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**Unsupervised Machine Learning and Data
Mining**

**Setting Up a Python Virtual Environment with a
Jupyter Notebook Kernel Using Conda**

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Install Anaconda or MiniConda.

<https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/install/index.html#installing-conda-on-a-system-that-has-other-python-installations-or-packages>

I suggest MiniConda because it is light weight.

Once one of the above is installed:

On the Windows platform go to the start window, find the group of Anaconda (MiniConda) applications and select the Anaconda (MiniConda) Powershell Prompt.

On the MacOS platform open a terminal.

For both, type: `conda -version` on the command line

Did you get a conda version back?

Yes – Good to go.

Once everyone is getting a conda version back we can proceed.

<https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/tasks/manage-environments.html>

At the command prompt enter the following:

```
(base) > conda create --name test_venv python
```

Once the environment is created enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(base) > conda activate test_env
```

Now your command prompt looks like this:

```
(test_env) >
```

To see all installed packages, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda list
```

To install the latest version of Pandas, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install pandas=1.5.2
```

To install the latest version of SKLearn, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install scikit-learn=1.2.0
```

To install the latest version of SciPy, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install scipy=1.10.0
```

To install the latest version of seaborn, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install seaborn=0.12.2
```

To install the latest version of statsmodels, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install statsmodels=0.13.5
```

To install the jupyter, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install -c anaconda jupyter
```

To set up a kernel for a jupyter notebook to use this test_env, enter the following at the command prompt:

https://ipython.readthedocs.io/en/stable/install/kernel_install.html

```
(test_env) > python -m ipykernel install --user --name test_env --display-name "Python (test_env)"
```

To install the Matplotlib, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(test_env) > conda install -c conda-forge matplotlib
```

We have completed the installation of the virtual environment test_env.

To start up an instance of jupyter notebook do the following.

On the Windows platform go to the start window, find the group of Anaconda (MiniConda) applications and select the Anaconda (MiniConda) Powershell Prompt.

On the MacOS platform open a terminal.

Enter the following at the command prompt:

```
(base) > jupyter notebook
```

Now start up a new jupyter notebook with the Python(test_venv) kernel and try a few commands.