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### Boost your reproducibility with Binder

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### Reproducible Computational Environments

Kirstie Whitaker

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#### The science is the code

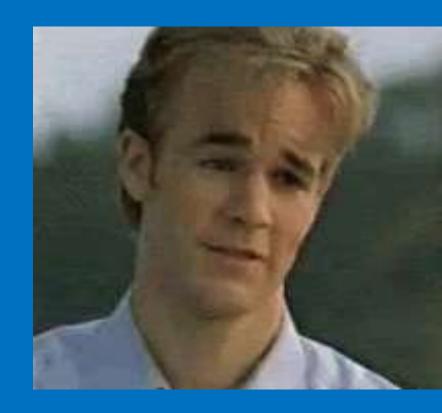
An article about computational science in a scientific publication is not the scholarship itself, it is merely advertising of the scholarship. The actual scholarship is the complete software development environment and the complete set of instructions which generated the figures.

Buckheit and Donoho (paraphrasing John Claerbout) WaveLab and Reproducible Research, 1995

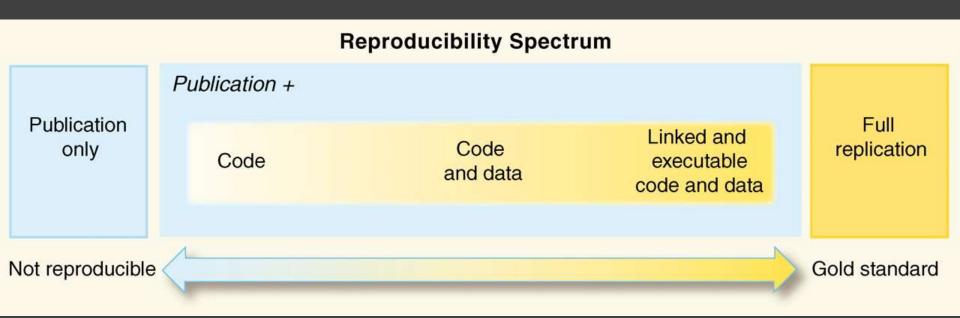
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# **Upsetting take home message**

Sharing your code and data isn't enough



### You need the computational environment too



### You need the computational environment too



## The computational environment includes:

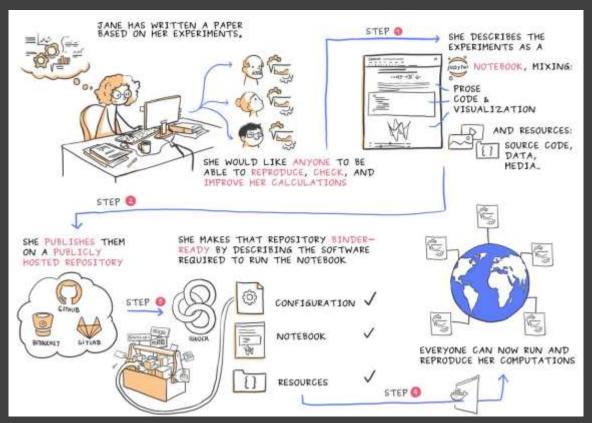
- Hardware (GPU, CPU)
- Operating system (mac, windows, linux)
- Software
  - Language version
  - Package version(s)

## And all the interactions between the layers



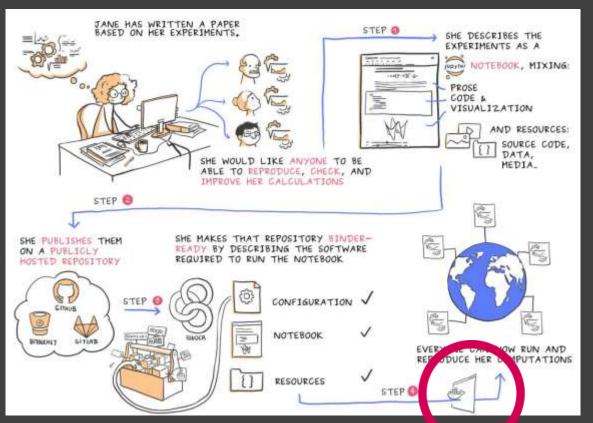
### What is Binder?





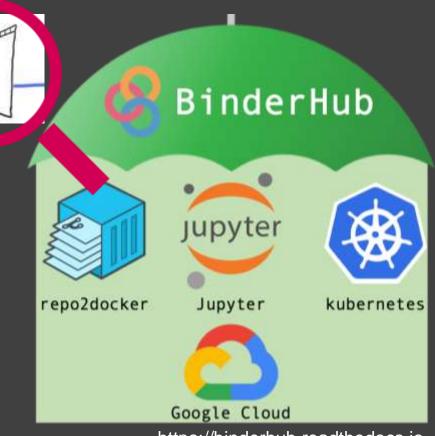
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- Coordinate cloud
   computing resources
   with Kubernetes (k8s)
- Make it easy for users to access with a JupyterHub
- Set up the environment from your GitHub repository



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#### Sarah Gibson

"It took me a while to feel like I knew enough to contribute to Binder. But the team are always so excited to have my input. Its really motivating to be part of such a welcoming community."



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- Check analysis on my phone
- Share the responsibility with busy PIs
- Requires version
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   environment and new
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#### How to ...

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#### What is mybinder.org?

mybinder.org is a single deployment of a BinderHub instance, managed by the Binder community. It serves as both a public service and a demonstration of the BinderHub technology, though it is by no means the only BinderHub in existence. If you're interested in deploying your own BinderHub for your own uses, please see the BinderHub documentation and don't hesitate to reach out to the Binder community.

For more information, check out About mybinder.org.

#### Is mybinder.org free to use?

Yes! Though note that it has relatively limited computational resources.

#### How much does running mybinder.org cost?

Great question! If you're interested in the technical costs of running mybinder.org, we publish a semi-up-to-date dataset of our costs at the binder-data repository. In addition, you can explore these costs with the binder link below!

of launch binder

#### How can mybinder.org be free to use?

#### On this page

What is a Rinder? What is the Binder community? What is BinderHub? What is mybinder.org? Is mybinder.org free to use? How much does running mybinder.org cost? How can mybinder . org be free to How much memory am I given when using Binder? How long will my Binder session

Can I use mybinder.org for a live demo or workshop?

How does mybinder.org ensure user privacy?

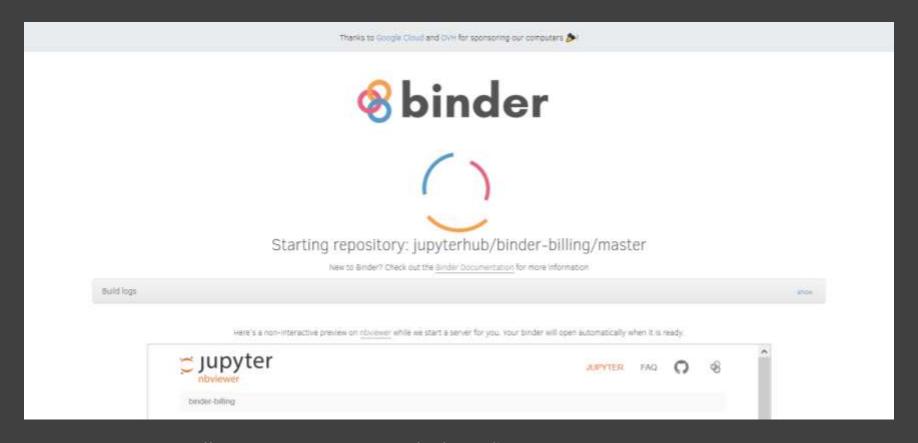
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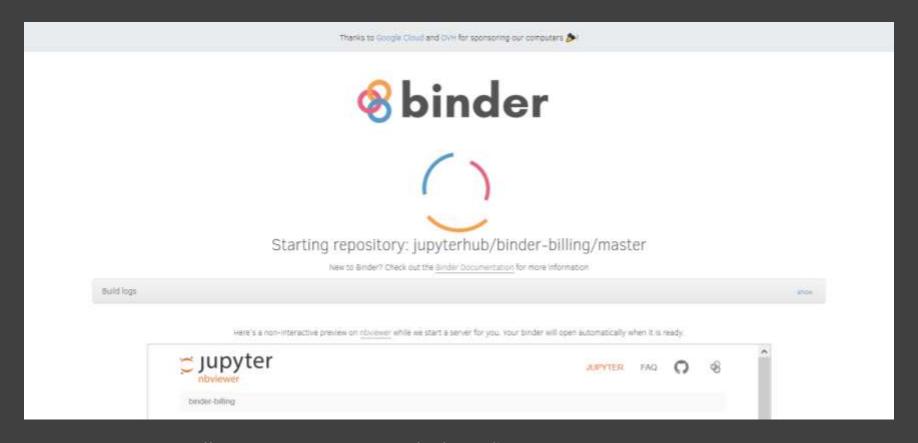
Where can I report a security issue? Can I push data from my Binder session back to my repository?

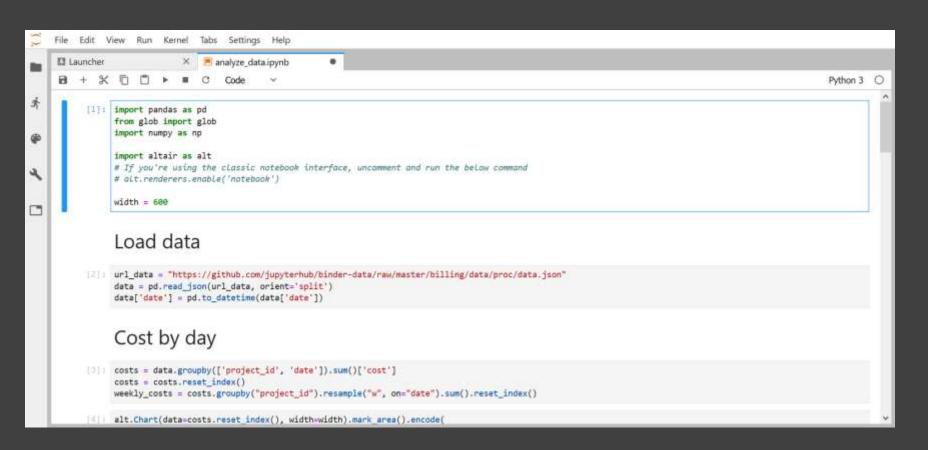
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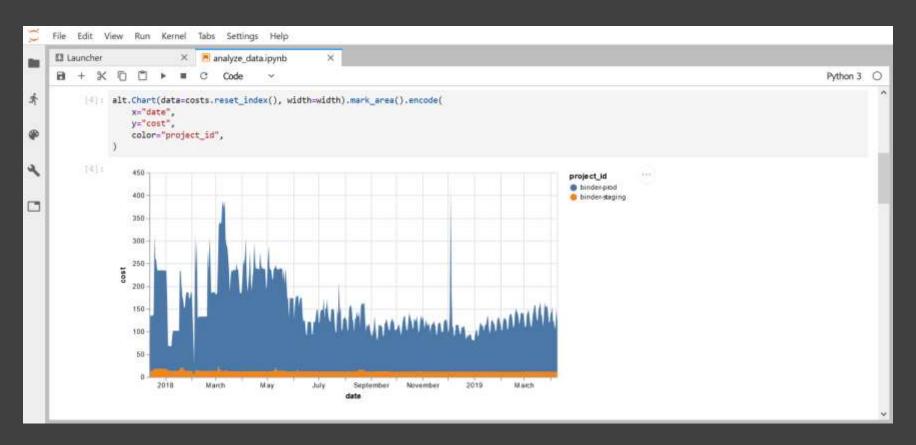
takes a Binder session to start?

Will repos with fewer notebooks launch faster? Should I split my









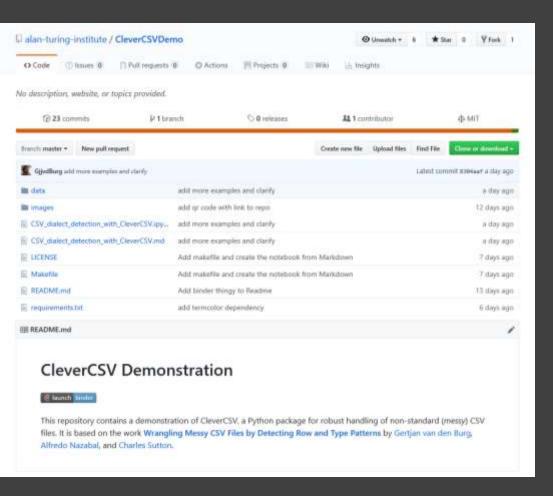
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### Gertjan van den Burg

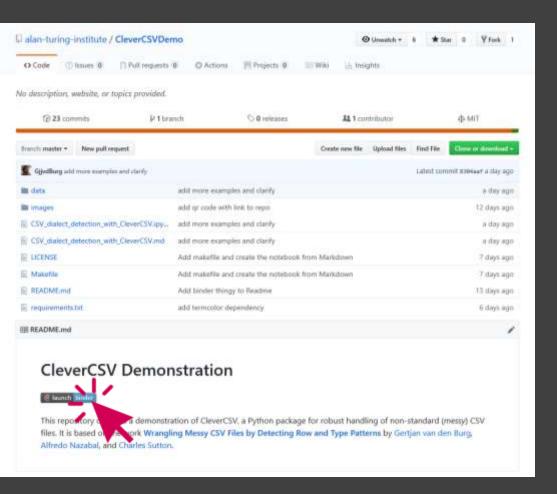
"The fun part of data science is the modelling. Being able to read in information from a csv file should not be the hardest part."



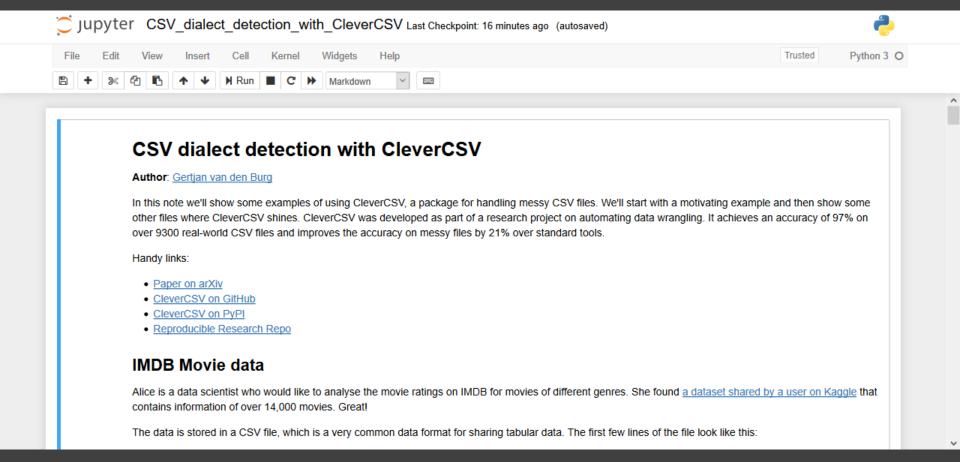
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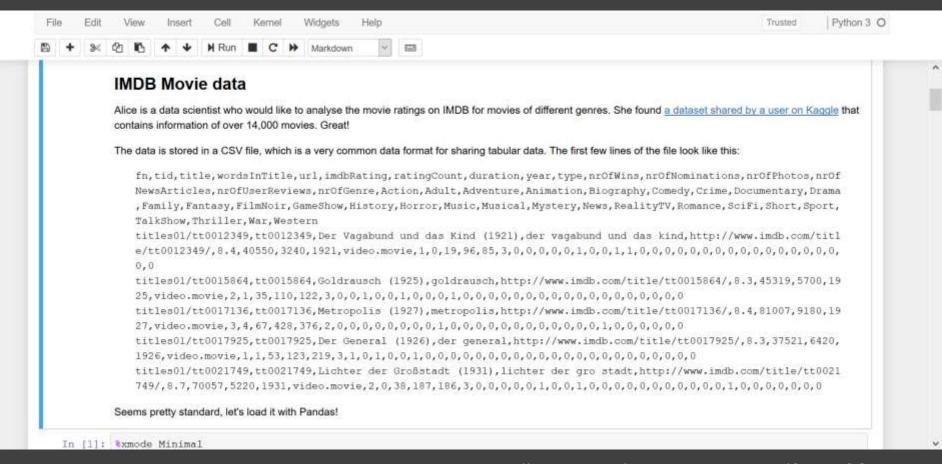


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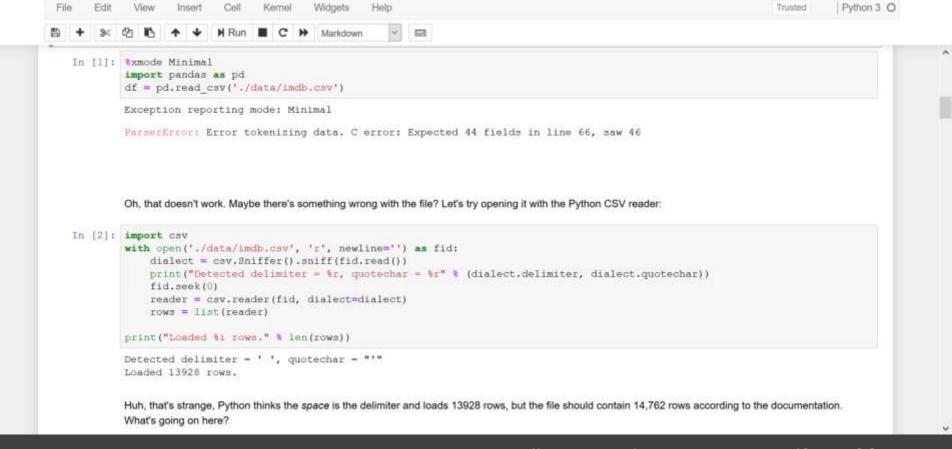


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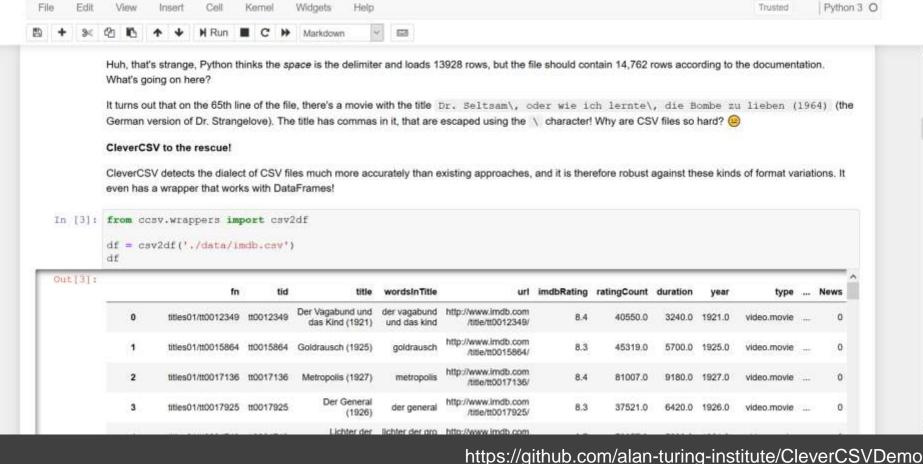




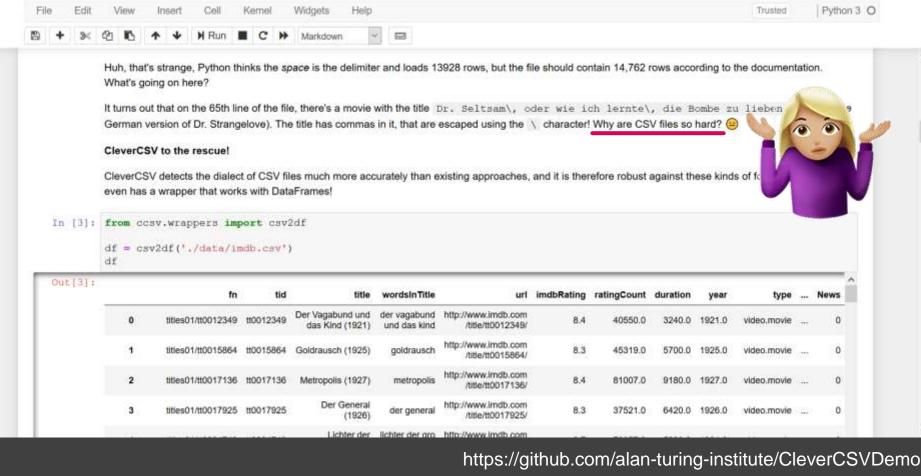
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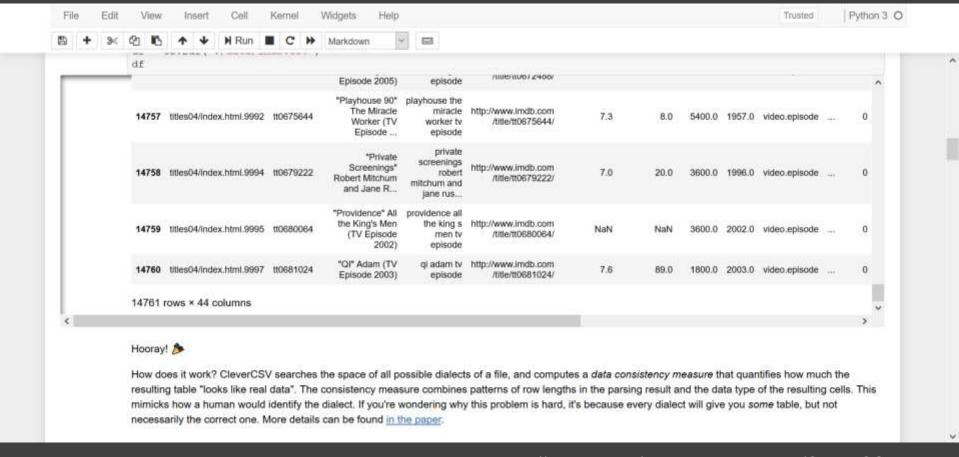
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### pip freeze

- Python Package Index (PyPI)
- Pip is a recursive
   acronym that can
   stand for either "Pip
   Installs Packages" or
   "Pip Installs Python"

#### pip freeze

#### Contents

- pip freeze
  - Usage
  - Description
  - Options
  - Examples

#### Usage

pip freeze [options]

### pip freeze

- pip freeze
   captures the versions
   of all packages that
   you're currently using
- Can print to screen or save in a file called requirements.txt

#### Examples

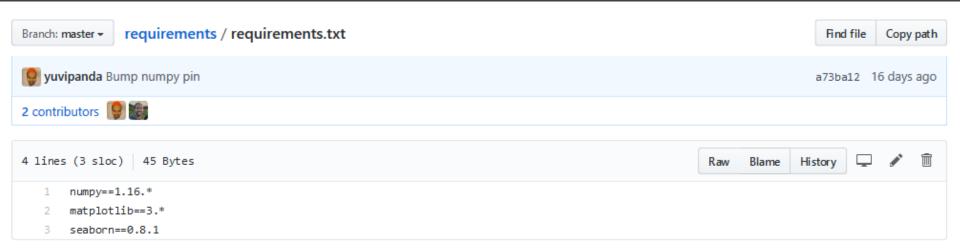
Generate output suitable for a requirements file.

```
$ pip freeze
docutils==0.11
Jinja2==2.7.2
MarkupSafe==0.19
Pygments==1.6
Sphinx==1.2.2
```

2. Generate a requirements file and then install from it in another

```
$ env1/bin/pip freeze > requirements.txt
$ env2/bin/pip install -r requirements.txt
```

### Binder example: requirements.txt



#### Conda env create

- Package manager for multiple languages
- Information about installed software saved in file called environment.yml

#### Creating an environment from an environment.yml file

Use the terminal or an Anaconda Prompt for the following steps:

1. Create the environment from the environment.yml file:

```
conda env create -F environment.yml
```

The first line of the yml file sets the new environment's name. For details see Creating

2. Activate the new environment: conda activate aveny

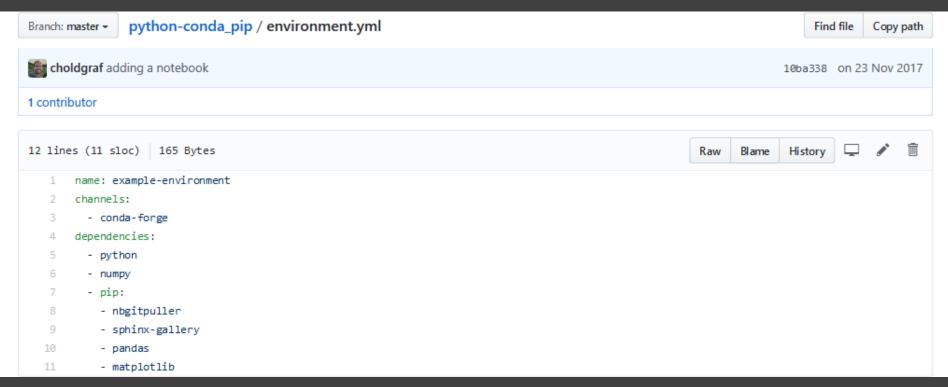
3. Verify that the new environment was installed correctly:

```
conda env list
```

You can also use conda info --enva -

```
https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/tasks/manage-environments.html
https://the-turing-way.netlify.com/
reproducible_environments/02/package-management.html
```

### Binder example: environment.yml



### install.R

- Binder interface includes Rstudio
- install.R contains required packages
- runtime.txt sets
  the version on MRAN

#### Specifying an R environment with a runtime.txt file

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Binder supports using R and RStudio, with libraries pinned to a specific snapshot on MRAN.

You need to have a runtime, txt file that is formatted like:

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where YYYY-MM-DD is a snapshot at MRAN that will be used for installing libraries.

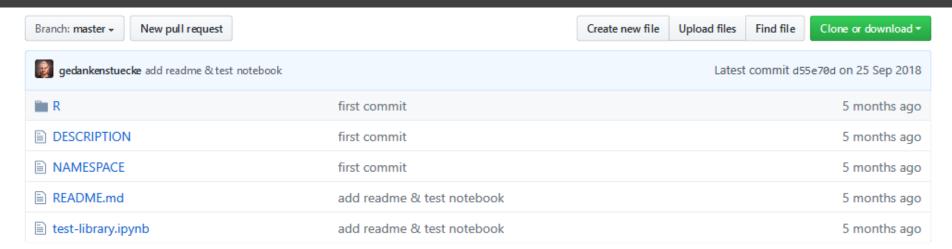
You can also have an install, R file that will be executed during build, and can be used to install

Both RStudio and IRKernel are installed by default, so you can use either the Jupyter notebool the RStudio interface.

trie restudio interface.

This repository also contains an example of a Shiny app.

### Binder example: install.R



### Binder example: install.R



#### Specifying an R environment by having a DESCRIPTION file

Jupyter+R: launch binder

RStudio: launch binder

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If you specify a runtime.txt file that is formatted like:

r-<YYYY>-<MM>-<DD>

where YYYY-MM-DD it will use the MRAN snapshot of that day for setting up the R runtime.

Without specifying a runtime.txt it will use a 2-day old snapshot of MRAN.

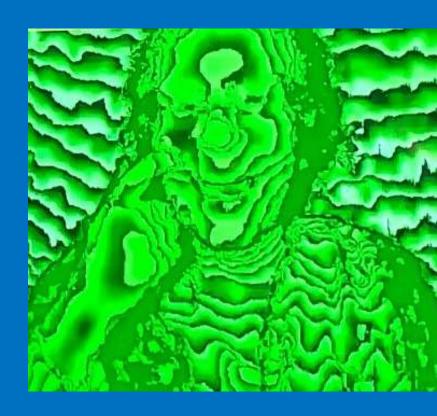
Both RStudio and IRKernel are installed by default, so you can use either the Jupyter notebook interface or the RStudio interface.

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## **Becky Arnold**

"There are a lot of things you need to know before you can jump into continuous integration.

Version control is a prerequisite for pretty much everything."



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# Distributed and remote version control



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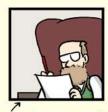












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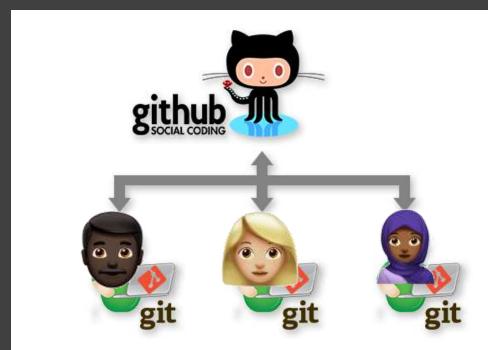






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#### PERIMETER LAYER

AWS data center physical security begins at the Perimeter Layer. This layer includes a number of security features depending on the facation, such as security quants, fencing, security feeds, intrusion detection technology, and other security measures.

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#### DATA LAYER

The Data Layer is the most critical point of protection because it is the only area that holds comoner data. Protection begins by restricting screen and maintaining a separation of privilege for each layer. In addition, we display threat dataction devices and system. protocols, further safeguarding this layer.

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE LAYER

The Infrastructure Layer is the data center building and the equipment and systems that keep it running. Components like backup prover againment, the HVMC system, and five suppression equipment are all part of the Infrastructure Layer.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL LAYER**

The Environmental Layer is disdicated to environmental considerations from site selection and construction to operations and sustainability. AWS carefully chooses our data center locations to mitigate environmental risk, such as flooding, extreme enacter, and serioric activity.

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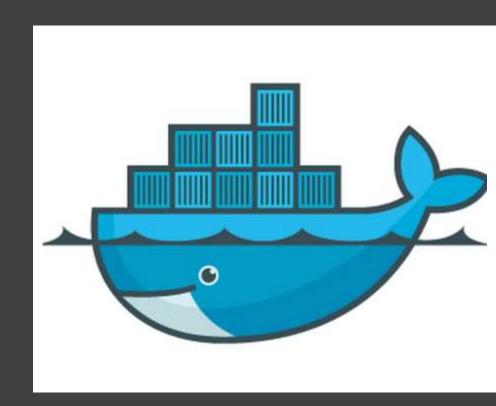
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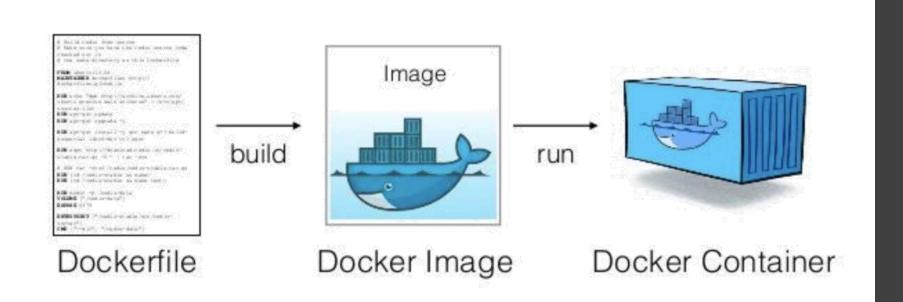
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#### Docker

 A container that bundles all the infrastructure and software together.



#### Human and machine readable files



# Binder example: docker

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minimal-dockerfile / Dockerfile
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Branch: master -
minrk use 3.7-slim
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      FROM python:3.7-slim
       # install the notebook package
       RUN pip install --no-cache --upgrade pip && \
           pip install --no-cache notebook
       # create user with a home directory
       ARG NB_USER
       ARG NB_UID
       ENV USER ${NB_USER}
       ENV HOME /home/${NB USER}
      RUN adduser --disabled-password \
       --gecos "Default user" \
       --uid ${NB_UID} \
           ${NB_USER}
       WORKDIR ${HOME}
```

# Small group exercise



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# Small group exercise Get into groups of 2-3 and explore these examples

- Are there differences between different branches?
- Does that give different results?
- Did you get what you'd expect?

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## Zero to Binder

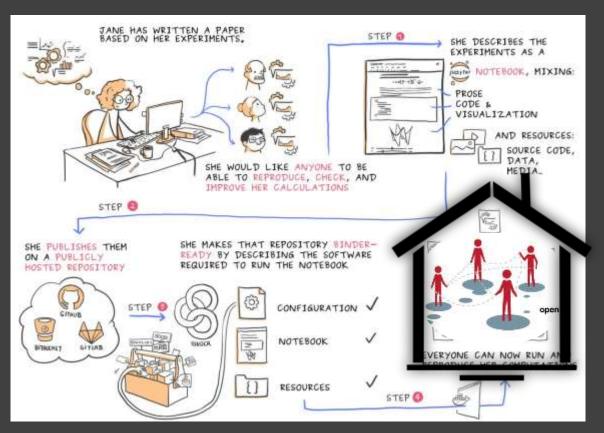
### Please open these instructions in your browser

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Loading repository (can take 30s or more to load): sgibson91/branchLSTM/sgibson91python-runtime-patch

Build logs

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# Champion: Elena Kochkina

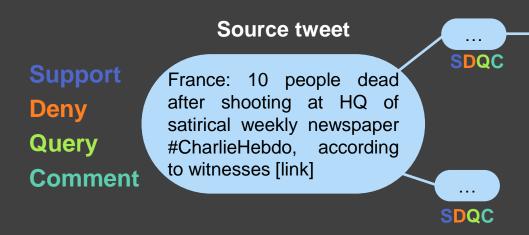
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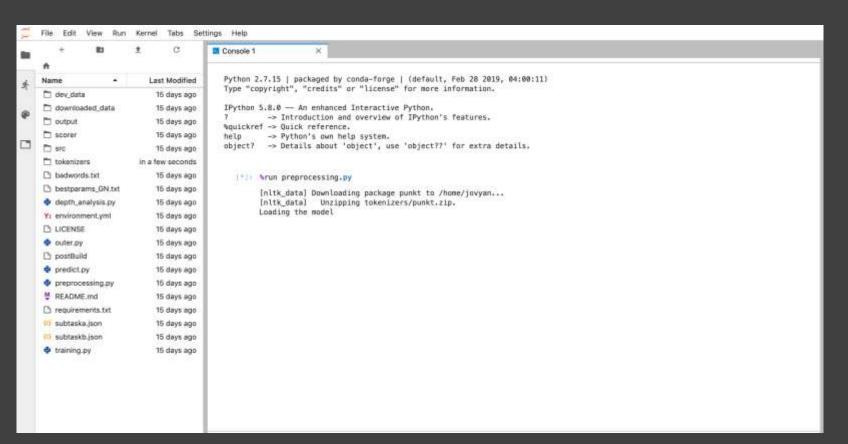
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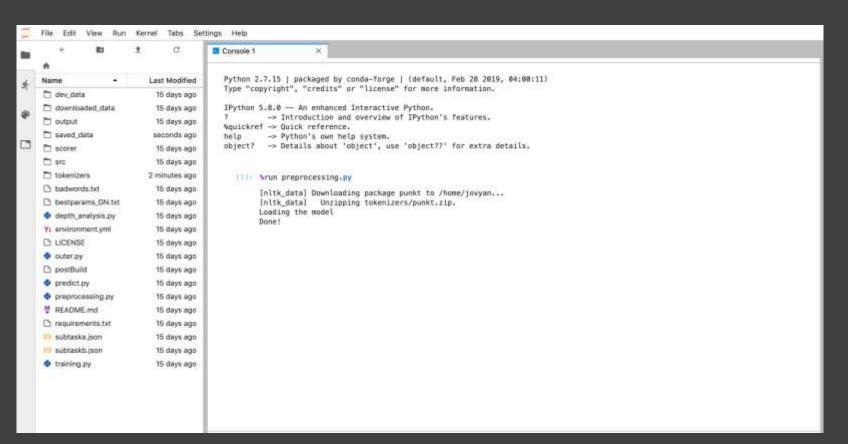
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Table 5: Confusion matrix for testing set predictions

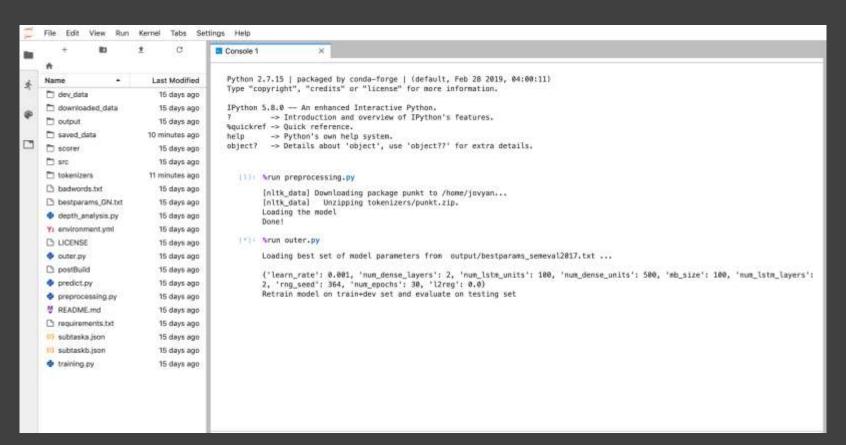
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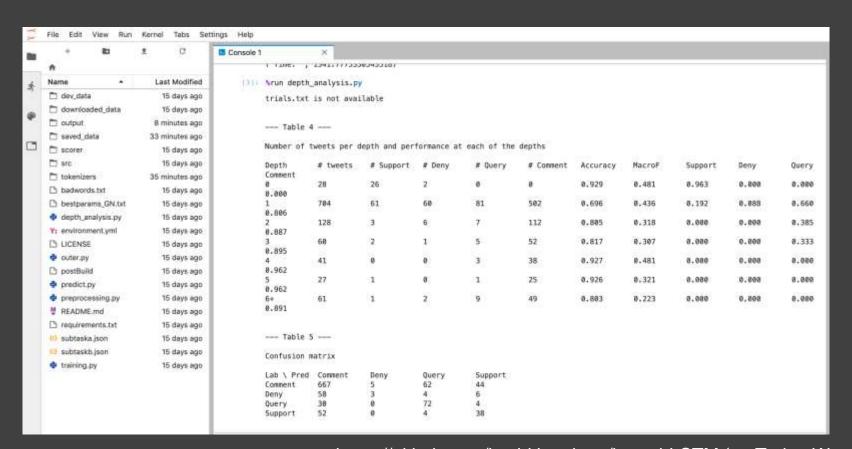
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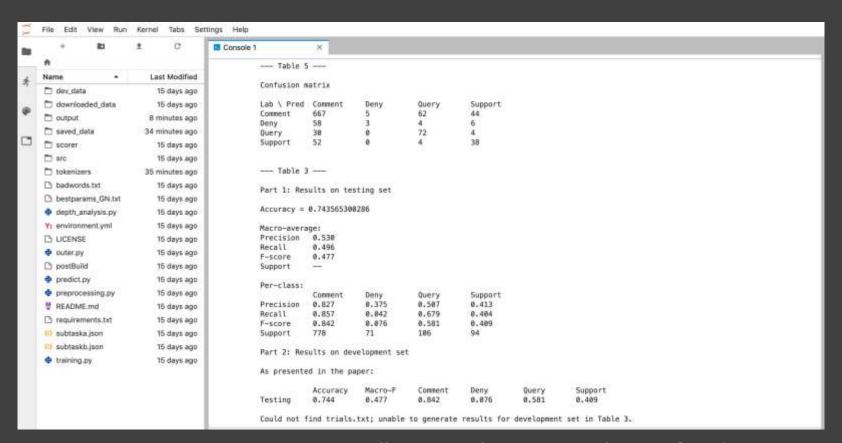


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#### Elena Kochkina

"How would I have known that it would be different on a different machine?! I only have access to the university HPC to run deep learning analyses."



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