

Making Jupyter Notebooks Less Awful

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"de facto
standard"

The image shows a screenshot of a web page from the journal Nature. At the top, the word "nature" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below it, there is a navigation bar with four items: "Explore content" with a dropdown arrow, "About the journal" with a dropdown arrow, "Publish with us" with a dropdown arrow, and "Subscribe". A horizontal line separates the navigation bar from the main content area. Below the line, the breadcrumb "nature > toolbox > article" is visible. Further down, the text "TOOLBOX | 30 October 2018" is displayed. The main headline is "Why Jupyter is data scientists' computational notebook of choice" in a large, bold, black font. Below the headline, a sub-headline reads "An improved architecture and enthusiastic user base are driving uptake of the open-source web tool."

"Interactive
computing"

"computational
narrative"

"killer app for
teaching
computing"

"powerful connections between
topics, theories, data and results"

"move the computer to the data"

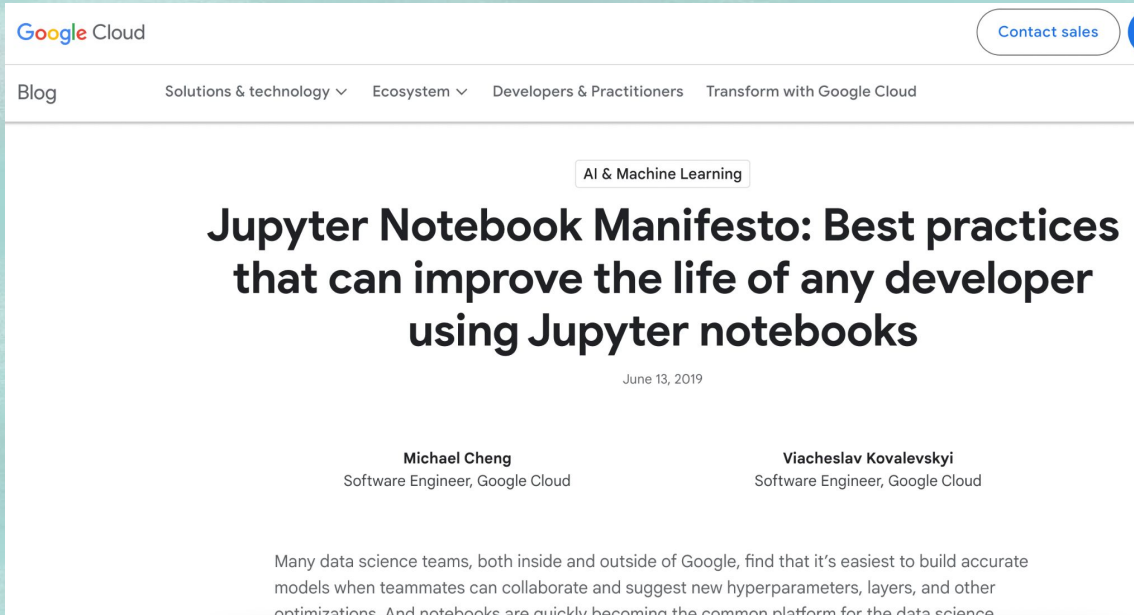
"Such tools foster computational
reproducibility by simplifying code reuse."

Why Jupyter is data scientists' computational notebook of choice

An improved architecture and enthusiastic user base are driving uptake of the open-source web tool.

"Jupyter notebooks also encourage poor coding practice ... by making it difficult to organize code logically, break it into reusable modules and develop tests to ensure the code is working properly."

"notebooks do require discipline"



"Because Jupyter Notebooks are a relatively recently-developed tool, they don't (yet) follow or encourage consensus-based software development best practices."

"Data scientists, typically collaborating on a small project that involves experimentation, often feel they don't need to adhere to any engineering best practices."

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Hold ?

Over the last few decades [computational notebooks](#), first introduced by [Wolfram Mathematica](#), have evolved to support scientific research, exploration and educational workflows. Naturally, in support of data science workflows and with the likes of [Jupyter notebooks](#) and [Databricks notebooks](#), they've become a great companion by providing a simple and intuitive interactive computation environment for combining code to analyze data with rich text and visualization to tell a data story. Notebooks were designed to provide an ultimate medium for modern scientific communication and innovation. In recent years, however, we've seen a trend for notebooks to be the medium for running the type of production-quality code typically used to drive enterprise operations. We see notebook [platform providers advertising](#) the use of their exploratory notebooks in production. This is a case of good intentions — democratizing programming for data scientists — implemented poorly and at the cost of scalability, maintainability, resiliency and all the other qualities that a long-lived production code needs to support. We don't recommend **productionizing notebooks** and instead encourage empowering data scientists to build production-ready code with the right programming frameworks, thus simplifying the [continuous delivery](#) tooling and abstracting complexity away through end-to-end ML platforms.



DS **r/datascience** · 7 mo. ago
by AdFew4357

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The hatred towards jupyter notebooks

Discussion

I totally get the hate. You guys constantly emphasize the need for scripts and to do away with jupyter. Every time someone says this, I always ask how they plan on doing data science. I can't plot data in a script. I can't look at figures. Isn't a jupyter notebook that process? To be able to write code to plot data and explore, and so on?

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r/MachineLearning · 7 yr. ago
by ohenrik

Is it only me that thinks Jupyter is horrible?

I understand that it is easy to use to explore data when messing around with graphs, however I come from web development and I feel like the work flow when using Jupyter is horrible. A quick list of drawbacks using Jupyter:

1. If you work in a team and want to use git, it is a mess.
2. You end up writing horrible code that is messy to read and keep track of in the notebook, even after splitting code across multiple notebooks.
3. You need to run each codeblock in the notebook block by block.
4. Read more here: <http://opiateforthemass.es/articles/why-i-dont-like-jupyter-fka-ipython-notebook/>

I have explored different options like Hydrogen for Atom, where I can write normal python code and then execute something if I need to check a graph for example.

However I'm not completely sure about this approach ether.

What does people use when they develop models for clients? I would really love to see some examples

DS **r/datascience** · 8 mo. ago
by Youngfreezy2K

Rant: Jupyter notebooks are trash.

Discussion

They should only be used for experimentation and sharing information. Please don't use them in finished products. When data engineers are creating inference pipelines based on the data scientists create they shouldn't have to reverse engineer your feeble code. I am going to understand what the nested for loops are trying to accomplish. Just tell me what I need the data and I will do it :)

I love scrolling through a notebook and looking at the visualizations and pretty pictures though when I'm trying to make use of the code in the notebook it is turning the rest of my hair grey.

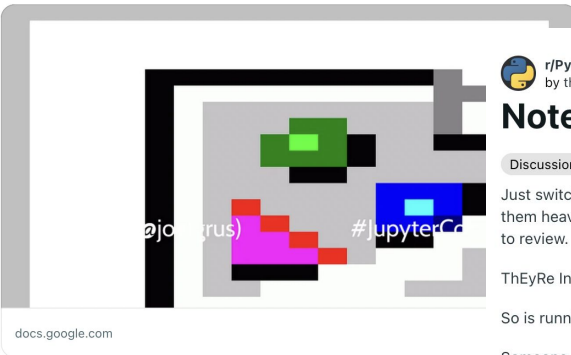
Thank you.

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r/MachineLearning · 5 yr. ago
by rasmil

[D] I Don't Like Notebooks

Discussion



r/Python · 2 yr. ago
by theearl99

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Notebooks suck: change my mind

Discussion

Just switched roles from ml engineer at a company that doesn't use notebooks to a company that uses them heavily. I don't get it. They're hard to version, hard to distribute, hard to re-use, hard to test, hard to review. I don't see a single benefit that you don't get with plain python files with 0 effort.

ThEyRe InTERAcTive...

So is running scripts in your console. If you really want to go line-by-line use a repl or debugger.

Someone, please, please tell me what I'm missing, because I feel like we're making a huge mistake as an industry by pushing this technology.

edit: Typo

Edit: So it seems the arguments for notebooks fall in a few categories. The first category is "notebooks are a personal tool, essentially a REPL with a different interface". If this was true I wouldn't care if my colleagues used them, just as I don't care what editor they use. The problem is it's not true. If I ask someone to share their code with me, nobody in their right mind would send me their ipython history. But people share notebooks with me all the time. So clearly notebooks can get just used as a REPL.

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by [deleted]

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A critical reflection of jupyter notebooks

Discussion

In my experience notebooks are a surprisingly controversial topic. I've seen things ranging from Databricks building tools for data scientists and data engineers that can seemingly only run on notebooks unless you install the notoriously buggy databricks connect to people using the word "notebook" antithesis of good programming habits.

Recently I've been listening to more talks about interactive vs batch programming and have just been reflecting on how I write code myself. Here's my own set of hot takes:

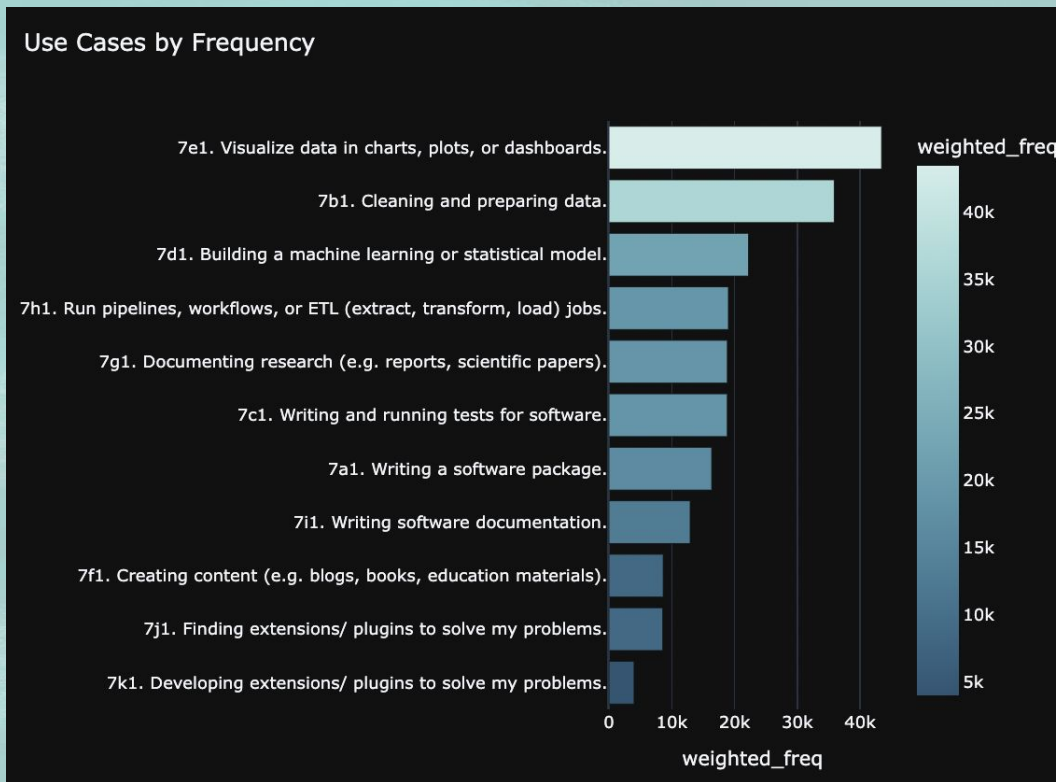
1. **The name of notebooks explains what they are meant for.** They are for experimenting, prototyping, potentially automating reports with markdown, etc. Essentially, you use them to jot down ideas as you would on a piece of paper.
2. **You should build systems/features/... with notebooks and not with regular scripts to save time.** You should treat your notebook as a debugger that is always on. Writing code in notebooks is a great way to build code interactively and incrementally. If you have IO sitting around and waiting to load data out of your DB to train a model each run doesn't make sense.
3. **Notebooks DO encourage poor programming standards if you don't watch out.** People say that notebooks encourage poor programming standards if you don't watch out. People say that notebooks encourage poor programming standards if you don't watch out. People say that notebooks encourage poor programming standards if you don't watch out.

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So why use Jupyter?

Prototype, Experiment,
Present, Teach, Learn,
Taking your compute to the data,
Anything that needs a visual result

So why use Jupyter?



When do you need good practice?

... larger project ... many engineers ...
... scaling ... deployment ...

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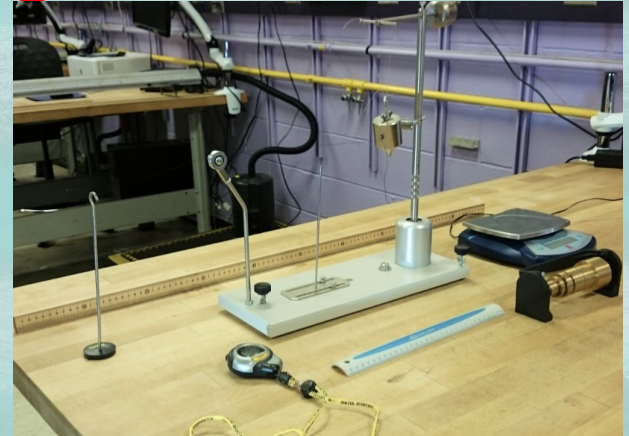
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Follow

Data science code doesn't need to follow the rules of good software engineering, because data science is not about creating software but about experimenting with building prototypes of models. 👉 Great tip from [@jeremyphoward](#)

4:18 AM - 2 May 2018

4 Retweets 26 Likes



François Chollet ✓

@fchollet

Following

Buggy code is bad science. Poorly tuned benchmarks are bad science. Poorly factored code is bad science (hinders reproducibility, increases chances of a mistake). If your field is all about empirical validation, then your code **is** a large part of your scientific output.

12:26 AM - 15 Jul 2018

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@joelgrus #jupytercon

Stolen from "I don't like Notebooks", Joel Grus, JupyterCon 2018

So how do we make Jupyter Notebooks more correct?

1. "Follow established software development best practices"(*)
2. Version control & Reviews
3. Testing
4. Automating testing and quality control
5. Dependency management
6. Data management

(*) <https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/ai-machine-learning/best-practices-that-can-improve-the-life-of-any-developer-using-jupyter-notebooks>

Where are you running your Jupyter?

datasciencenotebook.org

Compare tool features

TOOL	SETUP	JUPYTER COMPATIBILITY	PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES	DATA VISUALIZATION			
Jupyter	Self-hosted	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code			
Amazon Sagemaker	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code			
Google Colab	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code			
Deepnote	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter, SQL	Visualize with code or UI			
Hex	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter, SQL	Visualize with code or UI			
Databricks Notebooks	Self-hosted or fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code or UI			
DataCamp Workspace	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter, SQL	Visualize with code or UI			
JupyterLab	Self-hosted	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code			
CoCalc	Self-hosted or fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code	Realtime collaboration	Free and paid options	Open source
Hyperquery	Fully managed	None	Python, SQL	Visualize with code or UI	Realtime collaboration	Free and paid options	Proprietary
Jetbrains Datalore	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code or UI	Realtime collaboration	Free and paid options	Proprietary
Kaggle	Fully managed	Jupyter-compatible	Jupyter	Visualize with code	Limited collaboration	Free	Proprietary

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- .vscode fix: set correct schema for github workflow last year
- .yarn feat: update next.js last year
- public feat: add sitemap.xml last year
- src Fix type issue 3 weeks ago
- .env.development fix: use vercel env vars last year
- .eslintrc.json fix: stricter linting last year
- .gitignore chore: re-ignore vercel project.json last year
- .nvmrc feat: add next.js skeleton last year
- yarnrc.yml feat: update next.js last year

Where are you running your Jupyter?

Yourself Local Jupyter, Local JupyterLab, JupyterHub, VS Code

Lightweight hosted Binder, Google Colab, Kaggle Kernels...

Mediumweight hosted Deepnote, Saturn Cloud, JetBrains...

Enterprise hosted Amazon Sagemaker, Google Vertex AI workbench, Databricks notebooks, Azure ML studio, VS Code (!)...

Niche Paperspace Gradient, Cocalc, Mode analytics, naas.ai...

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Answer: Code is read more often than it is written AND style best practice supports quality

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- Write clean code (resources at the end of this presentation)
 - DRY, meaningful variable and function naming, modularity, explicit imports
- Move functions from Notebooks into modules (where appropriate)
- Python Style Guide (PEP8)
- Zen of Python

```
import this

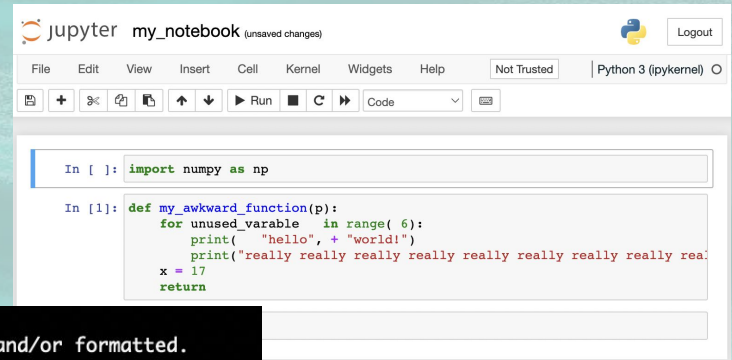
The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.
Explicit is better than implicit.
Simple is better than complex.
Complex is better than complicated.
Flat is better than nested.
Sparse is better than dense.
Readability counts.
Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
Although practicality beats purity.
Errors should never pass silently.
Unless explicitly silenced.
In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.
There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.
Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.
Now is better than never.
Although never is often better than *right* now.
If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.
If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.
Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!
```

1. Tools for software development good practice

Tools:

- Code quality: **isort**, **flake8**, **black**, **sqlfluff**, ...
- Specific to Notebooks: **nbqa**
- Linting and formatting



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled 'my_notebook (unsaved changes)'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help), a status bar (Not Trusted, Python 3 (pykernel)), and a toolbar with icons for file operations and execution. The main area contains a code cell with the following Python code:

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         x = 17
         return
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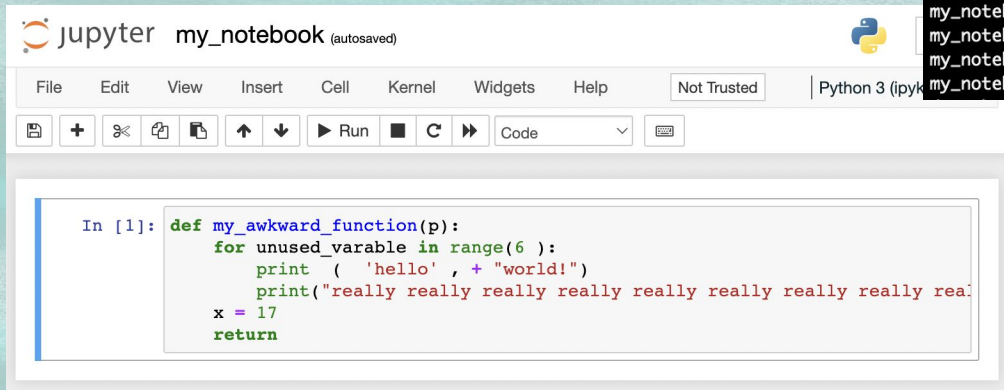
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ERROR: /Users/laurarichter/examples/my_notebook.ipynb Imports are incorrectly sorted and/or formatted.
(venv) → ~/examples nbqa black --check my_notebook.ipynb
would reformat my_notebook.ipynb
```

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Oh no! 🌟💔🌟
1 file would be reformatted.
(venv) → ~/examples nbqa flake8 my_notebook.ipynb
my_notebook.ipynb:cell_1:1:1: F401 'numpy as np' imported but unused
my_notebook.ipynb:cell_1:6:42: W291 trailing whitespace
my_notebook.ipynb:cell_4:2:23: E272 multiple spaces before keyword
my_notebook.ipynb:cell_4:2:35: E201 whitespace after '('
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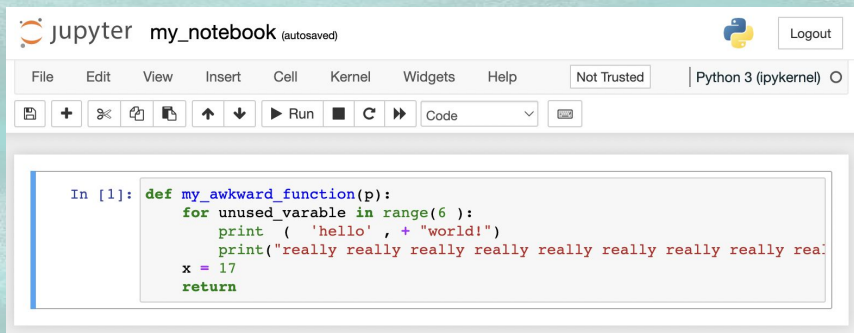
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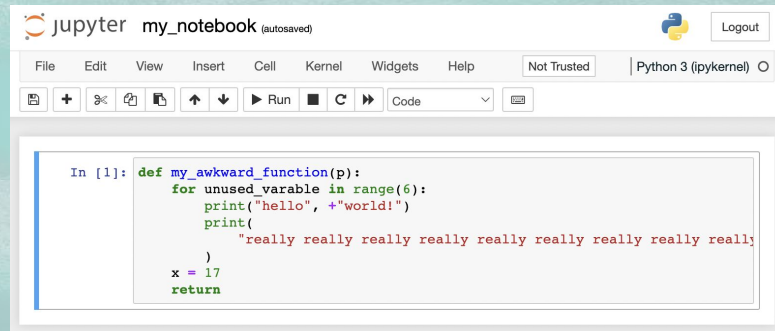
```
(venv) → ~/examples nbqa black my_notebook.ipynb
reformatted my_notebook.ipynb
```

```
All done! ✨ 📁 ✨
1 file reformatted.
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(venv) → ~/examples
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import os
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from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
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2. Version Control & Reviews

Why? Waiting for reviews just slows me down!

Answer: Then you probably need to be slowed down 🐼

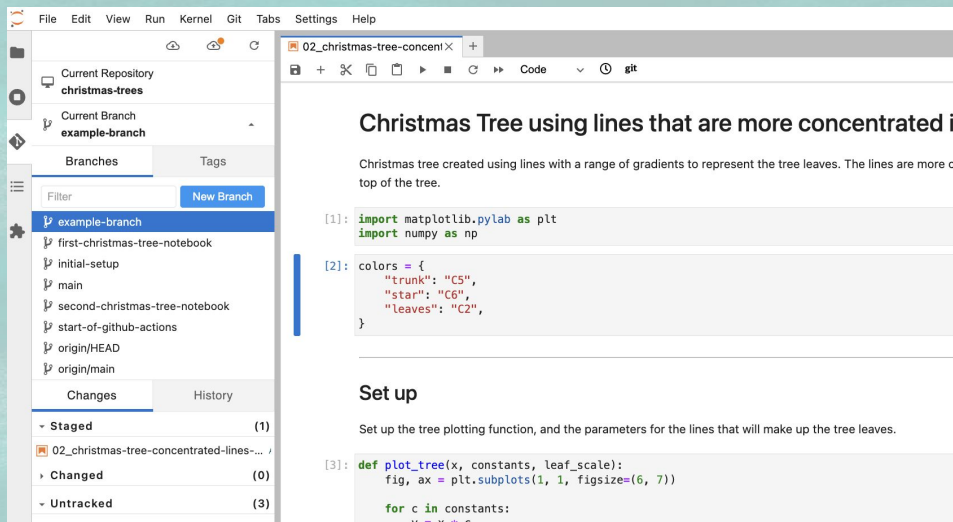
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Version Control  Creating dated artifacts

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Tools:

- Github
- Git tooling in VS Code, JupyterLab Git extension, hosted Notebook Git tooling



The screenshot displays the Visual Studio Code interface with a Jupyter Notebook open. The left sidebar shows the 'Git' extension view, indicating the current repository is 'christmas-trees' and the current branch is 'example-branch'. The main editor area shows a Jupyter Notebook titled '02_christmas-tree-concentrated-lines-...'. The notebook content includes a title 'Christmas Tree using lines that are more concentrated i', a description 'Christmas tree created using lines with a range of gradients to represent the tree leaves. The lines are more concentrated at the top of the tree.', and three code cells. The first cell imports 'matplotlib.pyplot as plt' and 'numpy as np'. The second cell defines a 'constants' dictionary with keys 'trunk', 'star', and 'leaves'. The third cell defines a 'plot_tree' function that uses 'plt.subplots' and a 'for' loop to plot the tree leaves.

```
[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

[2]: constants = {
    "trunk": "C5",
    "star": "C6",
    "leaves": "C2",
}

Set up

Set up the tree plotting function, and the parameters for the lines that will make up the tree leaves.

[3]: def plot_tree(x, constants, leaf_scale):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(6, 7))

    for c in constants:
        v = x * c
```

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 - nbdime

```
$ nbdiff c.ipynb b.ipynb
nbdiff c.ipynb b.ipynb
--- c.ipynb 2016-11-30 15:12:21
+++ b.ipynb 2016-11-30 15:12:38
## modified /cells/9/outputs/0/data/text/plain:
- <matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x10ea05940>
+ <matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x10eb21860>

## replaced /cells/14/outputs/0/data/image/png:
- iVBORw0K...<snip base64, md5=3f7d4e61ee33aaae...>
+ iVBORw0K...<snip base64, md5=1d6960ad89e9de61...>

## modified /cells/14/outputs/0/data/text/plain:
- <matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x1110209b8>
+ <matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x11112bf28>

## modified /cells/14/source:
@ -25,14 +25,14 @@ x = np.linspace(0, 10)
y = func(x)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
plt.plot(x, y, 'g','r', linewidth=2)
plt.ylim(ymin=0)

# Make the shaded region
ix = np.linspace(a, b)
iy = func(ix)
verts = [(a, 0)] + list(zip(ix, iy)) + [(b, 0)]
poly = Polygon(verts, facecolor='0.9', edgecolor='0')facecolor='0.6', edgecolor='0.5')
ax.add_patch(poly)
```

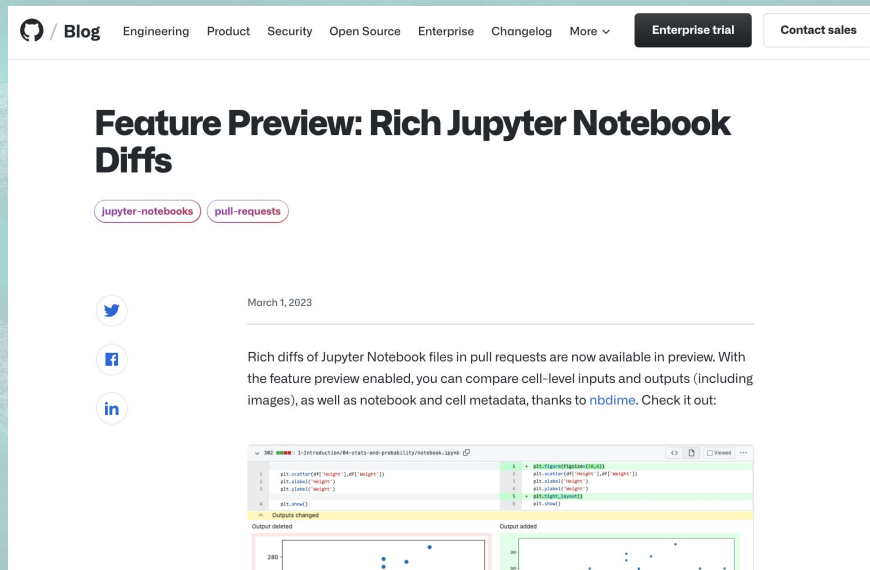


content aware diffs

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 - Github diffs (feature preview)



The screenshot shows a GitHub blog post with the following elements:

- Navigation:** A top bar with links for 'Blog', 'Engineering', 'Product', 'Security', 'Open Source', 'Enterprise', 'Changelog', and 'More'. It also includes buttons for 'Enterprise trial' and 'Contact sales'.
- Title:** 'Feature Preview: Rich Jupyter Notebook Diffs'.
- Tags:** 'jupyter-notebooks' and 'pull-requests'.
- Date:** 'March 1, 2023'.
- Text:** 'Rich diffs of Jupyter Notebook files in pull requests are now available in preview. With the feature preview enabled, you can compare cell-level inputs and outputs (including images), as well as notebook and cell metadata, thanks to [nbdime](#). Check it out:'
- Code Diff:** A diff view for a file named '1-introduction@41-state-and-prereqs123/notebook.ipynb'. It shows changes in cell metadata, including 'nbformat_minor' and 'outputs'.
- Output Comparison:** A section titled 'Output changed' showing two side-by-side plots. The left plot is labeled 'Output deleted' and the right plot is labeled 'Output added'. Both plots show a scatter plot of data points.

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 - nbdev

[nbdev_merge](#) on merging notebooks with git

One of the biggest complaints when working with Jupyter is that merge conflicts break notebooks. This is particularly problematic in projects with many collaborators.

Error loading notebook

Unreadable Notebook: /Users/seem/code/nbdev/tests/example.ipynb NotJSONError('Notebook does not appear to be JSON: \\{\n "cells": [\n {\n "cell_type": "c...')

Close

[nbdev_clean](#) on saving notebooks in Jupyter

Jupyter notebooks store a variety of metadata (including execution counts and notebook extension info) that aren't conducive to collaborative version control systems like git. These pollute diffs in pull requests and git histories (which can make debugging harder), and tend to cause merge conflicts. For example:

```
{
  "cell_type": "code",
  - "execution_count": 1,
  + "execution_count": 2,
  "metadata": {
    "hide_input": false
  }
}
```

```
{
  "cell_type": "code",
  "execution_count": null,
  "metadata": {}
}
```

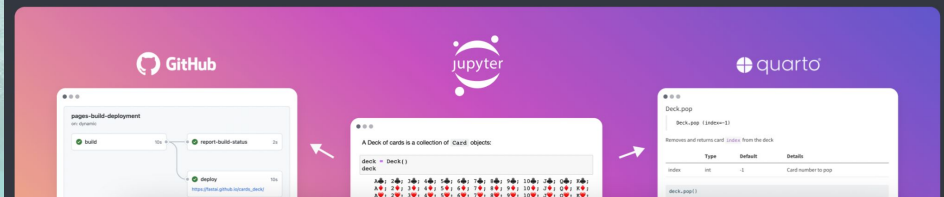
using nbdev Jupyter save hooks

nbdev shoutout

Create delightful software with Jupyter Notebooks

Write, test, document, and distribute software packages and technical articles — all in one place, your notebook.

Get started



Beautiful technical documentation
and scientific articles with Quarto



Out-of-the-box continuous integration
with GitHub Actions



Publish code to PyPI and conda, and
prose to GitHub Pages



Two-way sync with your favourite IDEs



Write prose, code, and tests in
notebooks — no context-switching



Git-friendly notebooks: human-
readable merge conflicts, no
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Tools:

- Github
- Git tooling in VS Code, JupyterLab Git extension, hosted Notebook Git tooling
- Git diffs:
 - nbdime
 - Github diffs (feature preview)
 - nbdev
 - ReviewNB

The screenshot displays a diff tool interface comparing two versions of a Python script. The left pane shows the original code, and the right pane shows the modified code. The changes are highlighted in green in the right pane. Below the code, two plots are shown side-by-side. The left plot, titled 'sepal_width', shows two overlapping distributions: a red one for 'sepal_width' and a blue one for 'sepal_length'. The right plot, titled 'petal_length', shows two overlapping distributions: a green one for 'petal_length' and a blue one for 'sepal_length'. A blue circle highlights a change in the code on the right pane, and a green box highlights the corresponding plot. At the bottom, a review interface is visible with a text area containing the text 'Great work! Can we plot petal_width as well?' and two buttons: 'CANCEL' and 'START A REVIEW'.

```
1 import seaborn as sns
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 sns.set(style='darkgrid')
5 df = sns.load_dataset('iris')
6
7 fig = sns.kdeplot(df['sepal_width'], shade=True, color='r')
8 fig = sns.kdeplot(df['sepal_length'], shade=True, color='b')
9
10 plt.show()
```

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1 import seaborn as sns
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # set a grey background
5 sns.set(style='darkgrid')
6 df = sns.load_dataset('iris')
7
8 fig = sns.kdeplot(df['petal_length'], shade=True, color='g')
9 fig = sns.kdeplot(df['sepal_length'], shade=True, color='b')
10
11 plt.show()
```

3. Testing

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Answer:

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
```

```
In [2]: def is_something_or_other(x):  
        y = x**2  
        threshold_check = y > 17  
        return threshold_check
```

```
In [3]: array_100 = np.array([100])  
  
print(is_something_or_other(100) is True)  
print(is_something_or_other(array_100) is True)  
print(is_something_or_other(array_100[0]) is True)
```

```
True  
False  
False
```


3. Testing

Tools:

- nbval
- nbmake
- testbook
- pytest-notebook
- nbdev

4. Automating

- Automate your linting
- Automate your testing
- Automate your team norms
 - Even things file naming conventions!

Tools:

- Github actions
- Github pre-commit hooks
- Jupyter save hooks

```
name: test_notebooks

on: [push]

jobs:
  test_notebooks:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v3
      - uses: actions/setup-python@v4
        with:
          python-version: '3.10'
      - run: pip install -r requirements.txt
      - run: pip install pytest nbval
      - run: pytest --nbval .
```

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Answer: You'll spend time on it for sure, one way or another :)

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Tools:

- virtual environments
- pinning your requirements
 - requirements.txt
 - pip-compile
- Docker
 - jupyter/base-notebook
 - jupyter/minimal-notebook

6. Data management

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Answer: Yeah, you know it doesn't really work fine :)

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Tools:

- Cloud data in any form accessible with python:
 - AWS s3 (boto, pandas)
 - GCP GCS (google cloud python sdk, pandas)
 - GCP BigQuery (google cloud python sdk, pandas)
 - Spark cluster
 - ...
- quiltdata
- Github lfs
- dvc

```
In [ ]: import pandas as pd
```

```
In [ ]: df = pd.read_csv('gs://data_science_bucket/20231004_sales_by_BU.csv')
```

```
In [ ]: sql = "SELECT business_unit, store, item, price FROM sales_data WHERE city='Durban'"
df = pd.read_gbq(sql, project_id="your-project-id")
```


Some final thoughts

- Start with simple dependency management: virtual environments and requirements files
 - For cloud Notebooks, requirements files
- Next, auto formatting and linting (nbqa isort, nba black, nbqa flake8...)
- Next, version control (e.g. Github) and reviews
- Next, automate linting
- Next, data management
- Next, simple end-to-end testing

...

- Then, down the line...
Dockerise? Tooling/frameworks for experiment management? Unit test for modules?
Cookie-cutters?
... And see what new tooling and best practice emerges!

Thank you

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