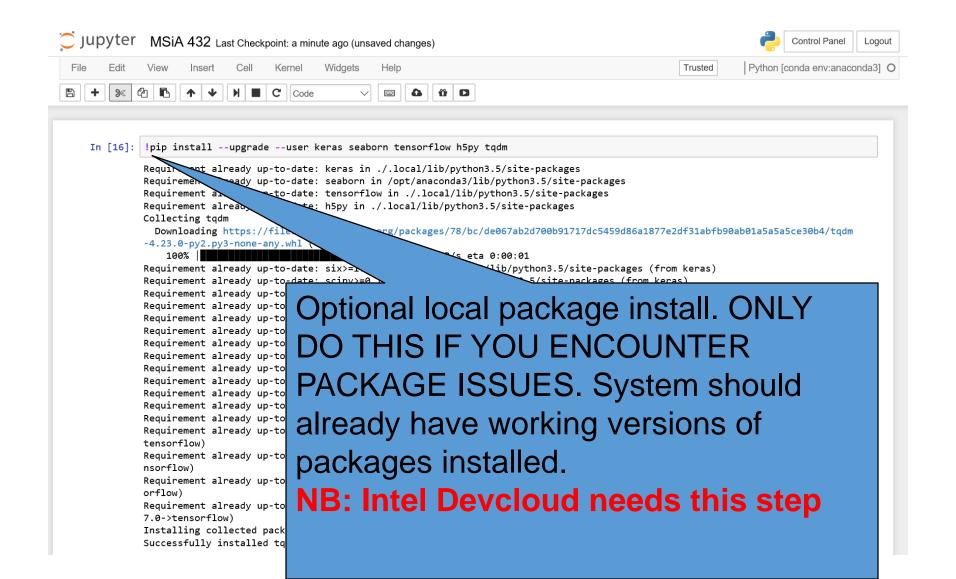


# Jupyter notebooks

- Jupyter notebooks have been tested on:
  - https://app1.lab.analytics.northwestern.edu:8000
  - Intel AI Devcloud: <a href="https://software.intel.com/en-us/ai-academy/tools/devcloud">https://software.intel.com/en-us/ai-academy/tools/devcloud</a>
- Sometimes the latest packages are not installed by default, you can install them with "pip install --user <package>". This installs the package in your home folder.
- Generally, you'll need: tensorflow, keras, tqdm, seaborn



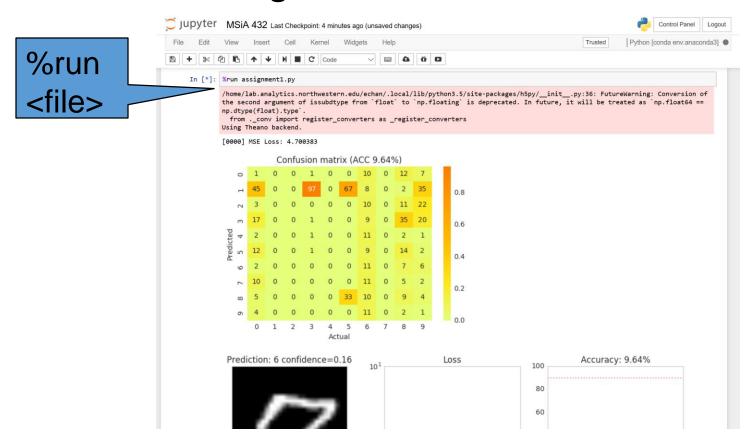
#### Installing local versions of packages





# Running files

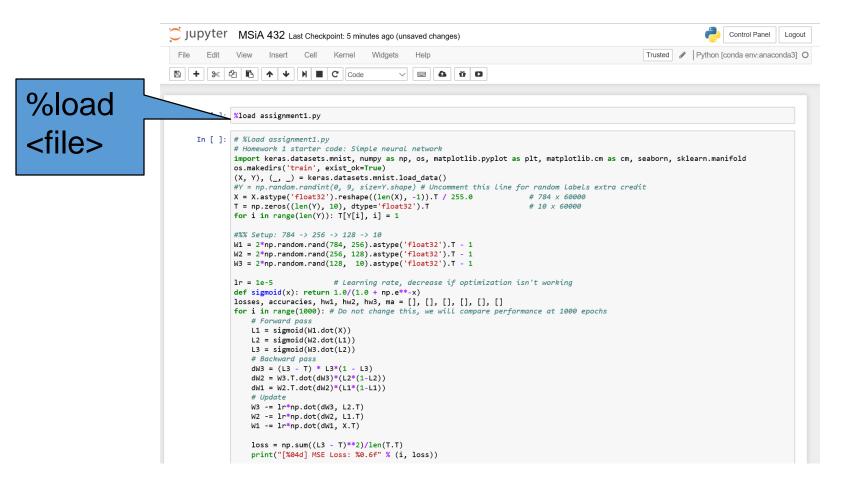
- Drag and drop/upload Python code to notebook
- Use "%run" magic to execute





# Loading files

Either copy/paste file contents or use "%load"





# Long-running jobs

- Jupyter wasn't really built for long-running jobs
- YMMV, but it seems to work OK for jobs that run a few hours. Sometimes the jobs time out.
- Use Spyder for longer-running jobs
- You have been warned...