

# Working with Python in the RE

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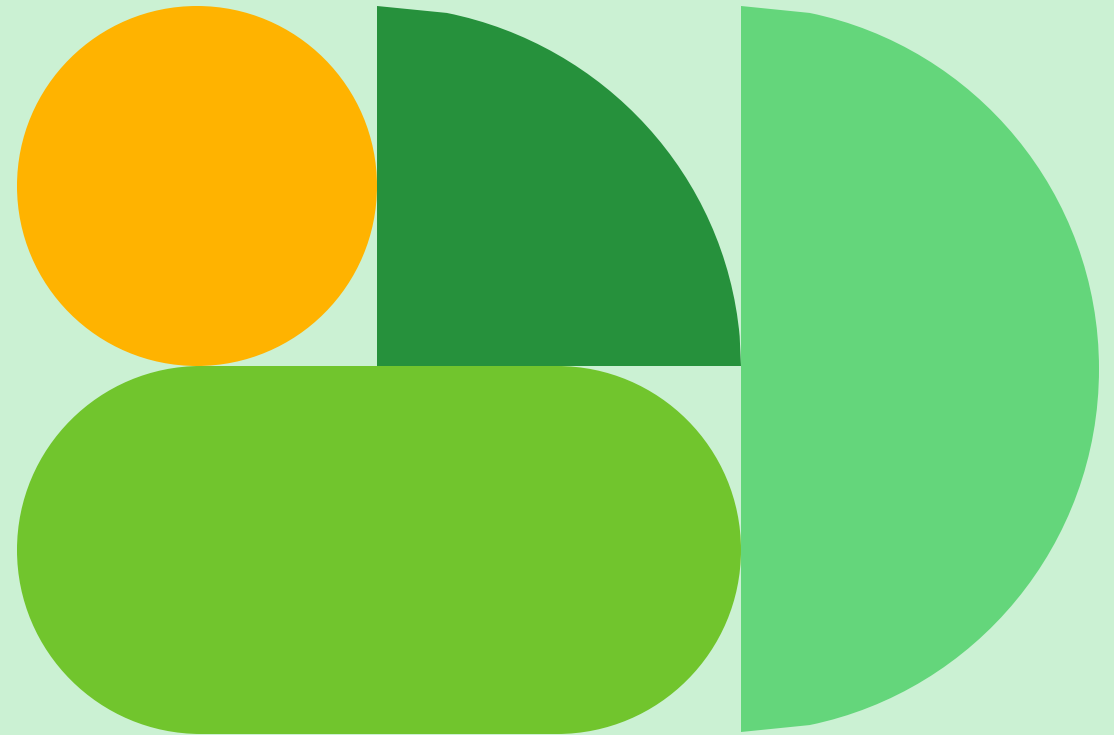
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# Agenda

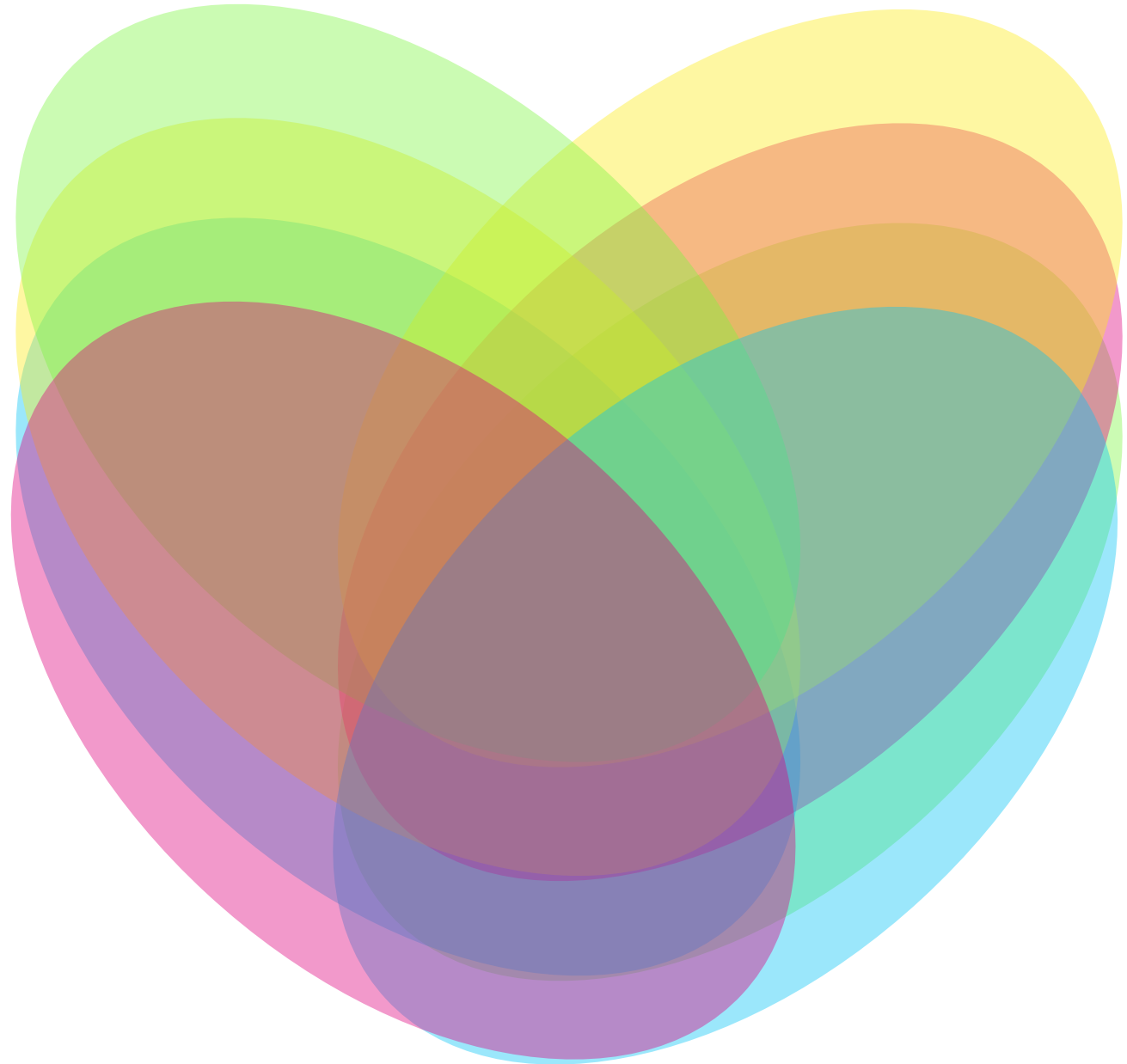
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## 2. Pre-built conda environments in the Research Environment

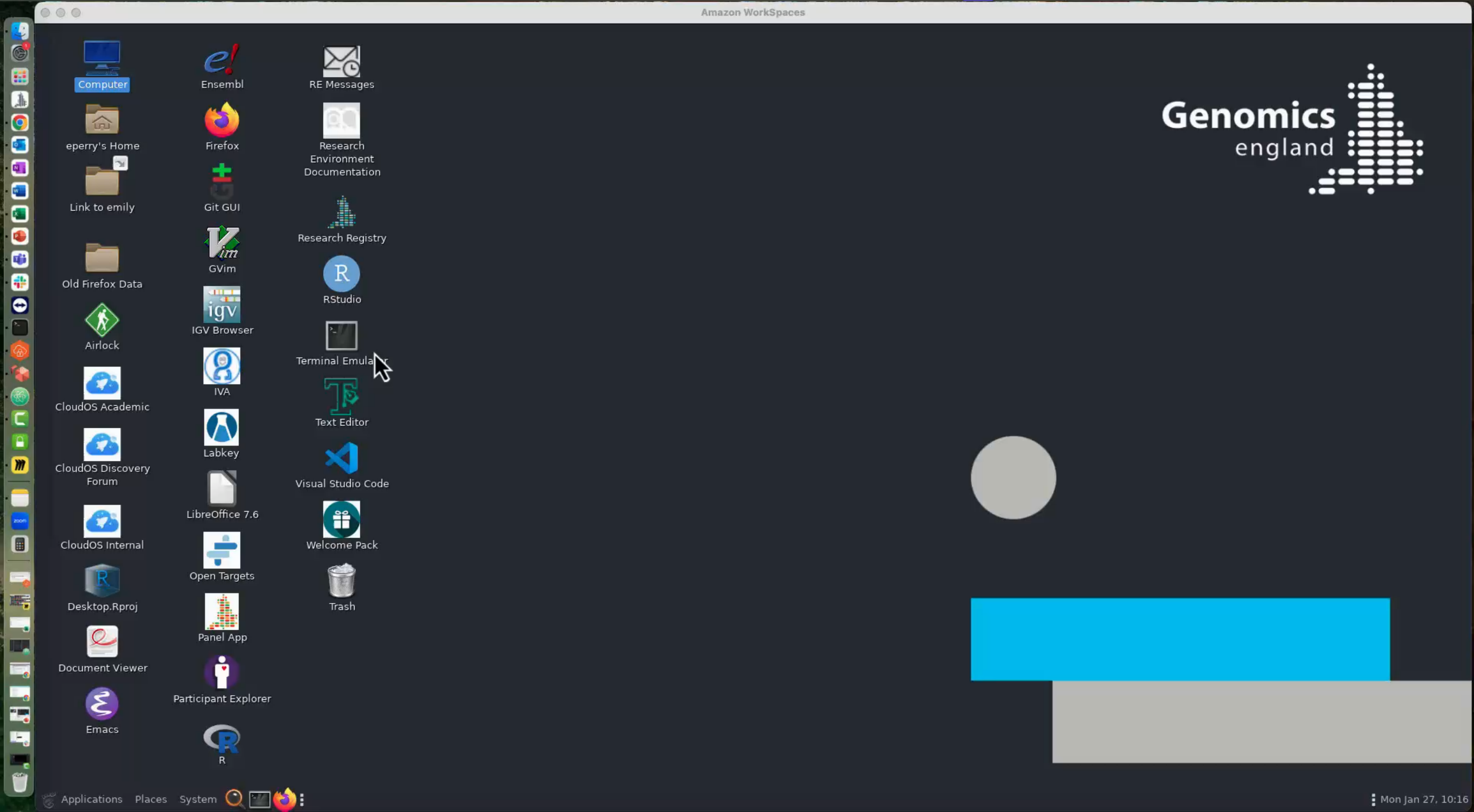
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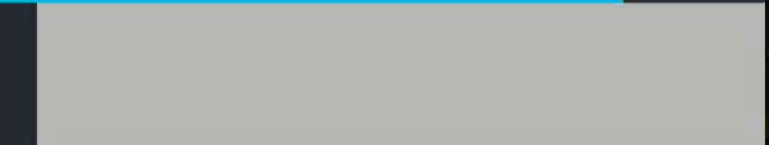
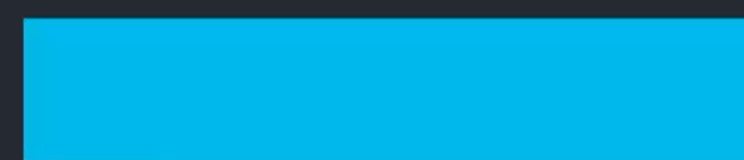




# Conda demo



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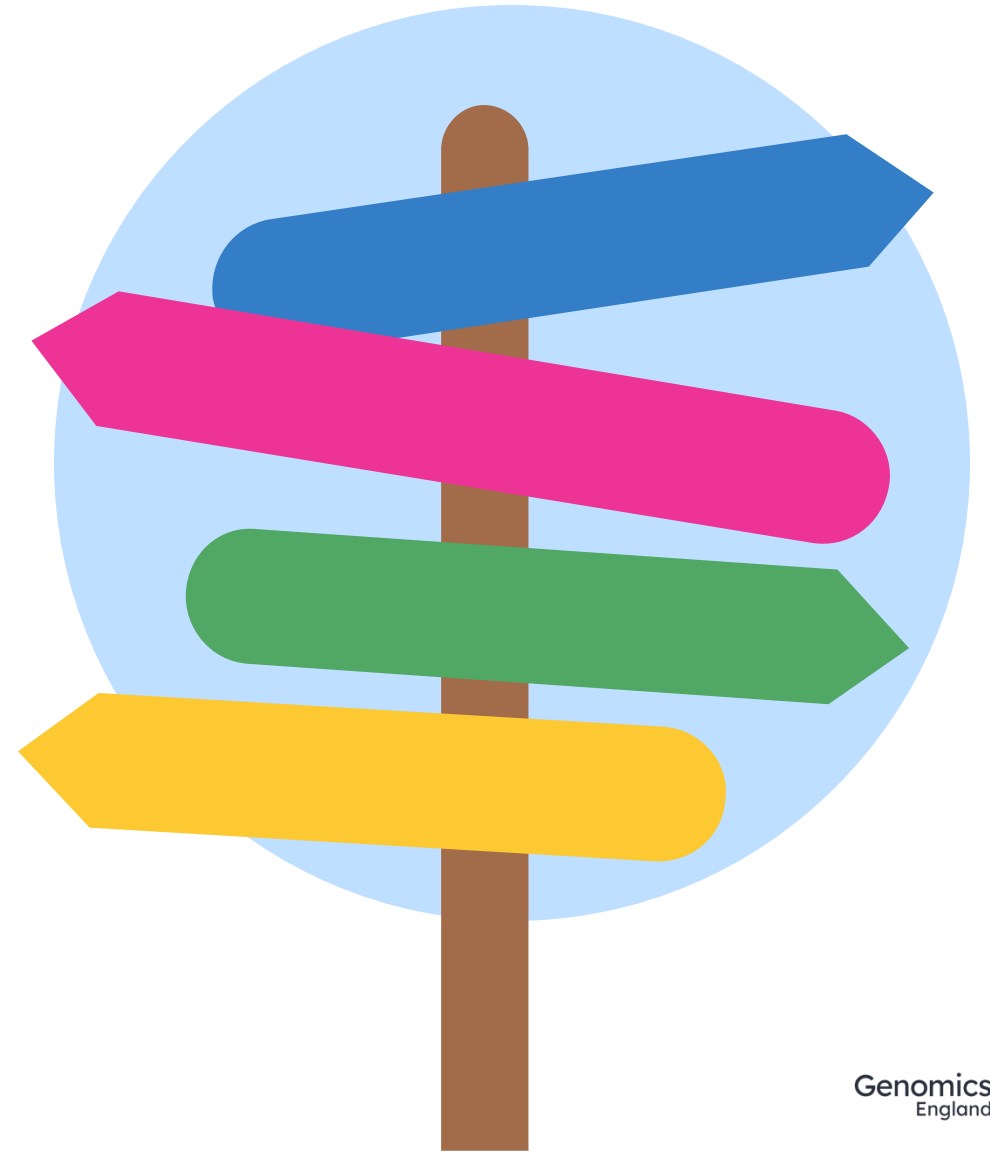
### 3. Create conda environments in the Research Environment

# Authorised channels

anaconda

bioconda

conda-forge



# Create an environment

Copy config file to your folder:

```
cp /gel_data_resources/example_config_files/Helix/.condarc ~/.
```

Create your environment

```
conda create python==<version_number> --prefix  
/path/to/env/location
```

Use the env path to activate:

```
source /resources/conda/miniconda3/bin/activate  
conda activate /path/to/env/location
```

# Add packages

with conda (old style)

```
conda install -c conda-anaconda <package_1> -c conda-bioconda  
<package_2> -c conda-conda-forge <package_3> -c conda-r <package_4>
```

with pip (via artifactory)

```
pip install <package_name> --index-url  
https://artifactory.aws.gel.ac/artifactory/api/pypi/pypi/simple
```

# Conda demo

Computer

Text Editor

Airlock

Research Environment Documentation

Welcome Pack

eperry's Home

Trash

Ensembl

IVA 2.0

Rocket Chat

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Open Targets

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Git GUI

RStudio

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[eperry@corp.gel.ac@phpgridzlogn003 conda_catalogue]$ cd ../R_catalogue/
[eperry@corp.gel.ac@phpgridzlogn003 R_catalogue]$ ls
HPC_query_catalogue.sh  querydb.py  R_catalogue.db  README.md  VDI_query_catalogue.sh
[eperry@corp.gel.ac@phpgridzlogn003 R_catalogue]$ ./HPC_query_catalogue.sh biobase
```

	Library	vs	R_VS
0	Biobase	2.50.0	4.0.2
1	Biobase	2.46.0	3.6.1
2	Biobase	2.46.0	3.6.2
3	Biobase	2.50.0	4.0.0
4	Biobase	2.50.0	4.0.3
5	Biobase	2.54.0	4.1.0

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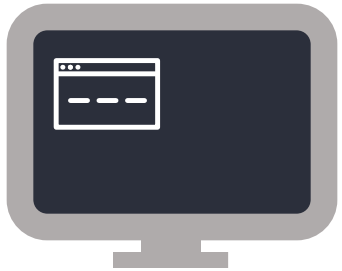
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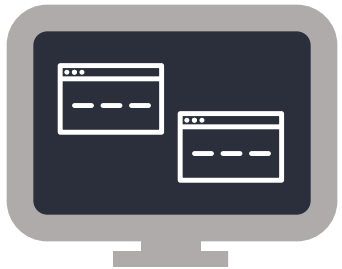


## 4. Working with Jupyter on the HPC

# Jupyter in the RE



Launch from command line in VDI



Launch interactive job on HPC

Launch Jupyter on HPC

Tunnel in to open notebook

The Jupyter logo, which consists of a large orange arc forming a partial circle, with four dark gray circles at the corners. The word "jupyter" is written in a dark gray, lowercase, sans-serif font across the center of the arc.

jupyter

# Jupyter demo

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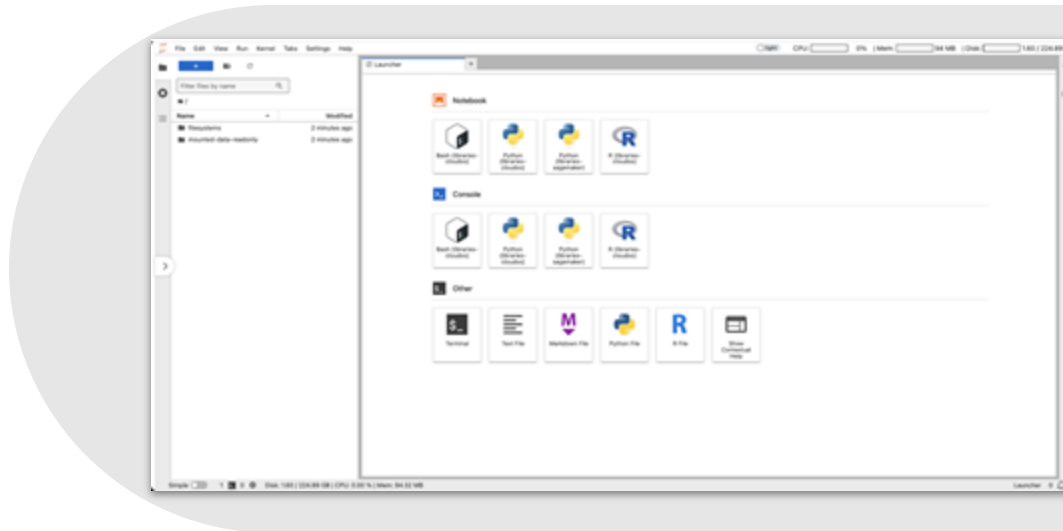




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## 5. Working with Jupyter notebooks in CloudOS interactive sessions

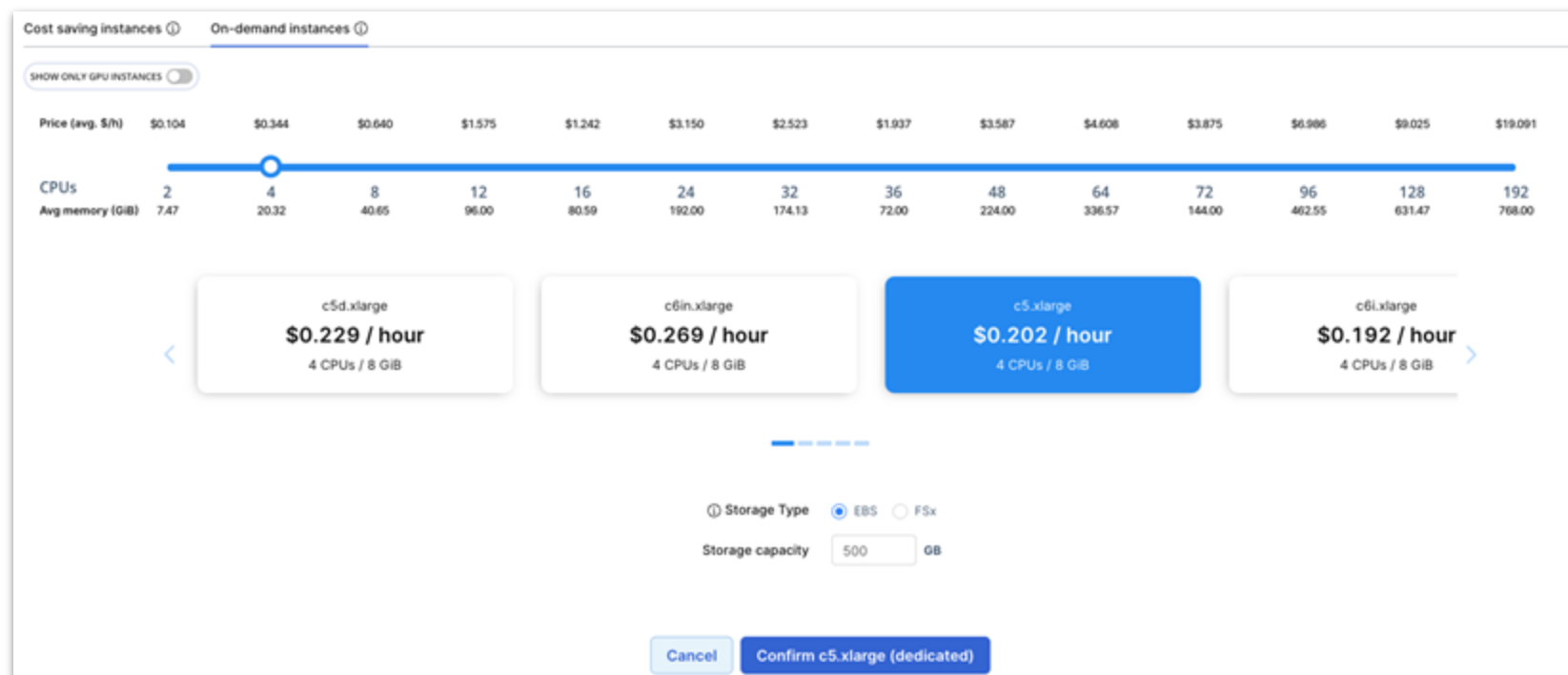
# Command line and GUI



# Compute options

Scale your compute resources to match your data size and analysis needs

GPUs available on demand



# Installing packages

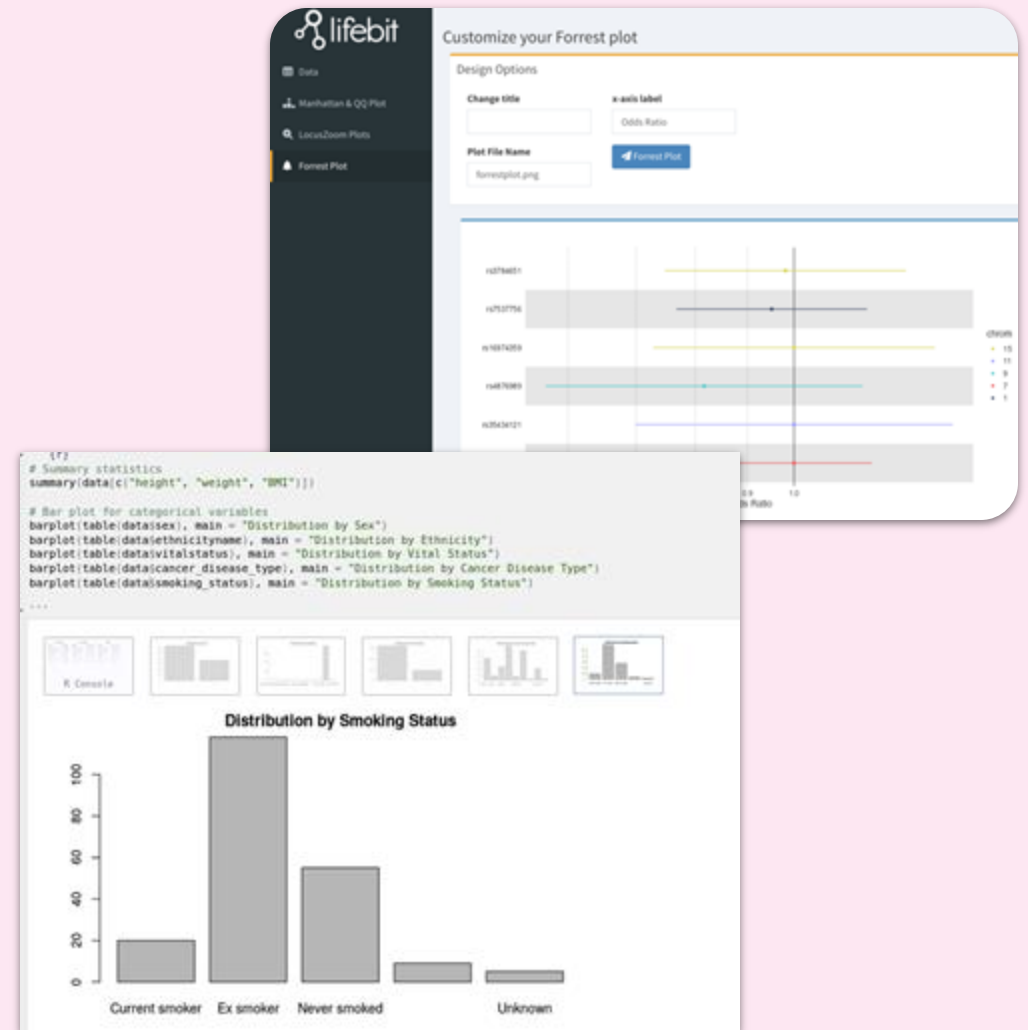
- Full flexibility with installing packages from pip, biopython and Conda
- Save snapshots of environments



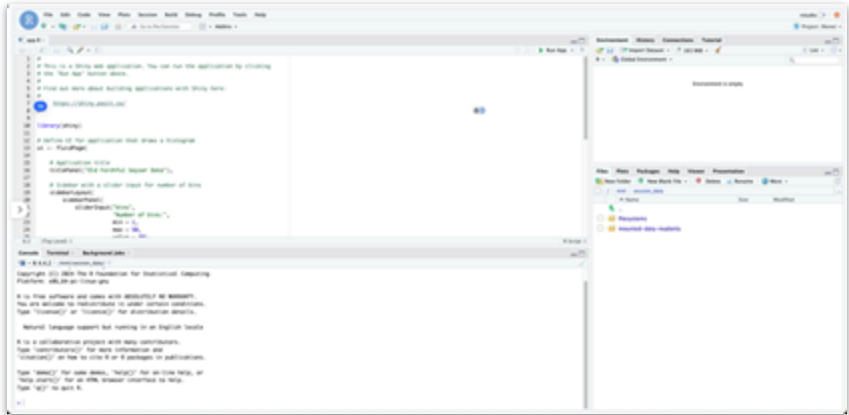
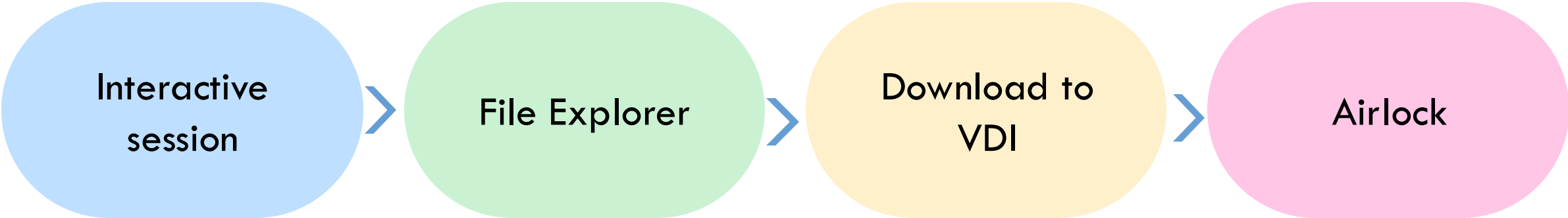
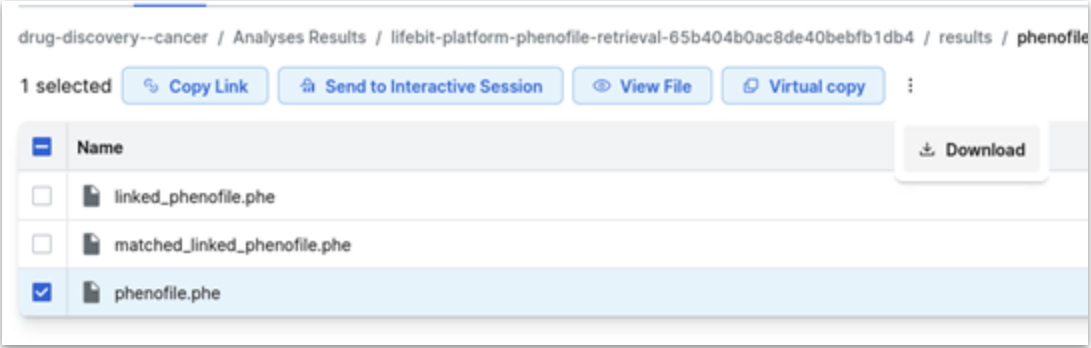


# Develop, run and share code

- Write scripts, notebooks, apps and more...
- Collaborate in real time with multiple users
- Share code with others in your workspace



# Access your results



# CloudOS demo

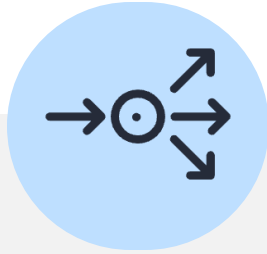
## 6. Query clinical data with Python

# LabKey

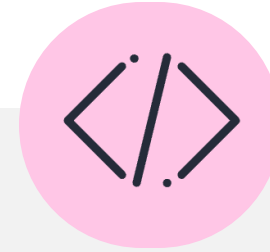
- Central database of:
  - Clinical data
  - Results of bioinformatics analysis
  - Locations of genomic files
- Point and click interface
- API



# LabKey API



Combine queries between tables



Work in a variety of programming languages  
(support for Python and R) using SQL  
queries



Replicate queries between releases and  
analyses



Work locally and on the HPC

# LabKey .netrc

- You can access the same data via the LabKey API as you can through other means
- You will need to configure access to the LabKey API with your username and password
  - In your home directory
  - On the HPC
- You do this by editing a file called .netrc

# LabKey API demo



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Python 3 (ipykernel) C



```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import functools
import pandas as pd
import labkey
```

```
In [2]: def labkey_to_df(sql_query, database, maxrows):

    ver = labkey.__version__

    if ver == '1.2.0' or ver == '1.4.0' or ver == '1.4.1':
        server_context = labkey.utils.create_server_context(
            domain = "labkey-embassy.gel.zone",
            container_path = database,
            context_path = "labkey",
            use_ssl = True
        )

    results = labkey.query.execute_sql(
        server_context,
        schema_name = "lists",
        sql = sql_query,
        max_rows = maxrows
    )
```

## 7. Getting help and questions

# Getting help



Check our documentation:  
<https://re-docs.genomicsengland.co.uk/>  
Click on the documentation icon in the environment



Contact our Service Desk:  
<https://jiraservicedesk.extge.co.uk/plugins/servlet/desk>

# Training sessions

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month

Introduction to the RE

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# Training sessions

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Building cancer cohorts and survival analysis

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Building rare disease cohorts with matching controls

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Finding participants based on genotypes

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Getting medical records for participants

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What tools and workflows should I use to fulfil an overall goal?

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Using GEL data for publications and reports

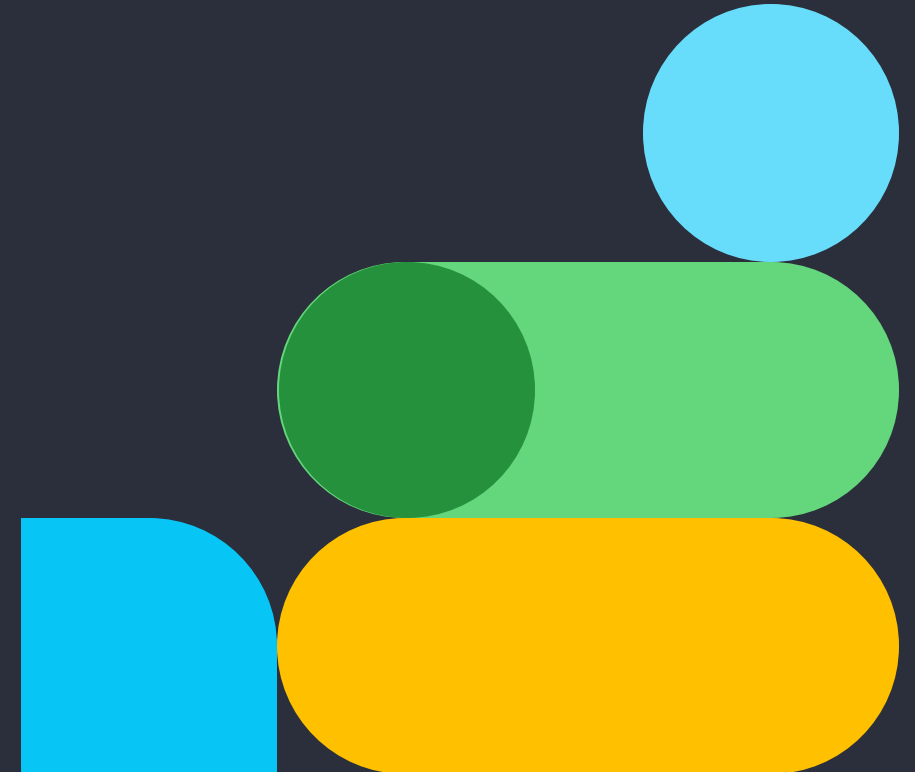


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