
Colab / Kaggle Tutorial

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Introduction

What is Colab?

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

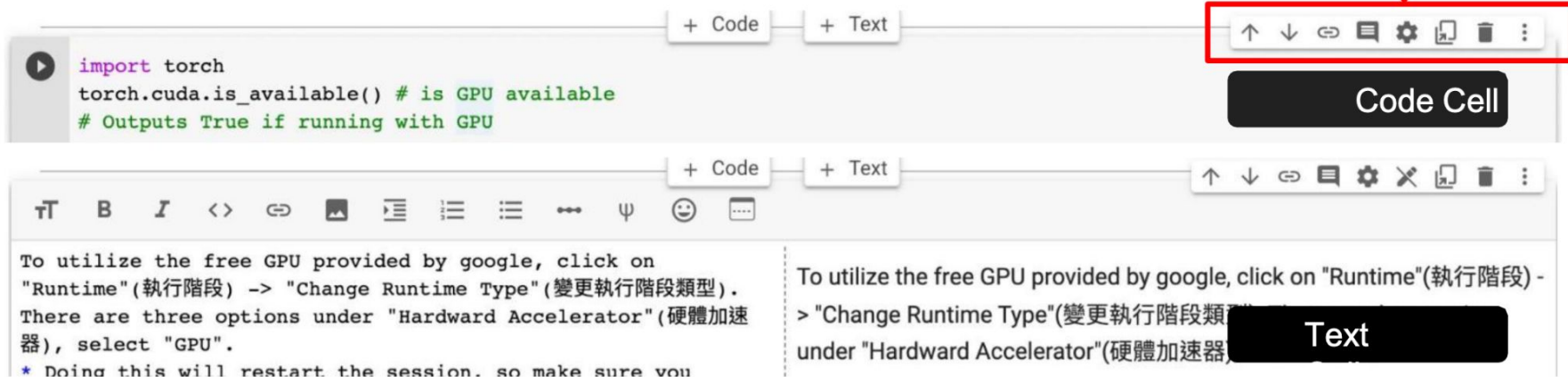
- Zero configuration required
- Free access to GPUs
- Easy sharing

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 in the Code Cell, which includes icons for moving up/down, linking, commenting, settings, copying, deleting, and a menu. A red arrow points from the text above to this menu.

```
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 "Hardward Accelerator" (硬體加速器), select "GPU".

* Doing this will restart the session. so make sure you

Getting Started

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    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

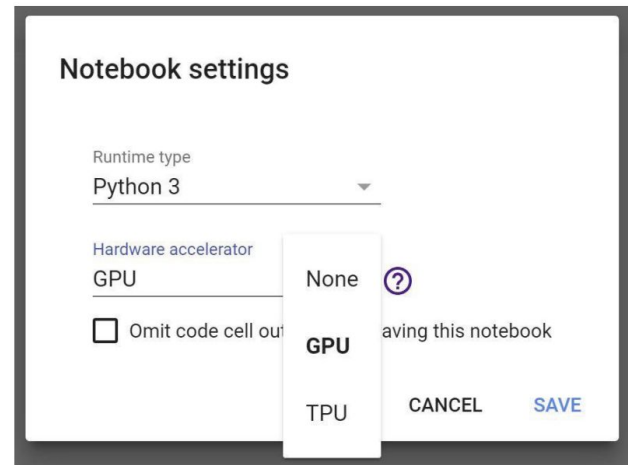
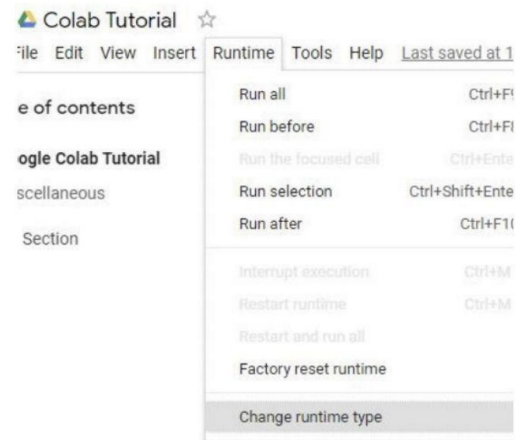
other magic commands are listed [here](#)

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

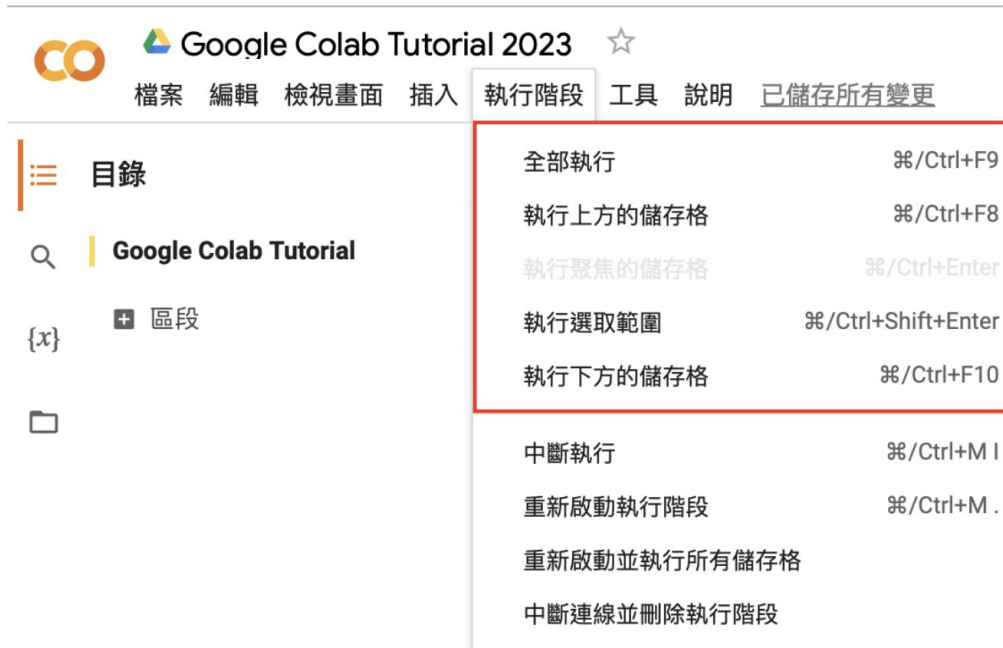
Click on the play button to execute a specific code cell



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Executing Code Block

Other options to run your code



The screenshot shows the Google Colab Tutorial 2023 interface. The '執行階段' (Execution) menu is open, displaying several options with their corresponding keyboard shortcuts. The first five options are highlighted with a red border.

Option	Keyboard Shortcut
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	

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>

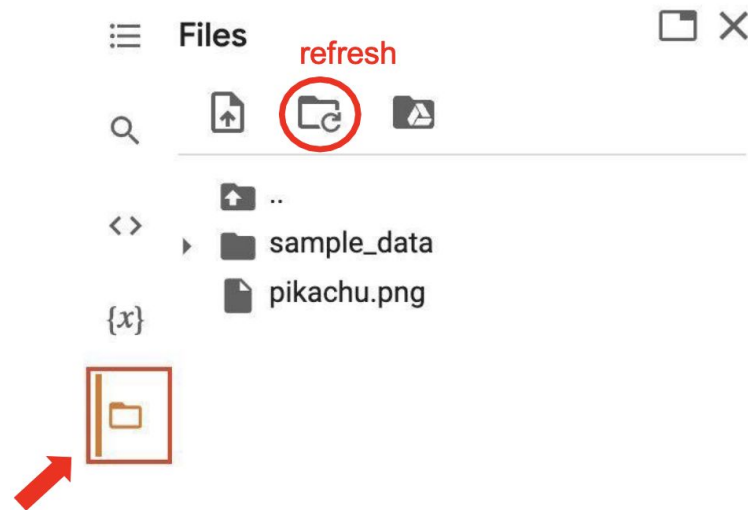
To: /content/pikachu.png

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File Manipulation

File Structure

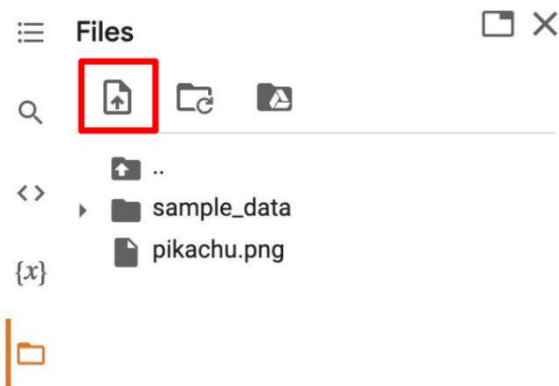
- You may click on the folder icon on the left to view your current files
- After downloading files, if the files are not immediately shown, click the refresh button
- Files are temporarily stored, and will be removed once you end your session.



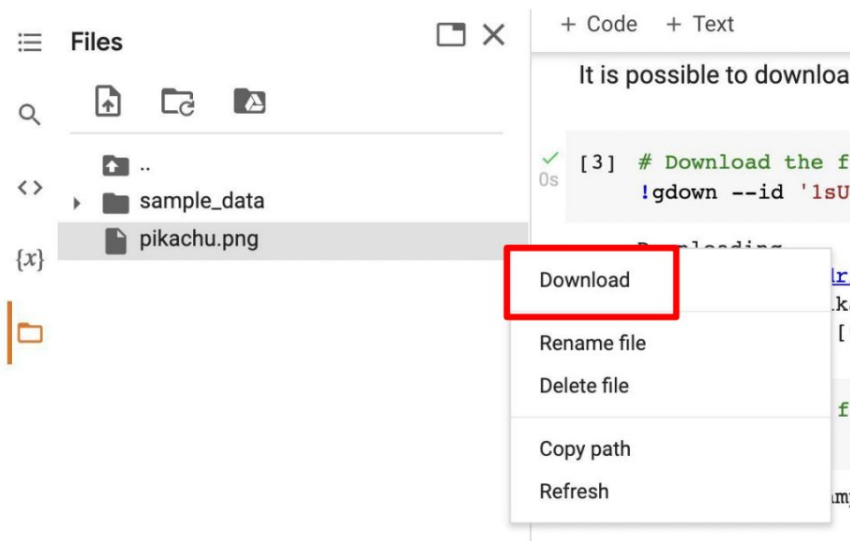
File Manipulation

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

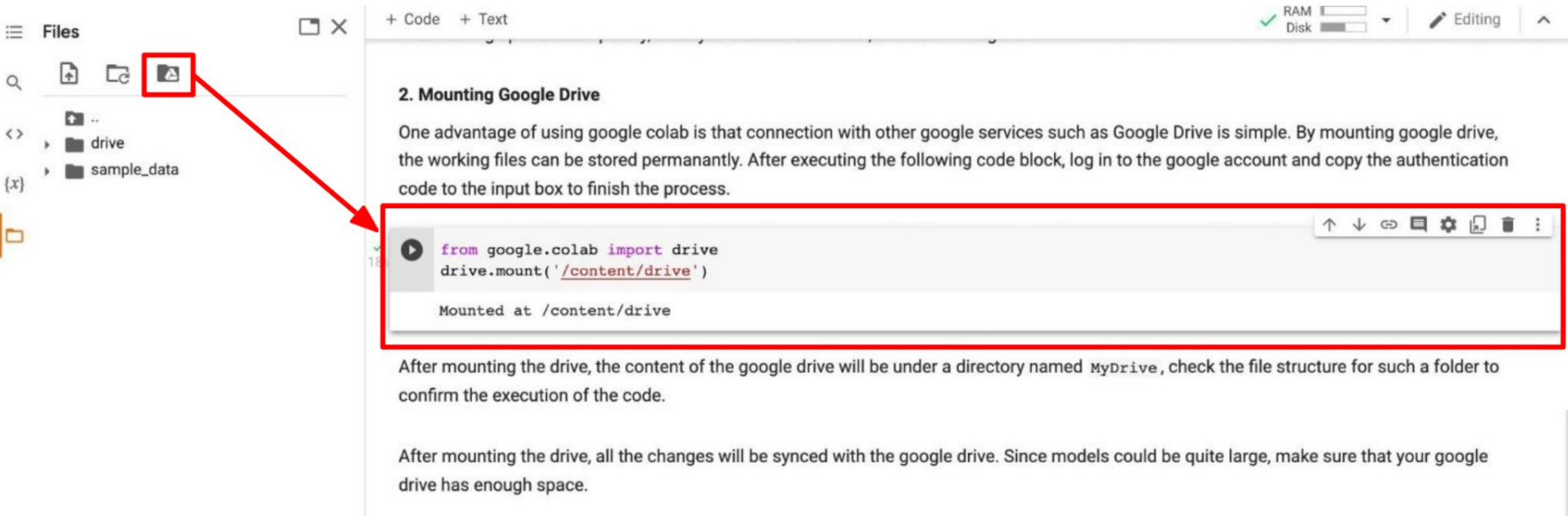
```
▶ from google.colab import drive  
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

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' sidebar is visible 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 Python code:

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

Below the code, the output shows 'Mounted at /content/drive'. The text below the code block explains that after mounting, the content of the Google Drive will be under a directory named `myDrive`, and that changes will be synced with the Google Drive.

Mounting Google Drive

Execute the following three code blocks in order

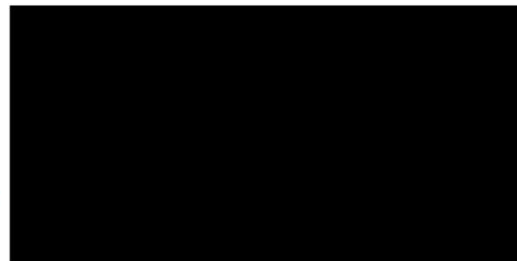
This will download the image to your google drive, and you can access it later

```
[ ] %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
```

drive
MyDrive

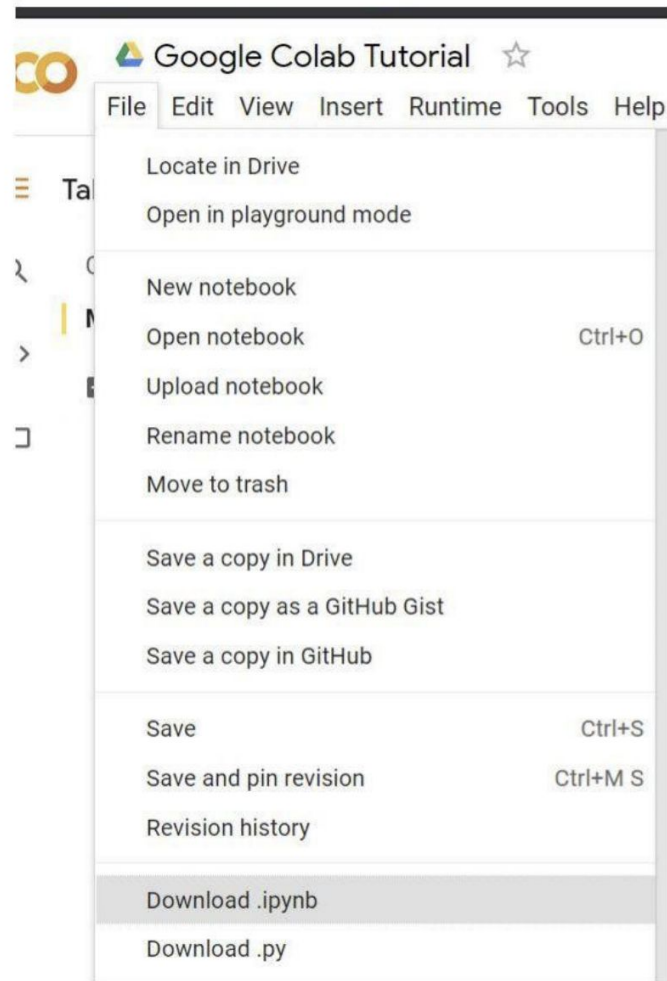


ML2023

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)



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:
 - buy colab pro
 - use your own resource
 - Try kaggle

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

Reference

- https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1tx06i2hIOwX3wK6ynSL_Bmj1tq2BGBAv
- <https://research.google.com/colaboratory/faq.html>

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Introduction

What is Kaggle?

Kaggle also allows you to write and execute Python online, with

- Zero configuration required
- Free access to GPUs (30 hours / week)
- Easy sharing
- Stronger GPU resources
- Upload dataset, hold competitions.....

Getting Started

Creating a new cell

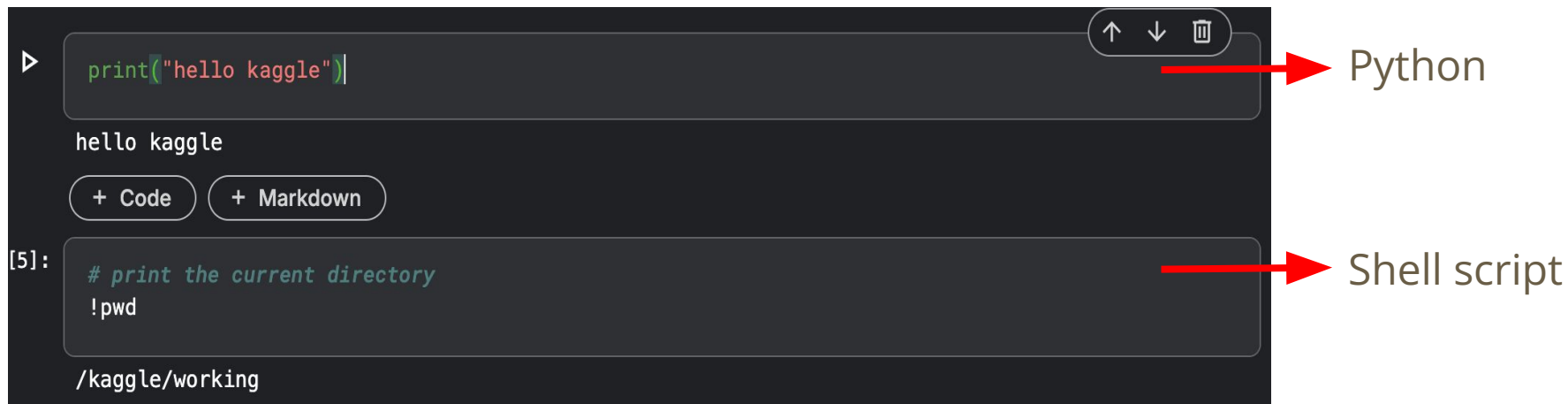
You can create a new cell by clicking on `+Code`, clicking on `+Markdown` generates a markdown cell.

The screenshot displays two code cells in a dark-themed Jupyter Notebook interface. The top cell contains the Python code `print("hello kaggle")`. The bottom cell contains the markdown header `### Hello Kaggle`. Both cells have a toolbar with up, down, and delete icons. Below each cell is a menu with `+ Code` and `+ Markdown` options.

You can move the cell up / down, or remove the cell if needed.

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.



The image shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with two code cells. The first cell contains the Python code `print("hello kaggle")` and has a red arrow pointing to it from the label "Python". The second cell contains the shell script `# print the current directory` and `!pwd`, with a red arrow pointing to it from the label "Shell script".

```
print("hello kaggle")
```

hello kaggle

+ Code + Markdown

```
[5]: # print the current directory
!pwd
```

/kaggle/working

Changing Runtime

To utilize the free GPU provided by kaggle, click on "Session options" →

"Accelerator" → select the "GPU"

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

Make sure the Internet is toggled on in order to access to online resource

The image shows a dark-themed sidebar menu for a Kaggle Notebook. The menu items are: Notebook, Input, Output (68KiB / 19.5GiB), Table of contents, Session options, and Accelerator. The 'Session options' item is expanded, showing a dropdown menu for 'ACCELERATOR' with the following options: None, GPU T4 x2, GPU P100, and TPU VM v3-8. Below the dropdown, there is a warning message: 'You won't get new packages, but your code is less likely to break. [What is a notebook environment?](#)'. At the bottom, there is a toggle for 'INTERNET' which is currently turned on, indicated by a checkmark icon.

Notebook

Input

Output (68KiB / 19.5GiB)

Table of contents

Session options

ACCELERATOR

None

None

GPU T4 x2

GPU P100

TPU VM v3-8

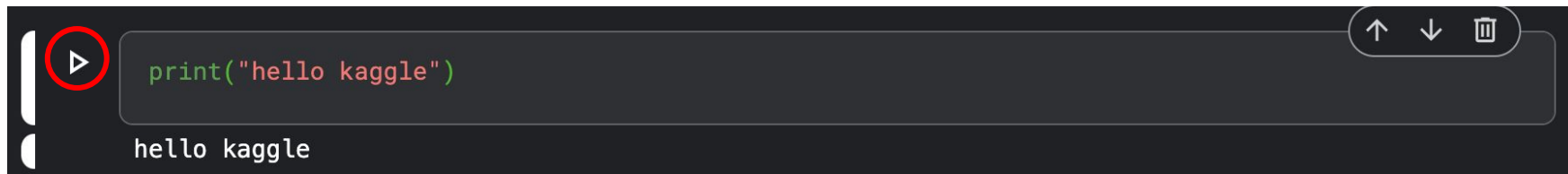
You won't get new packages, but your code is less likely to break. [What is a notebook environment?](#)

INTERNET

Internet on

Executing Code Block

Click on the play button to execute a specific code cell
(The log will be printed below)



```
print("hello kaggle")
```

hello kaggle

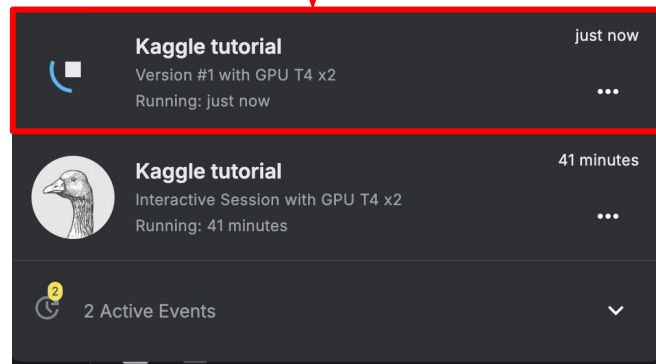
Executing Code Block

Other options to run your code

- ▶ Run current cell ⌘/Ctrl+Enter
- ▶▶ Run all ⌘/Ctrl+Shift+Alt+Enter
- Run before
- Run selected ⌘/Ctrl+Shift+Enter
- Run current and after
- Run selected cells and insert below
- Run selected text or current line in console

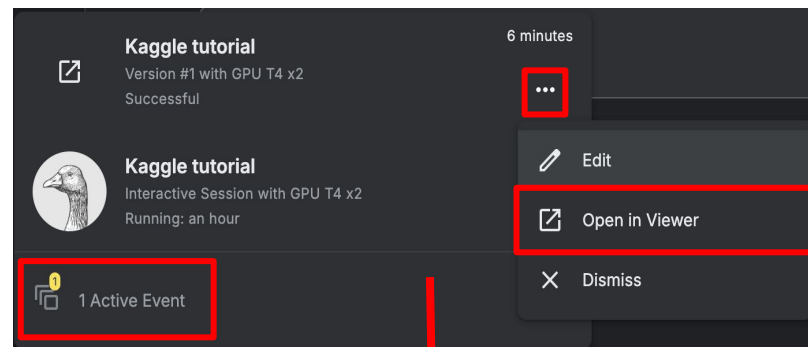
Executing Whole Notebook

- save version
 - execute the whole notebook **without worrying** about connection loss
 - Run the notebook on online platform
 - At most 2 active events

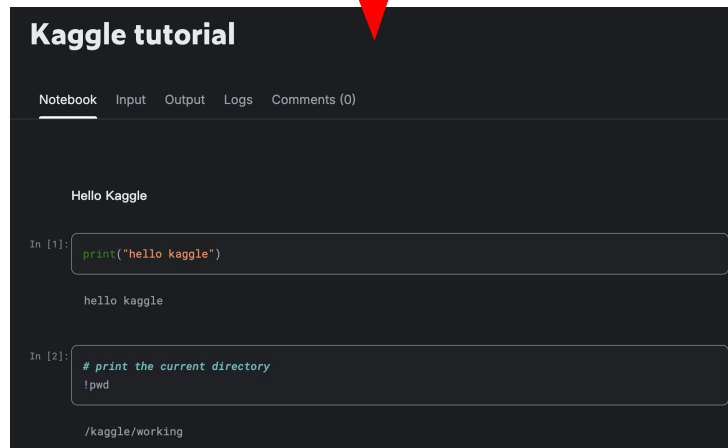


Executing Whole Notebook

- See the execution result
 - Press the icon in left-bottom → Open in Viewer



The screenshot shows a dark-themed interface with a notebook card. The card title is "Kaggle tutorial" and it includes the text "Version #1 with GPU T4 x2" and "Successful". A "6 minutes" timer is visible in the top right. A red box highlights a three-dot menu icon in the top right corner of the card. A second red box highlights a context menu that appears over the card, containing options: "Edit", "Open in Viewer" (which is highlighted with a red box), and "Dismiss". In the bottom left corner of the card, there is a notification icon with a yellow badge and the text "1 Active Event". A red arrow points from the "Open in Viewer" button down to the next screenshot.



The screenshot shows the "Kaggle tutorial" notebook viewer. The title "Kaggle tutorial" is at the top. Below it are tabs for "Notebook", "Input", "Output", "Logs", and "Comments (0)". The notebook content includes a heading "Hello Kaggle" and two input cells. The first cell contains the code `print("hello kaggle")` and has the output "hello kaggle". The second cell contains the code `# print the current directory` followed by `!pwd` and has the output `/kaggle/working`.

Check GPU Type

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

Available GPUs:

P100 - better speed

T4 x 2 - 2 GPUs at a time

```
# check the GPUs that you are using
!nvidia-smi
```

Tue Feb 18 07:32:49 2025

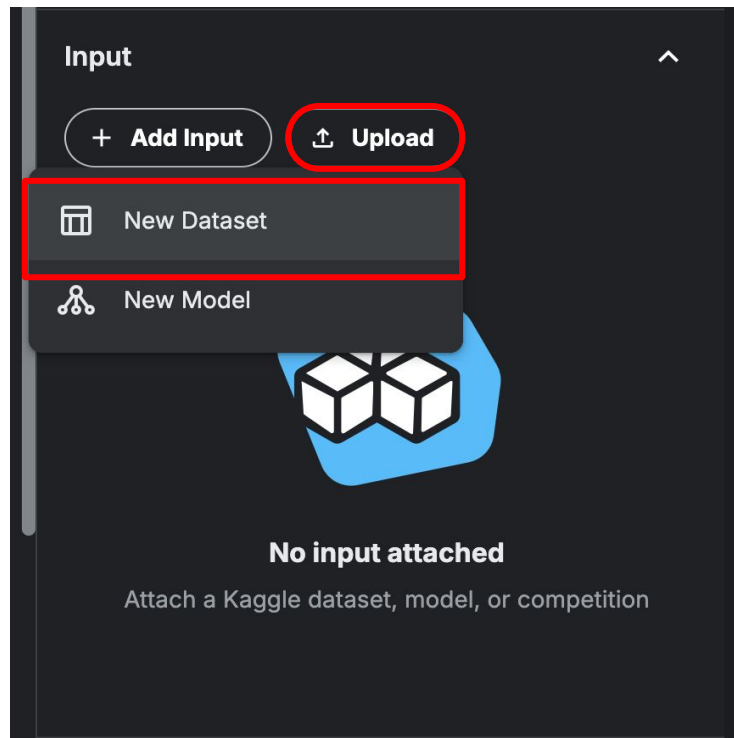
NVIDIA-SMI 560.35.03		Driver Version: 560.35.03			CUDA Version: 12.6		
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N/A	39C		9W / 70W		1MiB / 15360MiB	0%	Default
							N/A

Processes:							
GPU	GI	CI	PID	Type	Process name	GPU Memory Usage	
ID	ID	ID	ID				
No running processes found							

+ Code + Markdown

Upload Files / dataset

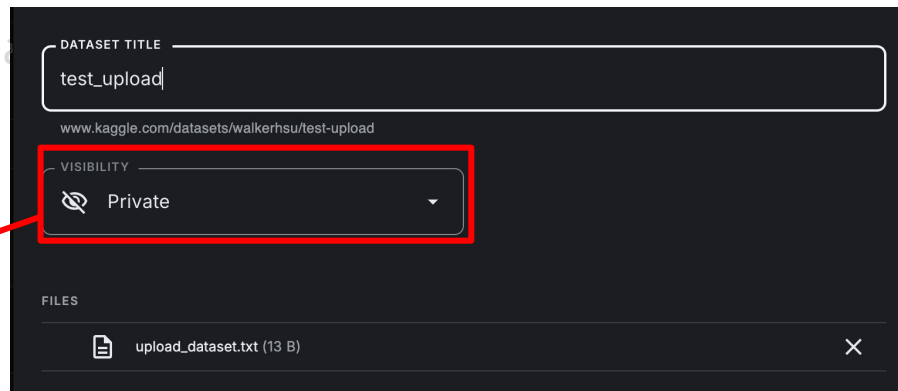
- Upload → New dataset
- set the dataset name, visibility...
- show the file structure in the Input area



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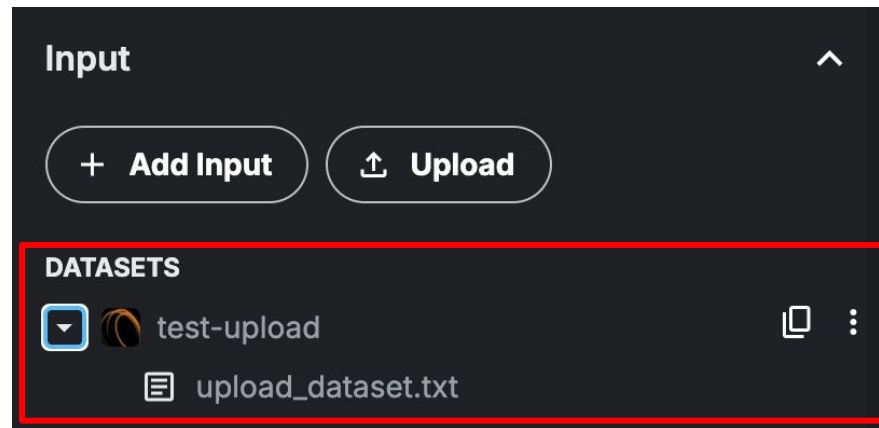
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You can set the visibility depending on who can see the dataset uploaded



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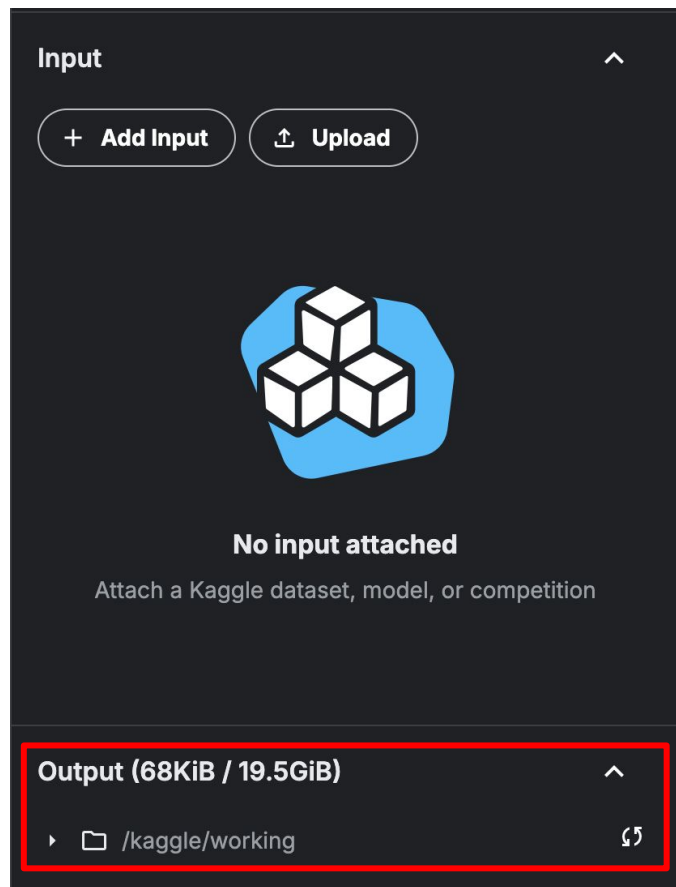
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File Manipulation

File Structure

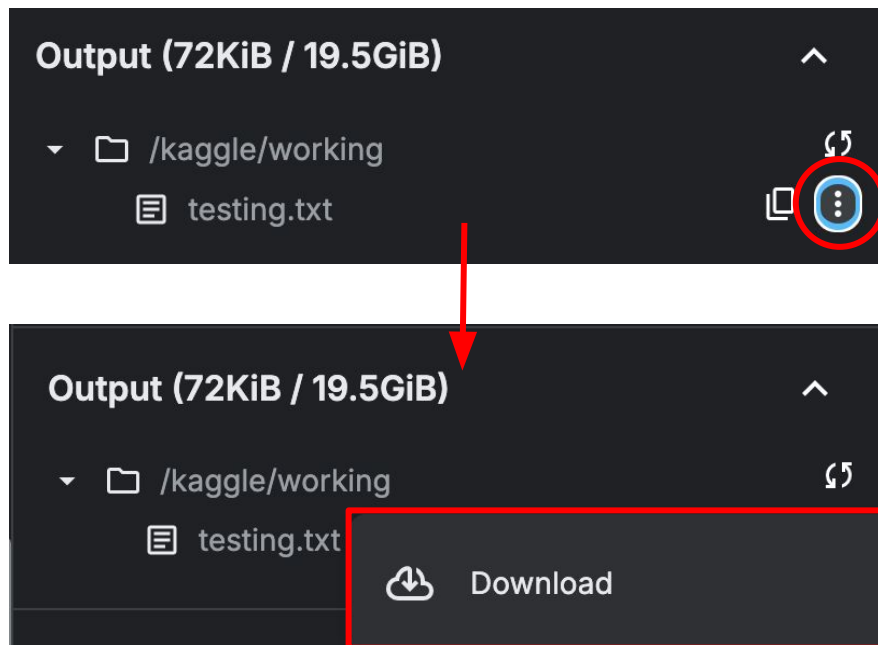
- You may click on the output icon on the right to view your current files
- After any files are generated / downloaded, if the files are not immediately shown, click the refresh button
- Files are temporarily stored, and will be removed once you end your session.



The screenshot displays the Kaggle interface's 'Input' section. At the top, there are two buttons: '+ Add Input' and 'Upload'. Below these is a blue icon representing a stack of three cubes. The text 'No input attached' is centered, with a subtext 'Attach a Kaggle dataset, model, or competition'. At the bottom, a red-bordered box highlights the 'Output (68KiB / 19.5GiB)' section, which includes a file path '/kaggle/working' and a refresh icon.

File Manipulation

Download the files by clicking



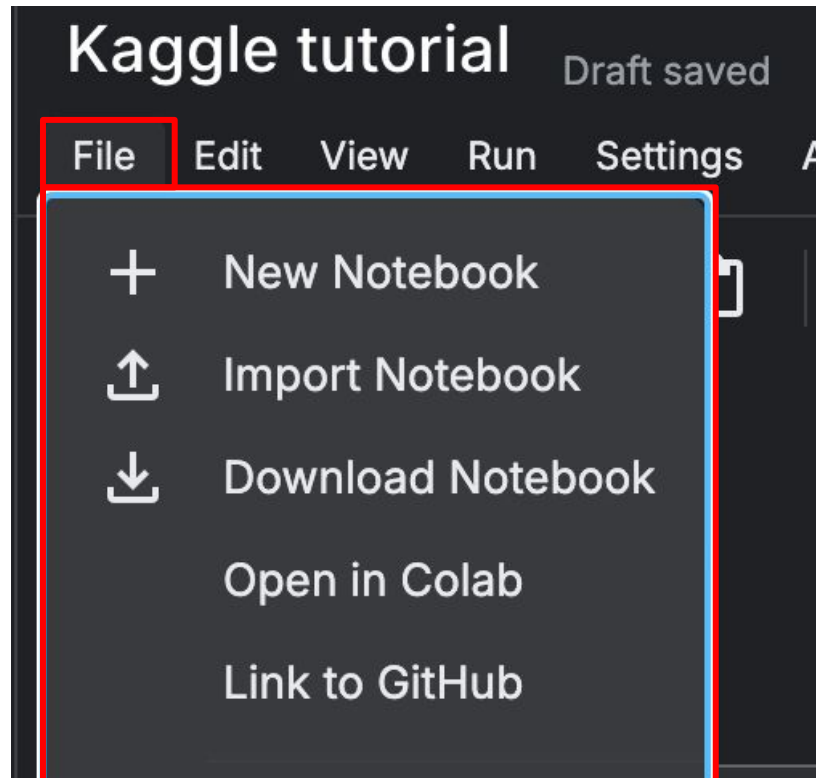
Saving Notebook

- Download the .ipynb file to your local device

(File > Download Notebook)

- Open your notebook in Colab

(File > Open in Colab).



Useful Linux Commands

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 : Create a directory

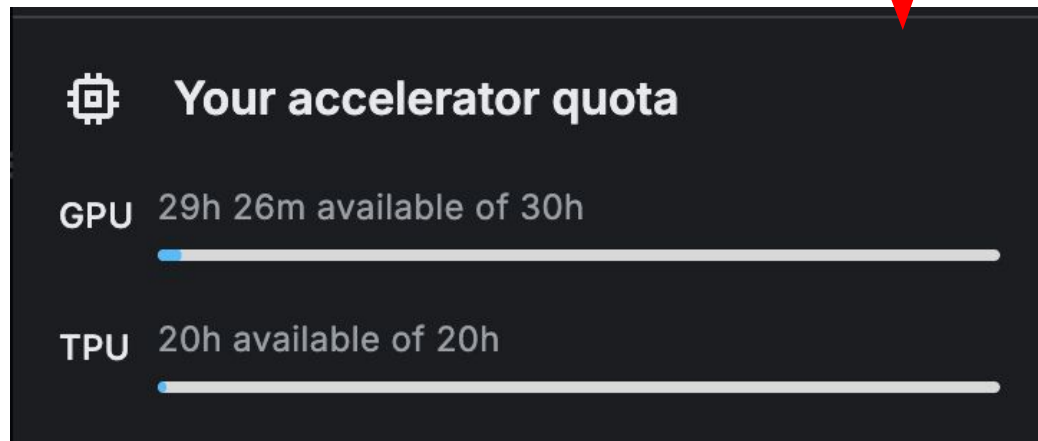
cd : Move to directory **gdown** : Download files from google drive

wget : Download files from the internet

python : Executes a python file

Problems You May Encounter...

- GPU on Kaggle usage is **not unlimited** ! (your account will be stopped for a period if you reached the max gpu usage 30 hrs / week)
 - You can see the quota from homepage -> icon head on right-top



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