



**Build a BinderHub for hosting
Reproducible Software in the
Cloud**

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Turn code... into an environment!

The image shows a GitHub repository page for "binder-examples / requirements" and a Jupyter notebook interface side-by-side.

GitHub Repository Overview:

- Watched by 3 users
- Starred by 20 users
- Forked by 65 users
- Code, Issues (0), Pull requests (1), Projects (0), Wiki, Security, Insights tabs
- Simple requirements.txt based example
- 32 commits, 1 branch, 2 releases, 4 contributors
- Branch: master, New pull request button
- File actions: Create new file, Upload files, Find File
- Recent commits:
 - choldgraf adding pandas
 - Create LICENSE
 - remove beta from link
 - first move
 - adding pandas
 - Pin Python version to 3.5

Jupyter Notebook Environment:

- jupyter index (unsaved changes)
- File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help menus
- Not Trusted, Python 3 dropdown
- Toolbar icons: +, %, %, %, %, %, %, Run, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help
- Markdown dropdown
- Code cells:
 - Welcome to an example Binder**
 - This notebook uses `seaborn`, which we have because we included it in our `requirements.txt` file
 - Setup our plotting**
 - In [1]:

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```
 - Setup our imports**
 - In [2]:

```
from numpy import random
from scipy.ndimage.filters import gaussian_filter
```
 - Make some plots!**
 - In [3]:

```
x = random.randn(10,500)
x = gaussian_filter(x, sigma=10)
```

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Housekeeping

- Microsoft Azure: Please leave your email in **#binderhub-workshop** channel on **RSE** Slack
- Docker Hub:
<https://hub.docker.com/signup>
- Code of Conduct: Be kind!
<https://rse.ac.uk/conf2019/code-of-conduct/>
- HackMD: bit.ly/RSEConBinderHub
- post-its 



Who?



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(Rough) Agenda

Time	Activity
09:00 – 09:30	👋 Introduction
09:30 – 10:30	🚀 Deploy Kubernetes cluster*
10:30 – 11:00	☕ Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	💻 Install BinderHub

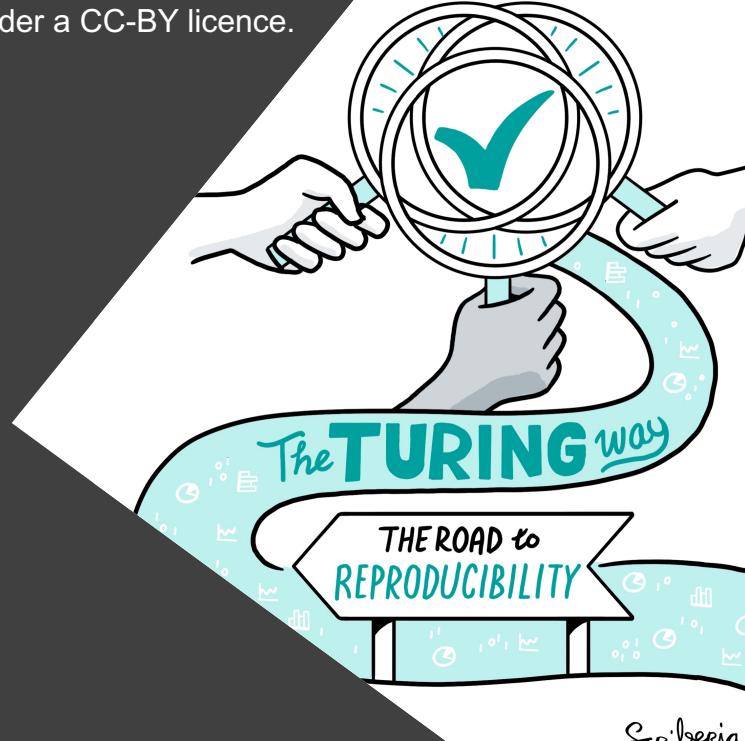
*Don't worry if you don't know what this is yet, I'll explain!



The Turing Way

A Handbook for Reproducible Data Science

Making reproducibility too easy not to do!



Where does The Turing Way fit in?



Health



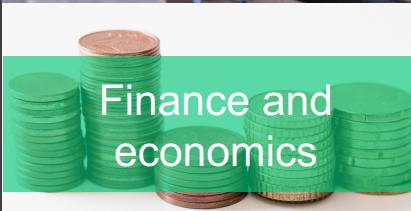
Digital twins: Cities



AI for science



Criminal justice system



Finance and economics



Digital twins:
Complex
systems engineering



Defence and Security



Public Policy

Tools, practices and systems for AI

		Data	
		Same	Different
Analysis	Same	Reproducible	Replicable
	Different	Robust	Generalisable

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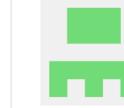
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Barriers to reproducible research

Is not considered
for promotion

Held to higher
standards than
others

Publication bias
towards novel
findings

Requires
additional
skills

Support additional
users

Takes time

Plead the 5th

Market Research

Have you ever heard...?

*“Oh, it worked on
my computer?”*

Have you ever heard...?

*“Oh, it worked
yesterday?”*



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+ CI

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21a328d on 21 Jun

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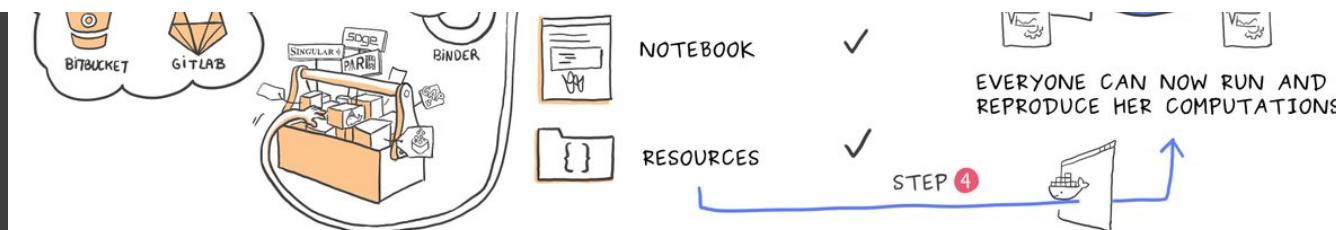
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History



```
1 numpy==1.16.*  
2 matplotlib==3.*  
3 seaborn==0.8.1  
4
```

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conda / environment.yml

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betatim Update environment.yml

89dd429 on 11 Dec 2018

4 contributors

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```
1 name: example-environment
2 channels:
3   - conda-forge
4 dependencies:
5   - numpy
6   - psutil
7   - toolz
8   - matplotlib
9   - dill
10  - pandas
11  - partd
12  - bokeh
13  - dask
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70f8b8e on 18 Sep 2018

1 contributor

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History



```
1 Package: binderdescription
2 Version: 0.1
3 Date: 2018-09-18
4 Title: Binder R DESCRIPTION support
5 Description: Test that automatically building R packages works
6 Author: Bastian Greshake Tzovaras <bgreshake@googlemail.com>
7 Maintainer: Bastian Greshake Tzovaras <bgreshake@googlemail.com>
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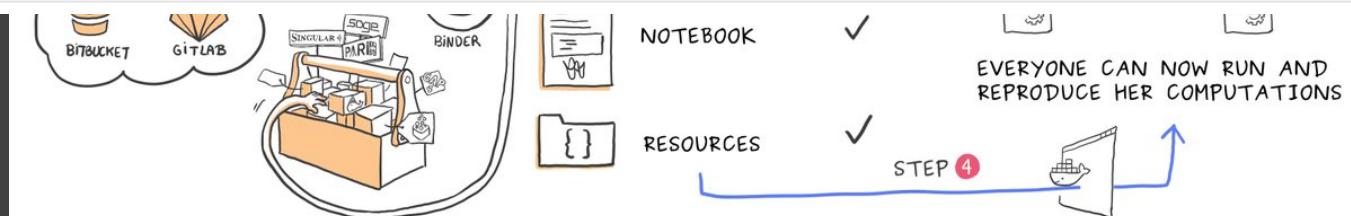
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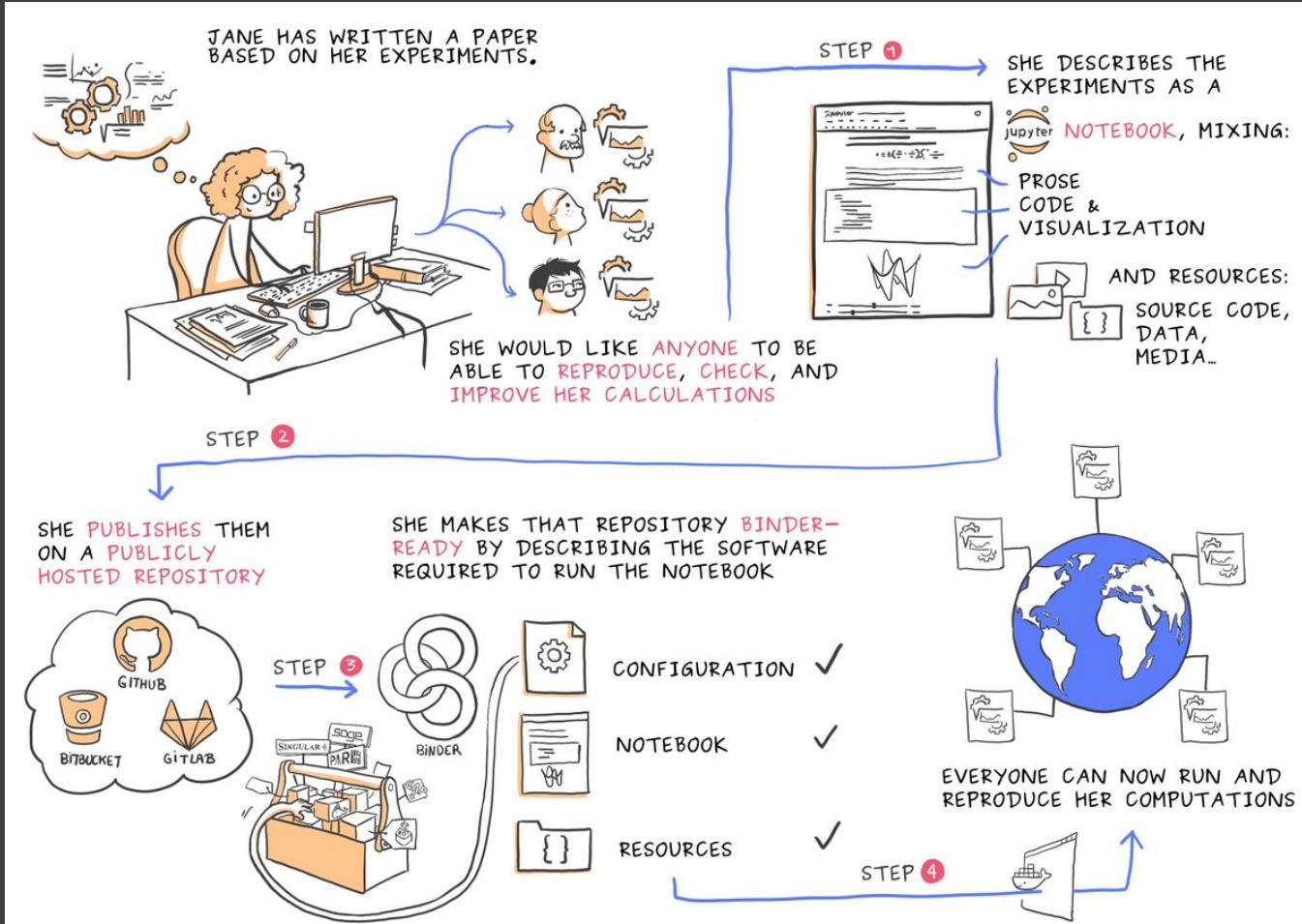
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1 install.packages("tidyverse")
2 install.packages("rmarkdown")
3 install.packages("httr")
4 install.packages("shinydashboard")
5 install.packages('leaflet')
```

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What's the difference?

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- Free to use service for everyone
- Must be public code
- Limited computational resources
- No GPU access

Private BinderHub

- Service can be limited to teams or institutions
- Can be public or private code
- Set your own computational limits
- Deploy onto any type of machine you need

The Vocab

- **Binder** → user interface/experience
- **BinderHub** → computational infrastructure
- **mybinder.org** → public BinderHub for everyone

Magic! Technology



BinderHub

Build and launch a repository

GitHub repository name or URL

GitHub

Git branch, tag, or commit

Path to a notebook file (optional)

Clone GitHub Repo

1



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repo2docker

1 Clone GitHub Repo

2 Build image according to instructions contained within the repo

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- 1 Clone GitHub Repo
- 2 Build image according to instructions contained within the repo
- 3 Execute image

BinderHub

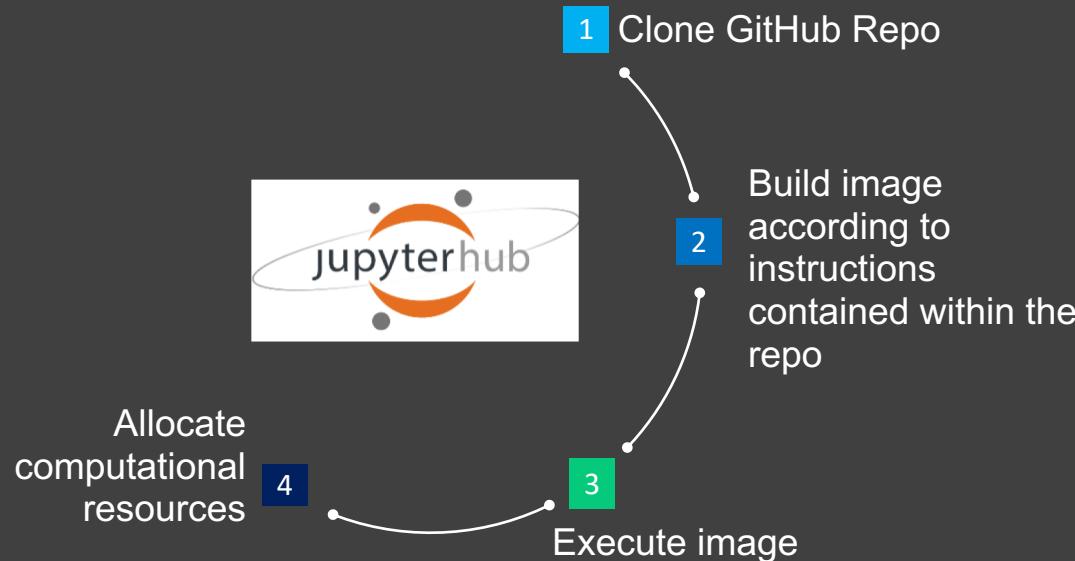
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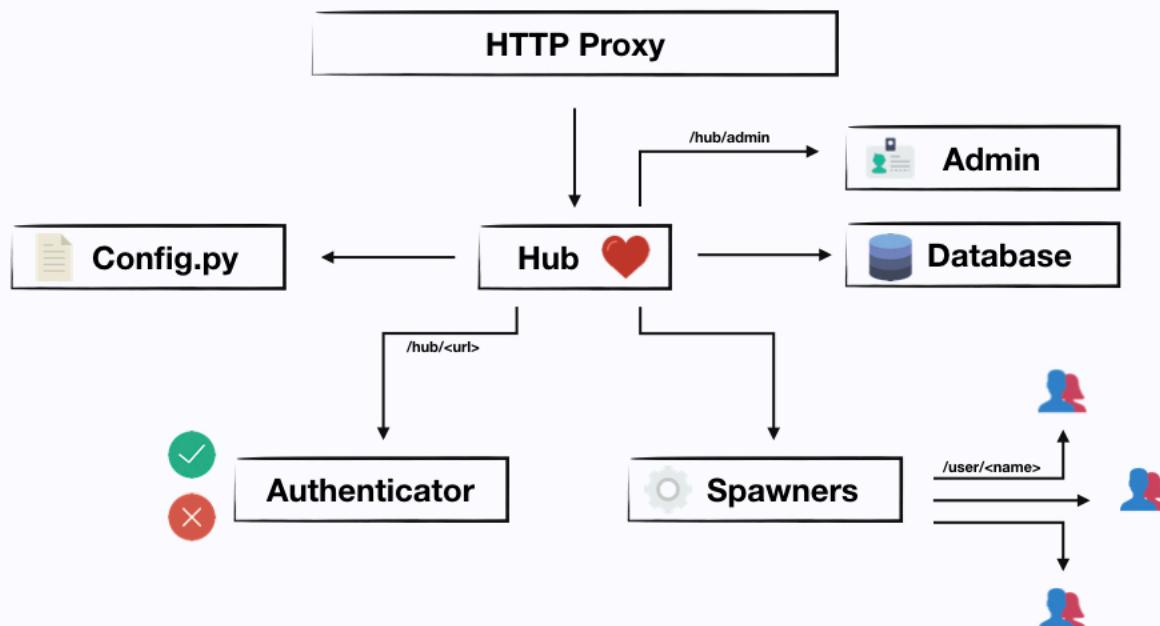
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What is a JupyterHub?



All icons were obtained from Flaticon (<https://www.flaticon.com/packs/essential-collection>)

resources

Execute image

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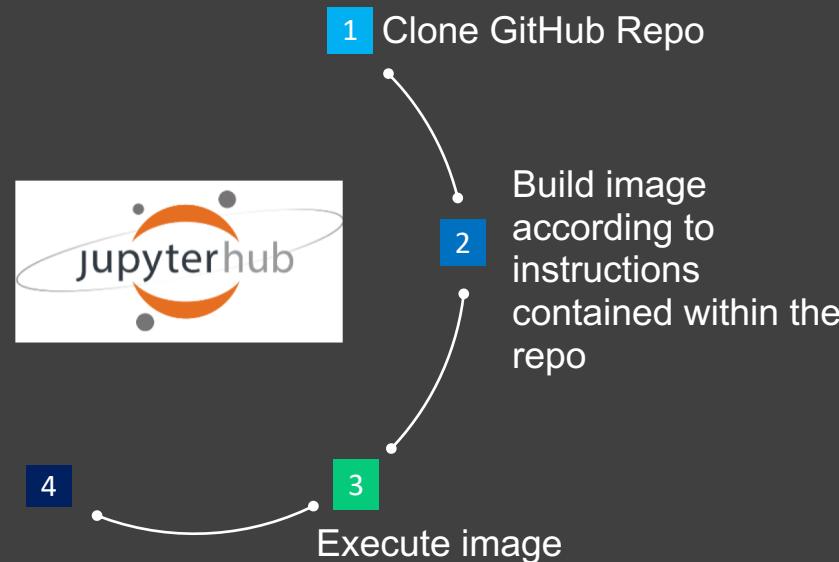
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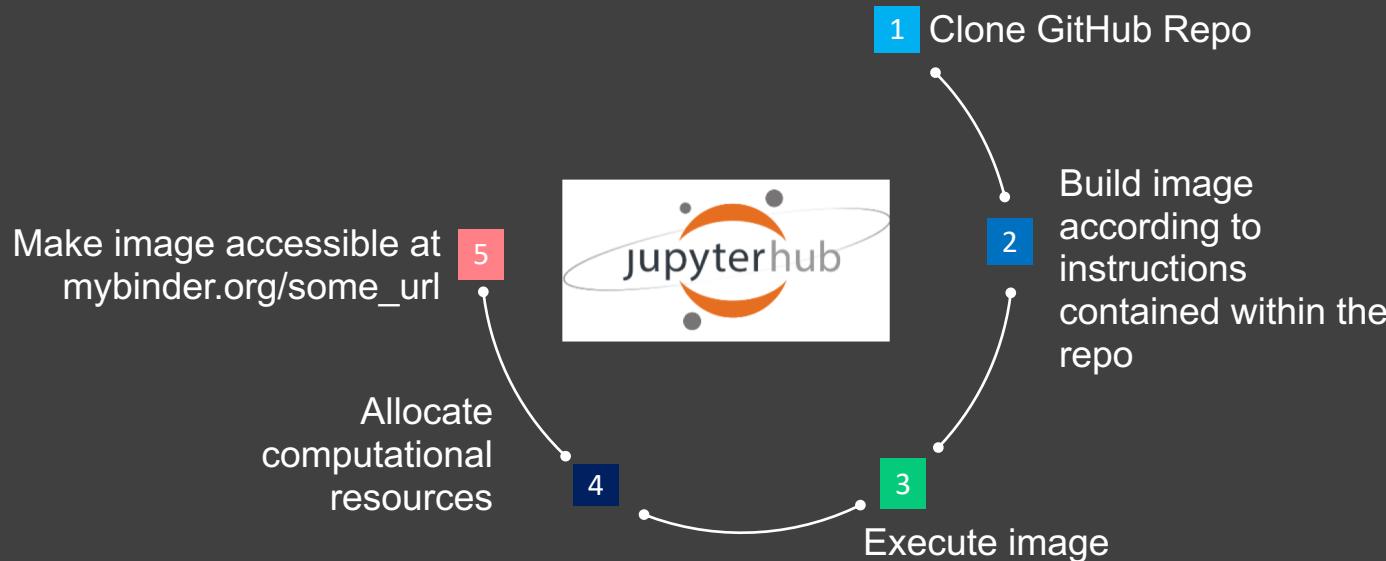
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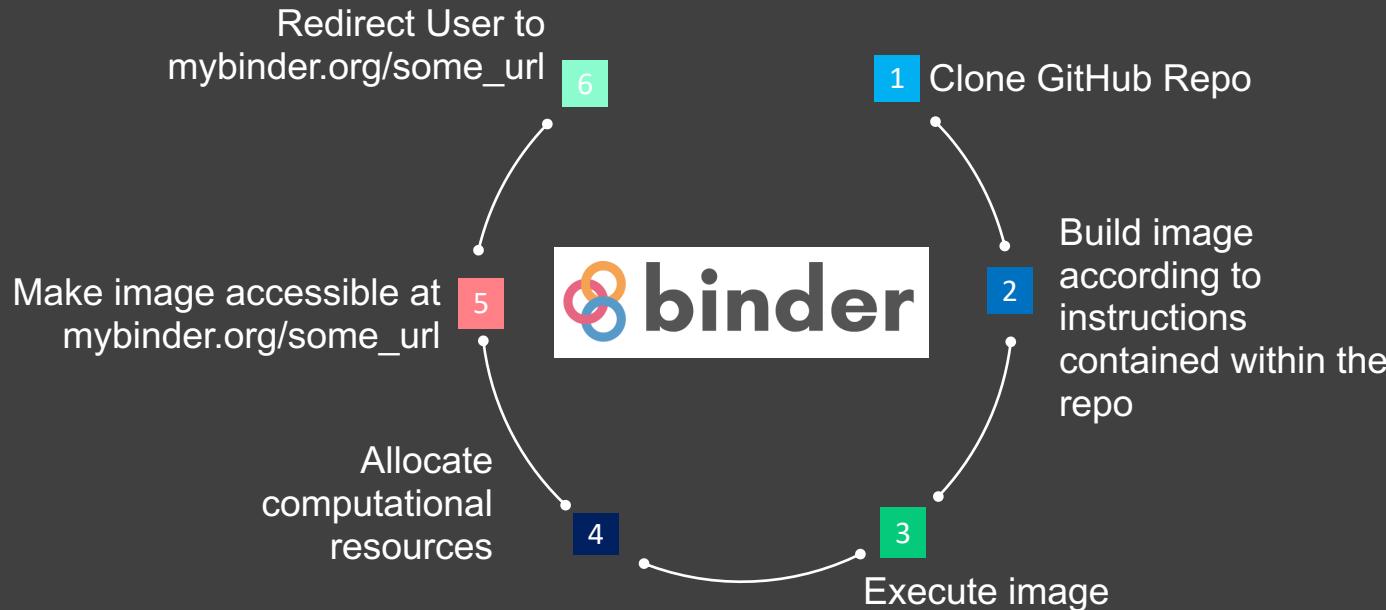
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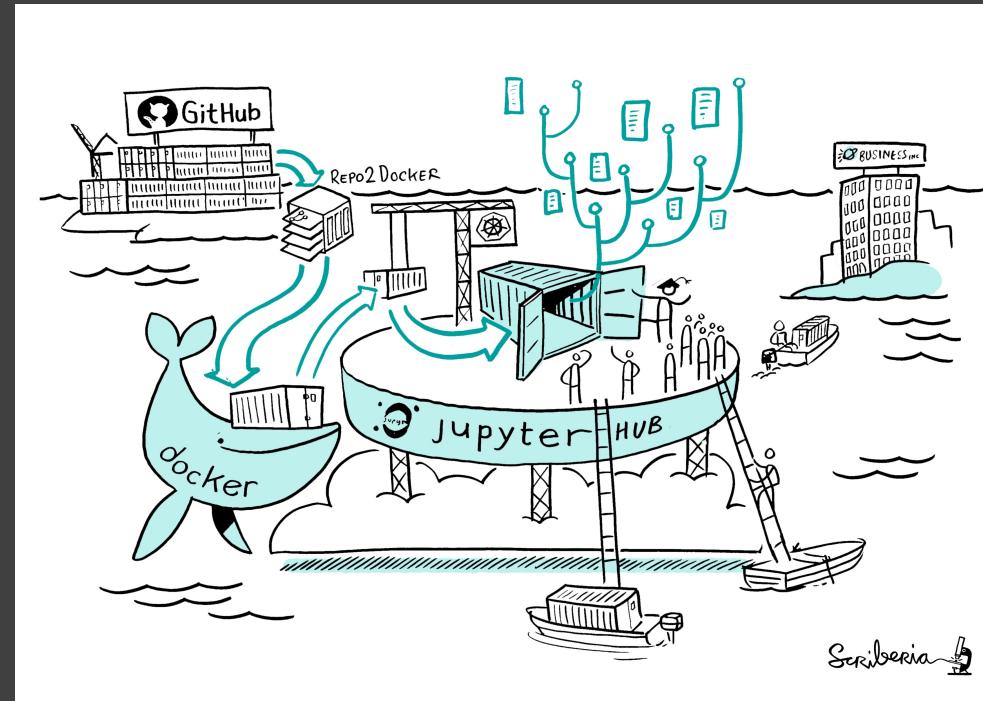
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BinderHub

- Collection of tools working in harmony which BinderHub orchestrates



Scaling a BinderHub for multiple users

Problems if you run this on one computer:

- Resource intensive
- Resource control
- Security

Solution: Kubernetes!

- Resource intensive → Cluster management
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Problem: Also Kubernetes... 😢



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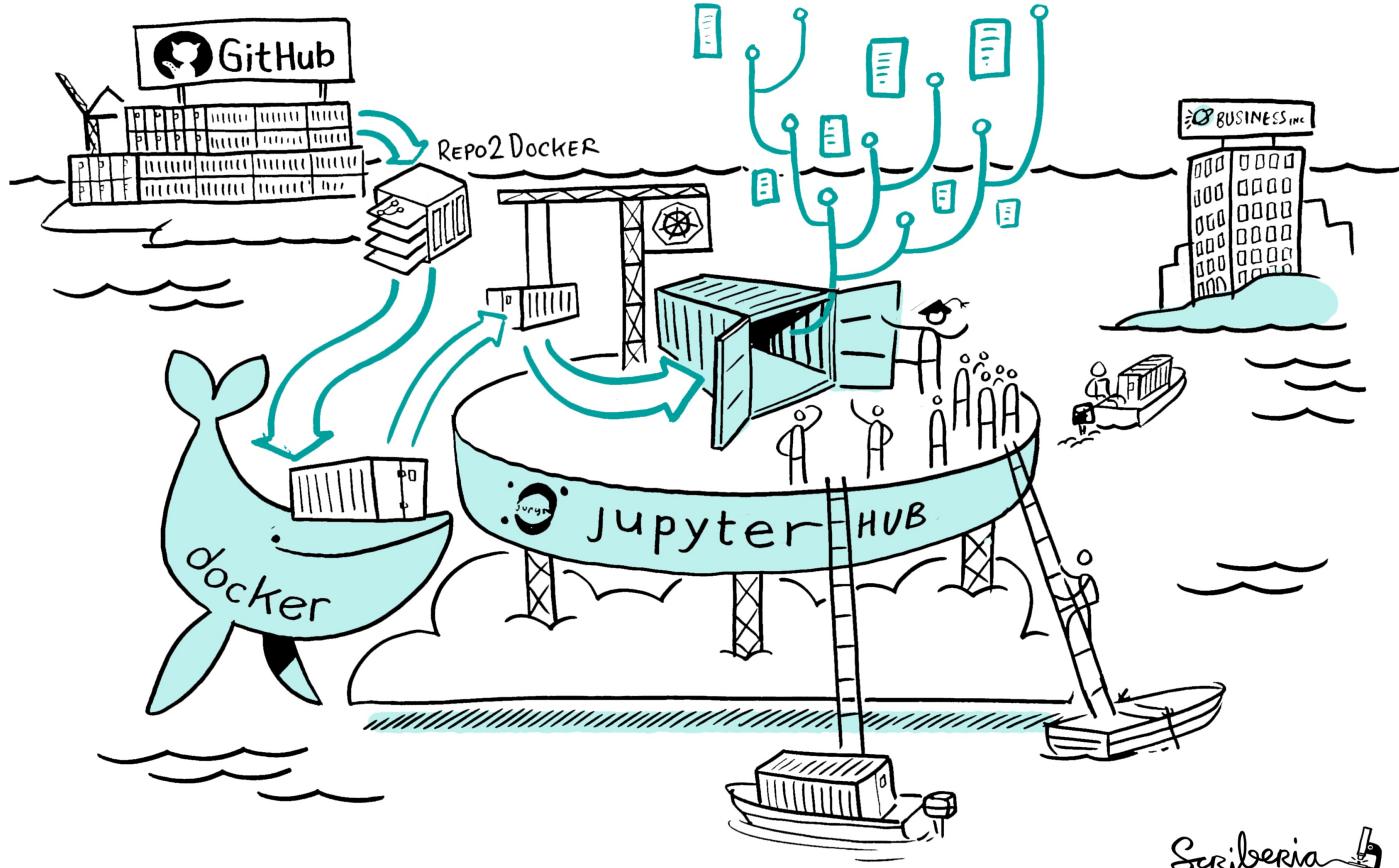
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Scriberia

- You have successfully built a BinderHub! 🤘
- Now check out this repo:
github.com/alan-turing-institute/binderhub-deploy
- Please leave feedback in the HackMD:
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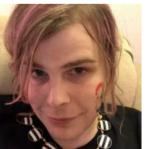
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