

CoCalc (Collaborative Calculation; free plan): <https://cocalc.com/>

1. Software compatibility
 - a. with GitHub: incompatible (couldn't run notebooks directly from GitHub, or import a single notebook from GitHub)
 - b. Other sources
2. User friendliness:
 - a. Configurations / traffic: 1-core shared CPU
 - i. 1000MB of shared RAM
 - ii. 3000MB of disk space (per project).
 - iii. Sessions will shut down after 30 minutes of inactivity, though they can run for up to 24 hours.
 - b. Packages (<https://cocalc.com/doc/software.html>)
 - i. additional packages: by request (not available for free plan)
 - ii. pre-installed for Python: <https://cocalc.com/doc/software-python.html>
 - c. Real-time collaboration: Yes
 - d. Shareable: Yes
 - e. Keep as a private file: Yes
 - f. Internet access: not available for a free plan
 - g. Shortcuts: 95% similar to Jupyter
 - h. **Version Control**: provides version control, "time travel", with excellent functionality
3. **Supporting languages (JupyterNotebook)**: using Linux terminal, CoCalc supports softwares including Bash, C++, C++ 17, GP, Haskell, JavaScript, Octave, Prolog, Python 2&3, R, Sagemath, Singular, Sparql
4. Customizability (&ease) of the configuration file:
 - a. .ipynb
 - b. .txt
 - c. .html
 - d. .md
 - e. .rst
 - f. .tex
 - g. .pdf
 - h. .sagews
 - i. .asciidoc
5. Speed of deployment (descriptions from the official website): "It takes less time to run a Jupyter Notebook than grabbing a cup of coffee!" (Zero setup, web-browser based)
6. Configurations

- a. Python Environments
 - i. already installed: <https://cocalc.com/doc/software-python.html>
 - ii. request to install (only available for paid users):
<https://doc.cocalc.com/howto/install-python-lib.html> ###
 ML-predict-drugclass-master It is impossible to run the provided Jupyter Notebook under the free plan, since half of the libraries are not installed. Installing those libraries requires membership and installation requests.
- b. ML-predict-drugclass-master
 - i. Able to import:
 1. `import os`
 2. `import random`
 3. `import time`
 4. `import warnings`
 5. `import numpy as np`
 6. `import pandas as pd`
 7. `import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`
 8. `from pprint import pprint`
 9. `from collections import Counter`
 10. `from concurrent import futures`
 11. `from IPython.core.display import Image`
 12. `from sklearn import preprocessing`
 13. `from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier`
 14. `from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split`
 15. `from sklearn import metrics`
 16. `from sklearn.metrics import balanced_accuracy_score`
 17. `from sklearn.metrics import plot_confusion_matrix`
 - ii. Need to request to install: *rdkit, py3Dmol, mordred*
 1. `import py3Dmol`
 2. `from mordred import Calculator, descriptors`
 3. `from rdkit import DataStructs`
 4. `from rdkit import Chem`
 5. `from rdkit.Chem import AllChem, Draw, rdDepictor, PandasTools`
 6. `from rdkit.Chem.Draw import IPythonConsole`
 7. `from rdkit.Chem.Draw.MolDrawing import MolDrawing, DrawingOptions`
- c. ML-TC1-master (Due to the limited capacity of RAM (1000 MB) and high requirements of CNN, the kernel crashed while running cell 19.)

- i. All libraries are able to be imported
- 7. Publications related to CoCalc
 - a. The CoCalc Wiki Pages (GitHub): <https://github.com/sagemathinc/cocalc/wiki>
 - b. Official
 - i. User Manual: <https://doc.cocalc.com/contents.html>
 - ii. Instructor guide: <https://doc.cocalc.com/teaching-instructors.html>
 - iii. Student guide: <https://doc.cocalc.com/teaching-students.html>
- 8. How effective is it to use these cloud deployments for running a workshop/teaching?
<https://doc.cocalc.com/teaching-instructors.html>
 - a. **Managed platform:** no time is wasted setting up, maintaining, backing up and securing a flaky platform. Instead, you can sleep while CoCalc ensures everything runs smoothly 24/7.
 - b. **Focus on helping students:** Jump right into a student's file and assist via a chat on the side.
 - c. **Proven track record:** CoCalc has been used for teaching since 2013 in hundreds of courses by tens of thousands of students.
 - d. **Open source:** CoCalc itself and every software it offers is open-source. Say good-bye to vendor lock-in, hidden licensing fees, and proprietary black boxes.
 - e. **Student work is isolated:** Each student does course work in a separate project.
- 9. Summary
 - a. Overall, I do not think CoCalc is an efficient and effective tool for teaching a Machine Learning workshop with following reasons:
 - i. Installing packages requires membership and is time-consuming.
 - ii. CoCalc has relatively smaller shared RAM and Storage, running complex models (such as Convolutional neural network) will results in a killed kernel.
 - b. Nevertheless, teaching more basic knowledge of Python is practical, with following available packages:
 - i. Python: <https://cocalc.com/doc/software-python.html>
 - ii. R: <https://cocalc.com/doc/software-r.html>