

# Hoffman2 Happy Hour: Anaconda for HPC

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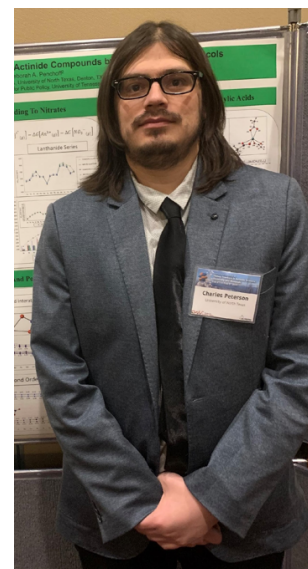
# Overview

Welcome to Hoffman2 Happy Hour!

The H<sup>2</sup>HH are designed to be short interactive talks that focus on a certain aspect of HPC.



- In this H<sup>2</sup>HH we will go over using Anaconda on Hoffman2
- This information can be applied to other HPC resources



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# Files for this Presentation

This presentation can be found on our UCLA OARC's github repo.

- [https://github.com/ucla-oarc-hpc/H2HH\\_anaconda](https://github.com/ucla-oarc-hpc/H2HH_anaconda)

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- PDF format: [H2HH\\_anaconda.pdf](#)
- html format:
  - The html slides can be viewed at:
  - [https://ucla-oarc-hpc.github.io/H2HH\\_anaconda](https://ucla-oarc-hpc.github.io/H2HH_anaconda)

## Note

This presentation was built with [Quarto](#) and RStudio.

- Quarto file: [H2HH\\_anaconda.qmd](#)

# What is Anaconda

- Anaconda is a very popular Python and R distribution tool.
- Great option for simplifying package management and pipelines.
- Easily install popular Python and R packages.



# Why use Anaconda

- Easy install many python and R packages with simple `conda` commands
- Create isolated python/R environments for different projects
  - Different python/R setups and switch between them
- Checks and solve for possible version conflicts when installing packages
- Share conda env on different systems.
  - Version control!

# Starting Anaconda

On Hoffman2, Anaconda is installed and can be used by loading modules

- See available anaconda versions

```
1 module av anaconda
```

- Load anaconda in your environment

```
1 module load anaconda3/2020.11
```

- Loading the anaconda module will setup anaconda in your environment and ready to be used!

## Important

By using anaconda, you do **NOT** need to load any other python/R modules. The python/R builds will be available via anaconda.

Using other python build might cause conflicts with your anaconda python (or R)

# Anaconda environment

- Anaconda environments (conda env) is a virtual environment
  - install and update packages that you can control
- These conda env's will reside in your personal workspace
  - By default `$HOME/.conda`
- Conda is also a package manager
  - Many packages/software can be installed via Conda's repository
  - <https://anaconda.org/anaconda/repo>
- Can also install python packages within your conda env outside of Conda's repo
  - PyPI's `pip` for python
  - R's CRAN software repository

# Creating conda env

## Creating a new conda environment

```
1 conda create [options]
2 conda create -n myconda
```

- The `-n` option will name your new conda env

You can install packages and software while creating the env

```
1 conda create -n myconda python
```

Install multiple conda packages with `conda create` command

```
1 conda create -n myconda python=3.9 pandas scipy r-base
```

This will install

- python version 3.9
- scipy
- R



# Conda envs

See list of all your environments that you have created

```
1 conda env list
```

Start (activate) your conda environment

```
1 conda activate myconda
```

Activating the conda env gives access to the software within the env

This version of **python** and **R** is installed locally in your conda env and is different from the builds of python on Hoffman2.

You can see location of python in your env and check the version.

```
1 which python
2 python -V
```



## Important

You do **NOT** need to load the python module if you installed python via anaconda.

# Tips for running on HPC

You may be familiar with using Anaconda on your local machine.

- Running on HPC may be different.

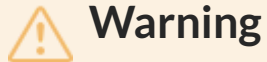
## Warning

Do not use conda's default `base` env

When conda is installed, it creates a conda env named `base` that you may see when running `conda env list`

- Located in the central anaconda installation path **CANNOT** be modified by users

# Tips for running on HPC



Do not run `conda init` on H2.

You may see messages or online tips about running the `conda init` command.

This initializes conda but is **NOT NEEDED** to run on Hoffman2

While this does setup conda, it will change `~/.bashrc` and may cause conflicts using different versions/envs.

Loading the anaconda module will already setup conda.

# Installing packages

Once your conda env is activated, you can install more packages with

- `conda install`

```
1 conda create -n myconda
2 conda activate myconda
3 conda install python=3.9 pandas scipy tensorflow -c conda-forge
```

## Note

The `-c` option in conda is for the “conda channel”. The conda channels are different locations where packages are stored. Examples are ‘conda-forge’, ‘bioconda’, ‘defaults’, etc. Conda will search through the available channels for the request packages to install.

# Installing packages

You can use `pip` when you are in a conda env

```
1 conda activate myconda
2 pip3 install scipy
```

## Tip

When using pip/pip3 in a conda env, you do **NOT** need to have `--user`. Using just `pip` will install the package inside the conda env. If you use `--user`, it will install the package outside of the conda env, inside of `~/.local` and may cause conflicts with other python builds or conda env's you have.

# Tips

By default, when you install a conda env, it will install it at  
`~/ .conda`

You can change this location, esp if you are low in space at  
`$HOME`

```
1 conda create -p $SCRATCH/mypython python=3.9
2 conda activate $SCRATCH/mypython
```

- Some detailed information on using Anaconda on Hoffman2 can be found on our website
- <https://www.hoffman2.idre.ucla.edu/Using-H2/Software/Software.html#anaconda>

# Job examples

Example: Using Pytorch to fit a polynomial function from a sin function

File: `pytorch_ex.py`

- Start an interactive session

```
1 qssh -l h_data=5G
```

- Create conda env

```
1 module load anaconda3/2020.11
2 conda create -n mypytorch
```

- Activate env and install pytorch

```
1 conda activate mypytorch
2 conda install python=3.8 pytorch torchvision torchaudio cpuonly -c pytorch
```

- Run python

# Job script example

- pytorch\_ex.job

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 #$ -cwd
3 #$ -j y
4 #$ -l h_rt=1:00:00,h_data=5G
5 #$ -pe shared 1
6
7 # load the anaconda module
8 . /u/local/Modules/default/init/modules.sh
9 module load anaconda3/2020.11
10
11 # Activate the 'mypytorch' conda env
12 conda activate mypytorch
13
14 #Running python code
15 python pytorch_ex.py > pytorch_ex.out
```

The **mypytorch** conda env has already been created

- Run job

```
1 qsub pytorch_ex.job
```



# Searching for anaconda packages

Find software that is available on Anaconda's package repo

- <https://anaconda.org/anaconda/repo>

Here, you can search for software and other packages. It will also explain what conda commands you will need in order to install them to your conda env.

# Using yml files

You can create a conda file from a `environment.yml` file

```
1 name: myconda
2 dependencies:
3   - numpy
4   - pandas
5   - python=3.9
```

You can create a conda env with all these packages by running:

```
1 conda env create -f environment.yml
```

# Using yml files

An `.yaml` file can be created from an existing conda env so you can create the same conda env.

```
1 conda activate myconda
2 conda env export > environment.yml
```

This file can be shared with others to reproduce any conda env.

- Keep the same versions of packages when running anaconda on different HPC resources



Tip

We have a collection of `.yaml` files that we made to use on Hoffman2

[https://github.com/ucla-oarc-hpc/hpc\\_conda](https://github.com/ucla-oarc-hpc/hpc_conda)

# Installing Anaconda

While Hoffman2 already has Anaconda installed, you may need to install Anaconda on a separate machine or another HPC resource.

Visit <https://repo.anaconda.com/archive/> for all the versions of Anaconda that are available.

In this example, anaconda is install at [\\$HOME/apps/anaconda/2021.11](#)

```
1 #Download anaconda script for Linux
2 wget https://repo.anaconda.com/archive/Anaconda3-2021.11-Linux-x86_64.sh
3 #Run Anaconda installer
4 bash Anaconda3-2021.11-Linux-x86_64.sh -p $HOME/apps/anaconda/2021.11 -b
```

Now create and activate a conda env with this new anaconda build

```
1 # Setup Anaconda
2 source $HOME/apps/anaconda/2021.11/etc/profile.d/conda.sh
3 # Create new conda env
4 conda create -n myconda python=3.9
5 conda activate myconda
```

# Installing Anaconda



Tip

Don't run `conda init`

Instead, `source /CONDA/PATH/etc/profile.d/conda.sh`

This will setup Anaconda without changing the `~/.bashrc` file



Tip

`Miniconda` is a good alternative to Anaconda.

It is a Minimal installer for conda that is smaller than Anaconda.

# Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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