
Colab Tutorial

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Link of this Tutorial

<https://reurl.cc/eWj6jL>

(Things mentioned in this tutorial will be covered in this notebook)

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Introduction

What is Colab?

Colab, or "Colaboratory", allows you to write and execute Python in your browser, with

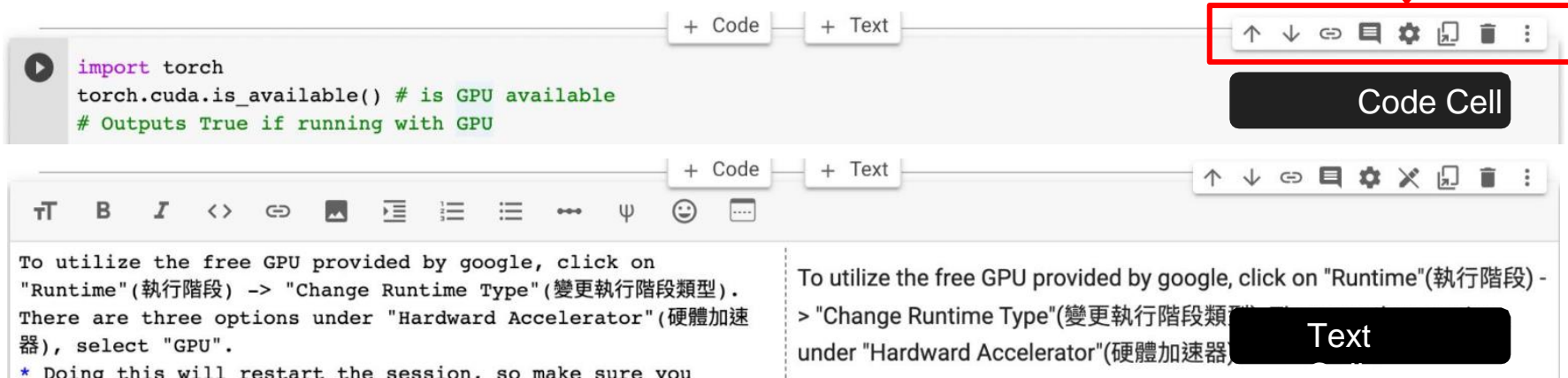
- Zero configuration required
- Free access to GPUs
- Easy sharing

Getting Started

Creating a new cell

You can create a new code cell by clicking on **+Code**, clicking on **+Text** generates a text cell

There are options for moving your cell up/down or copy or delete it



The screenshot displays two cells in a Jupyter Notebook. The top cell is a Code Cell containing Python code for checking GPU availability. The bottom cell is a Text Cell with instructions on how to use the free GPU provided by Google. A red box highlights the action menu of the Code Cell, which includes icons for moving up/down, linking, commenting, settings, copying, deleting, and a menu. A red arrow points to the 'Move Up' icon.

```
import torch
torch.cuda.is_available() # is GPU available
# Outputs True if running with GPU
```

To utilize the free GPU provided by google, click on "Runtime" (執行階段) -> "Change Runtime Type" (變更執行階段類型). There are three options under "Hardware Accelerator" (硬體加速器), select "GPU".

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Getting Started

You can type python code in the code cell, or use a leading exclamation mark ! to change the code cell to treating the input as a shell script

```
[ ] import torch
    torch.cuda.is_available() # is GPU available
    # Outputs True if running with GPU
```

→ **python**

```
[ ] # List all the files under the working directory
    !ls
```

→ **shell script**

Getting Started

Using an exclamation mark (!) starts a new shell, does the operations, and then kills that shell, while percentage (%) affects the process associated with the notebook, and it is called a magic command.

Use % instead of ! for cd (change directory) command

other magic commands are listed [here](#)

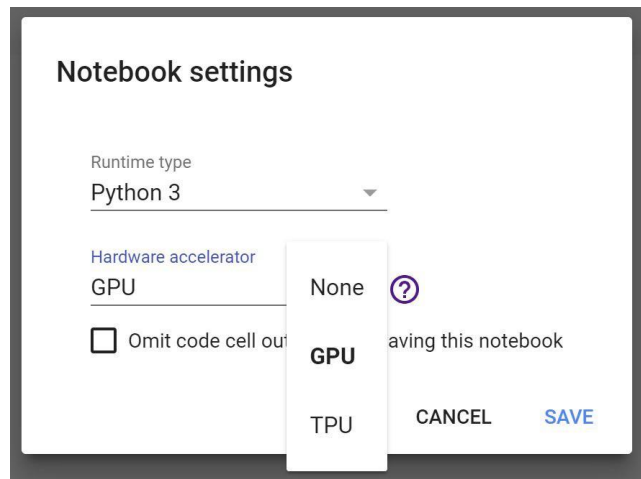
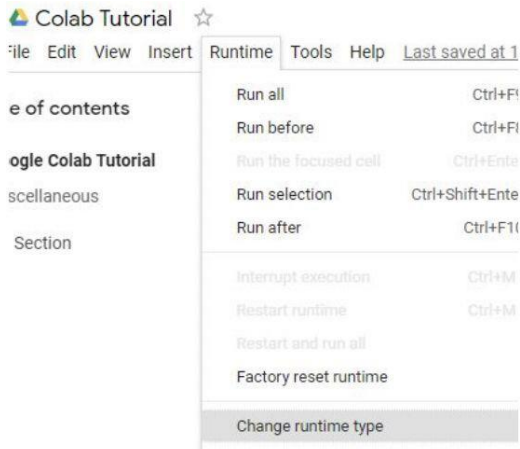
Changing Runtime

To utilize the free GPU provided by google,

click on "Runtime"(執行階段) → "Change Runtime Type"(變更執行階段類型).

select "**GPU**" for "Hardware Accelerator"(硬體加速器)

Doing this will restart the session, so make sure you change to the desired runtime before executing any code.



Executing Code Block

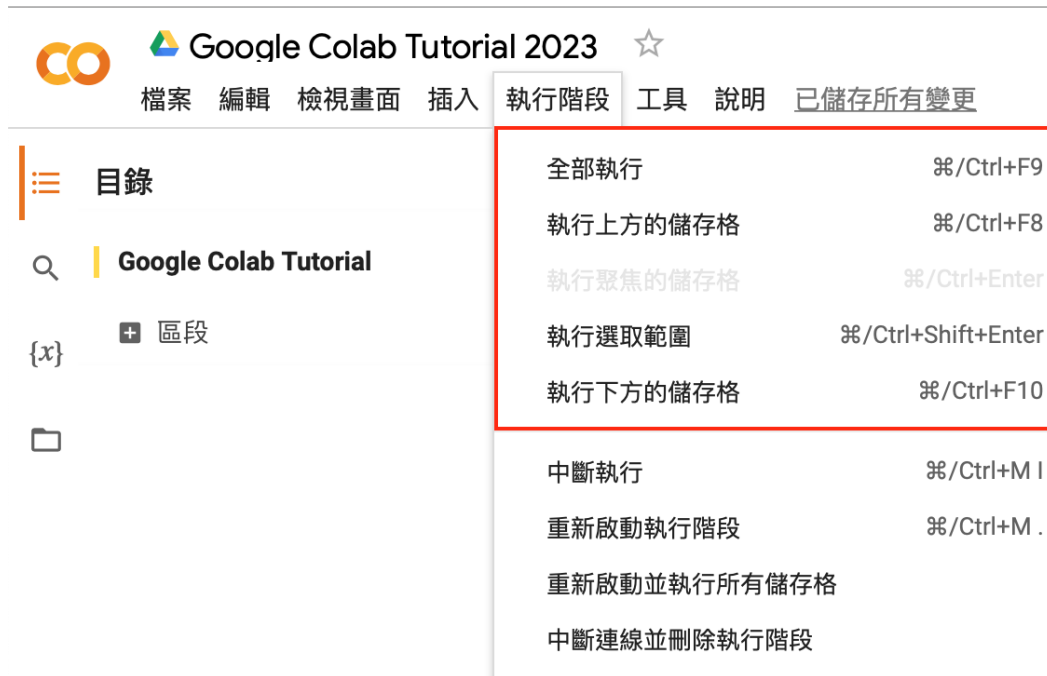
Click on the play button to execute a specific code cell



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Executing Code Block

Other options to run your code



The screenshot shows the Google Colab Tutorial 2023 interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Colab logo, the title "Google Colab Tutorial 2023", and a star icon. Below the title are several menu items: "檔案", "編輯", "檢視畫面", "插入", "執行階段", "工具", "說明", and "已儲存所有變更". The "執行階段" menu is open, displaying a list of execution options and their corresponding keyboard shortcuts. The first five options are highlighted with a red border.

執行選項	快捷鍵
全部執行	⌘/Ctrl+F9
執行上方的儲存格	⌘/Ctrl+F8
執行聚焦的儲存格	⌘/Ctrl+Enter
執行選取範圍	⌘/Ctrl+Shift+Enter
執行下方的儲存格	⌘/Ctrl+F10
中斷執行	⌘/Ctrl+M
重新啟動執行階段	⌘/Ctrl+M .
重新啟動並執行所有儲存格	
中斷連線並刪除執行階段	

Check GPU Type

Use the command **nvidia-smi** to check the allocated GPU type

Available GPUs:

T4 > K80

(but most of the time you get K80 using the free Colab)

```
[ ] # check allocated GPU type
!nvidia-smi
```

```
Sun Feb  5 07:30:36 2023
```

```
-----+-----
| NVIDIA-SMI 510.47.03   Driver Version: 510.47.03   CUDA Version: 11.6   |
```

```
-----+-----
| GPU  Name            Persistence-M| Bus-Id        Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
| Fan  Temp  Perf    Pwr:Usage/Cap|  Memory-Usage | GPU-Util  Compute M. |
|                               |              MIG M. |
```

```
-----+-----
| 0   Tesla T4         Off          | 00000000:00:04:0 Off |             0      |
| N/A   43C    P0     26W / 70W |  3MiB / 15360MiB |      0%      Default |
|                               |              N/A   |
```

```
-----+-----
| Processes:                                     |
| GPU  GI  CI       PID   Type   Process name          | GPU Memory |
| ID  ID                                     Usage            |
```

```
-----+-----
| No running processes found                       |
```

File Manipulation

Download files via Google Drive

1. Download Files via google drive

A file stored in Google Drive has the following sharing **link** :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14FK5G6DOh7EdLyoj4D5teRSzriTOUPD7/view?usp=sharing>

It is possible to download the file via Colab knowing the **link**, using the **--fuzzy** command.

```
[ ] # Download the file with the following link, and rename it to pikachu.png
!gdown --fuzzy https://drive.google.com/file/d/14FK5G6DOh7EdLyoj4D5teRSzriTOUPD7/view?usp=sharing --output pikachu.png
```

Downloading...

From: <https://drive.google.com/uc?id=14FK5G6DOh7EdLyoj4D5teRSzriTOUPD7>

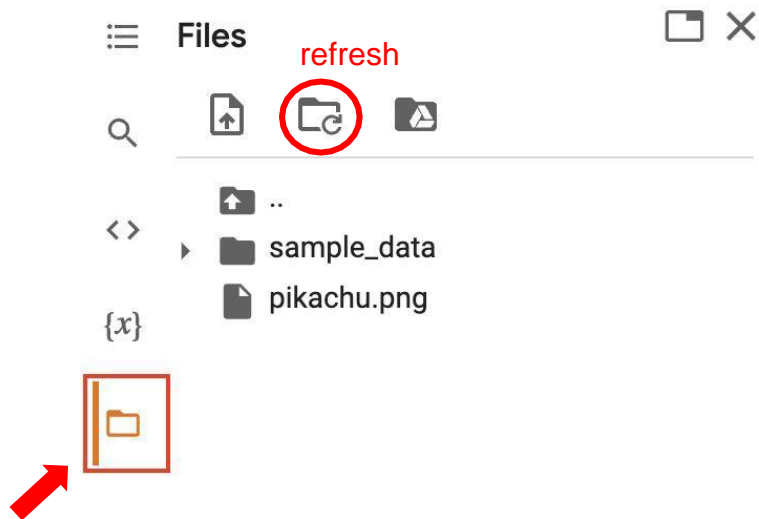
To: /content/pikachu.png

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File Manipulation

File Structure

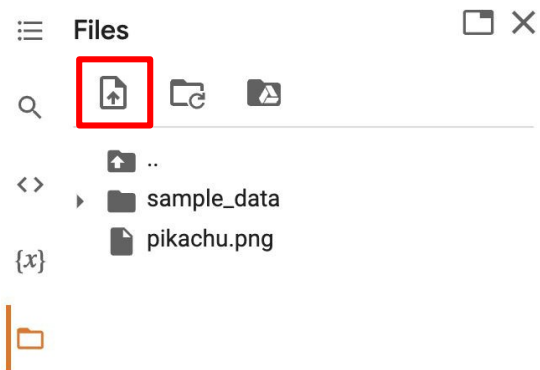
- You may click on the folder icon on the left to view your current files
- After downloading files, if the files are not immediately shown, click the refresh button
- Files are temporarily stored, and will be removed once you end your session.



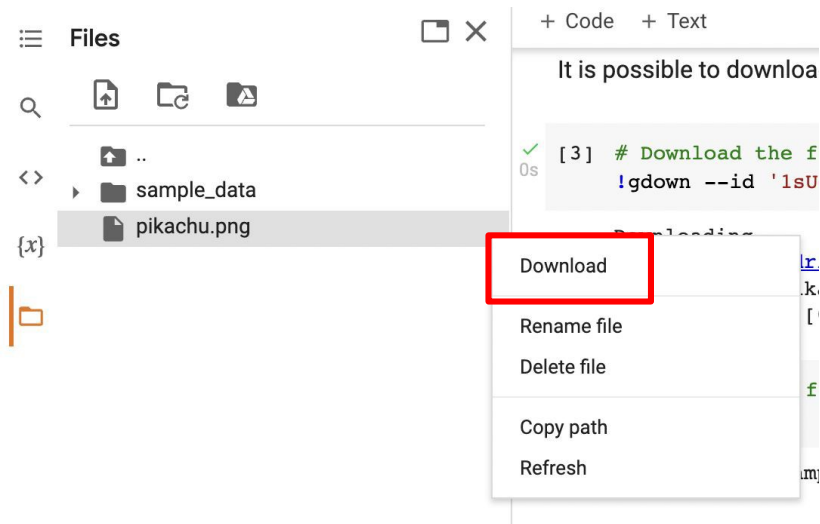
File Manipulation

Upload and Download Files

Click the upload icon to upload local files to your session



click  to download files to your local



Mounting Google Drive

If you don't want to download the data every time you start a new session, or you want some files to be saved permanently,

you can mount your own google drive to colab and directly download/save the data to your google drive.

A screenshot of a Google Colab code cell. The code cell has a play button icon on the left. The code inside the cell is:

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

 Below the code, the output shows:

```
Mounted at /content/drive
```

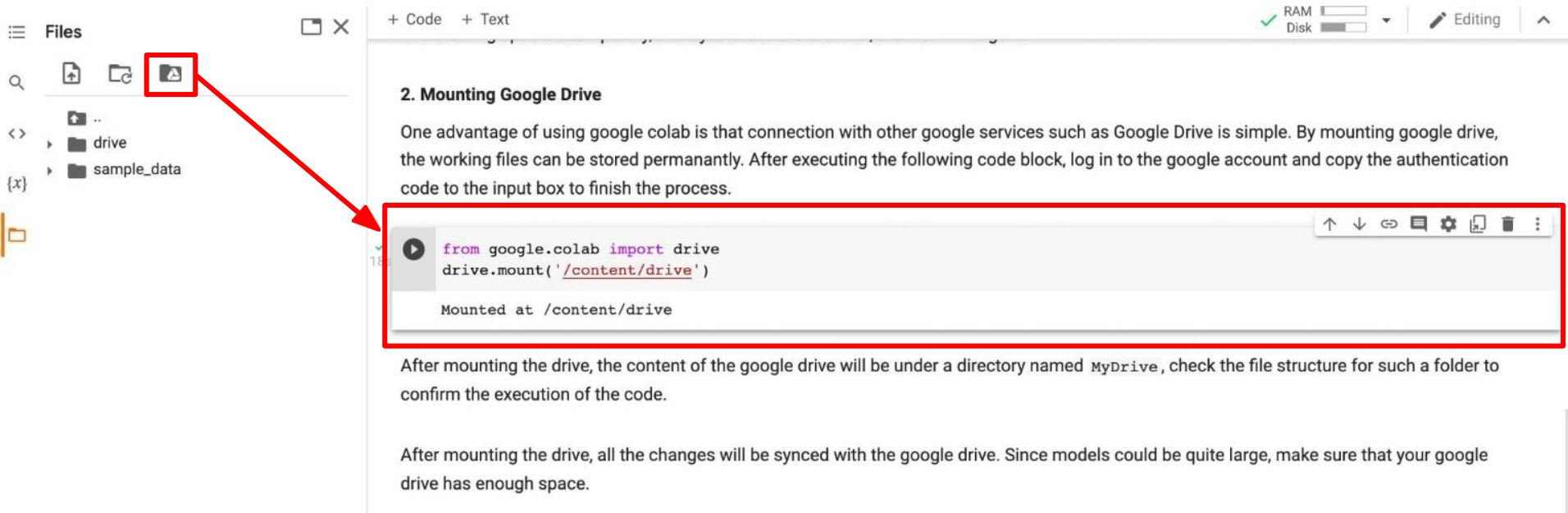
 The code cell has a toolbar on the right with icons for undo, redo, link, comment, settings, copy, and delete.

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

```
Mounted at /content/drive
```

Mounting Google Drive

Click on the Google Drive icon, the **Mount Drive** code block will be generated



The screenshot shows the Google Colab interface. On the left, the 'Files' panel displays a file explorer with a red box around the Google Drive icon. A red arrow points from this icon to a code block in the main editor. The code block is titled '2. Mounting Google Drive' and contains the following code:

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

Below the code, the output shows: Mounted at /content/drive

Below the code block, the text reads: After mounting the drive, the content of the google drive will be under a directory named `MyDrive`, check the file structure for such a folder to confirm the execution of the code.

Below that, the text reads: After mounting the drive, all the changes will be synced with the google drive. Since models could be quite large, make sure that your google drive has enough space.

Mounting Google Drive

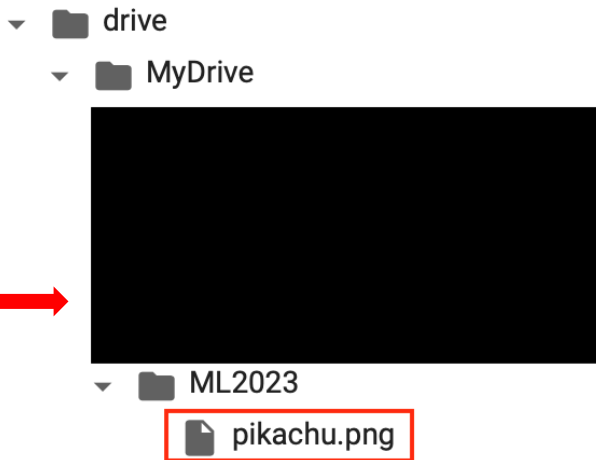
Execute the following three code blocks in order

This will download the image to your google drive, and you can access it later

```
[ ] %cd /content/drive/MyDrive
    #change directory to google drive
    !mkdir ML2023 #make a directory named ML2023
    %cd ./ML2023
    #change directory to ML2023
```

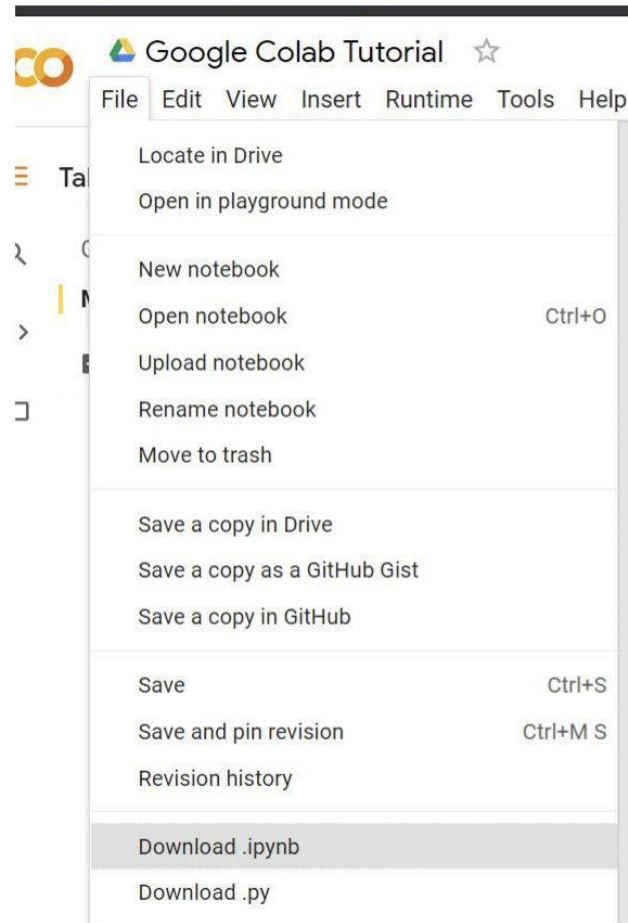
```
[ ] !pwd #output the current directory
```

```
[ ] !gdown --fuzzy https://drive.google.com/file/d/14FK5G6DOh7EdLyoj4D5teRSzriTOUPD7/view?usp=sharing --output pikachu.png
```



Saving Notebook

- Download the .ipynb file to your local device (File > Download .ipynb)
- Save the colab notebook to your google drive (File > Save a copy in Drive).
- Convert .ipynb to .py and download (File > Download .py)



Useful Linux Commands (in Colab)

ls : List all files in the current directory

ls -l : List all files in the current directory with more detail

pwd : Output the working directory

mkdir <dirname> : Create a directory <dirname>

cd <dirname> : Move to directory <dirname>

gdown : Download files from google drive

wget : Download files from the internet

python <python_file>: Executes a python file

Problems You May Encounter...

- Colab will **automatically disconnect** if idle timeout(90 min., sometimes varying) or when your screen goes black
→ solution: keep your screen on or try using [javascript](#)
- GPU usage is **not unlimited** ! (your account will be stopped for a period if you reached the max gpu usage 12 hrs)
*** The cooldown period before you can connect to another GPU will extend from hours to days to weeks depending on your usage**
→ solution: open another account

Best solution:

1. buy [colab pro](#) :)
2. use your own resource (if able)

Reminder: TAs are not required to help you solve environment problems

Reference

- <https://colab.research.google.com>
- <https://research.google.com/colaboratory/faq.html>