

Enhancing AI/ML Research with HPC Resources: A Practical Approach

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Outline



- Review of HPC Resources at UK
- Real-World User Challenges
- Software Discovery Service (SDS)
- Singularity Container Composer
- Deploying Custom Containers with Jupyter Notebooks and **Open OnDemand**
- Questions



Lipscomb & Morgan Compute Clusters



LCC

168 compute Intel-based nodes (Skylake/Cascade)

7,168 cores

34 NVIDIA GPU nodes

(P100, V100, A100)

128 GPUs VRAM from 12 to 80GB

192 GB RAM/node

Last Month – 17.5k Jobs 100 active users Average wait per job of 2 hrs (GPU)

MCC

- 180 compute AMD-based nodes (Rome) 23,040 cores 512 GB RAM/node
- 2 "Jumbo" nodes 4096 GB RAM/node

Last Month – 181k Jobs 176 active users Average wait per job of <10 mins



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Where is that software/package/library etc?



- Software on HPC is not like your local machine
 - Users cannot install system-wide packages (e.g. apt-get ... or "make install")
 - Many different software environments must be available to support a broad range of research
- Two primary ways to access software
 - Modules (LMOD)
 - e.g. module load ccs/Miniforge3 to "load" conda package manager
 - Singularity Containers
 - singularity run --app software /path/to/container.sinf software



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I need SHAP (# Welcome to the SHAP documentation — SHAP latest documentation) installed onto /share/singularity/images/ccs/pytorch/pytorch-24.04+optuna-py3.sinf

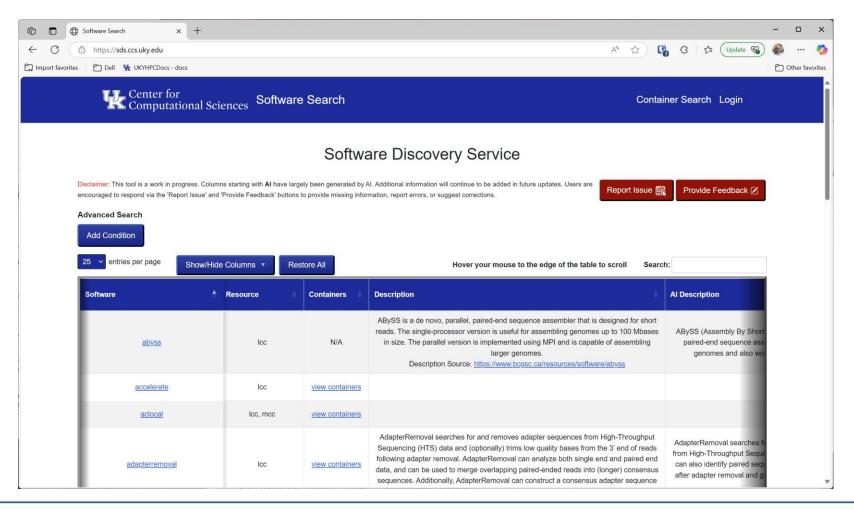




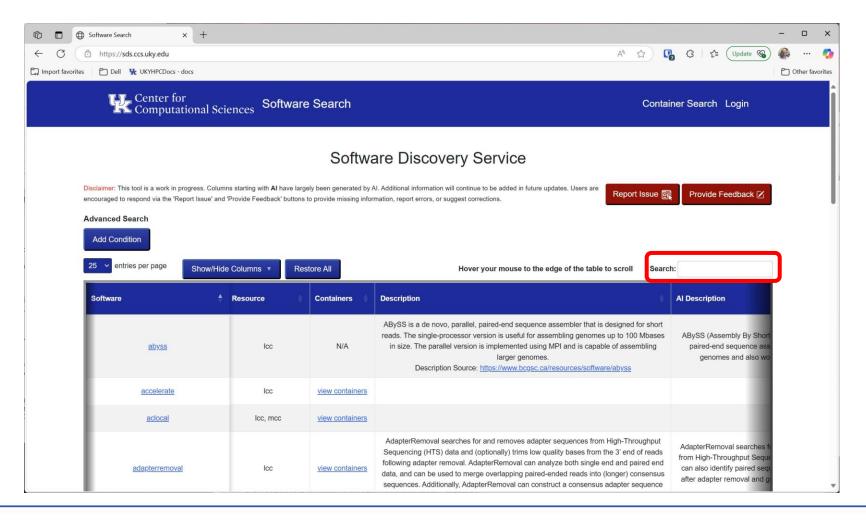
- Searchable catalog of available software and containers on LCC and MCC
- Software Information both curated and AI-generated
- Customizable filters for "Software Class", "Research Discipline", etc.

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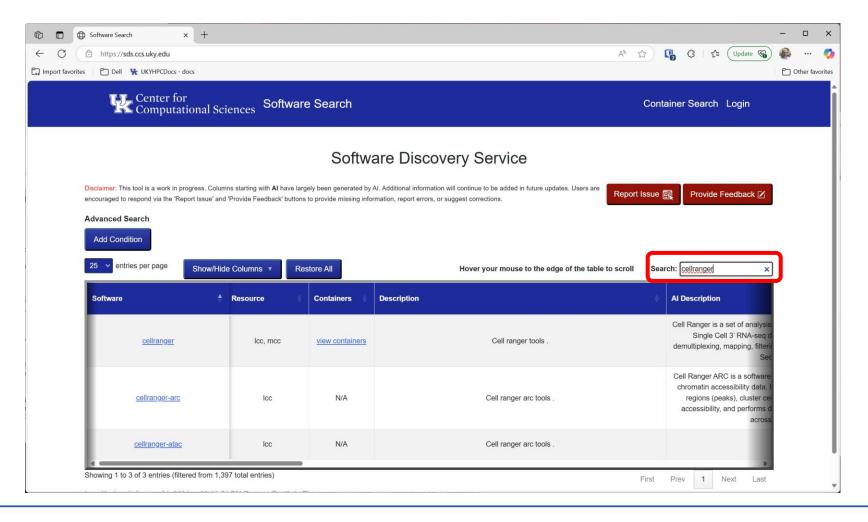




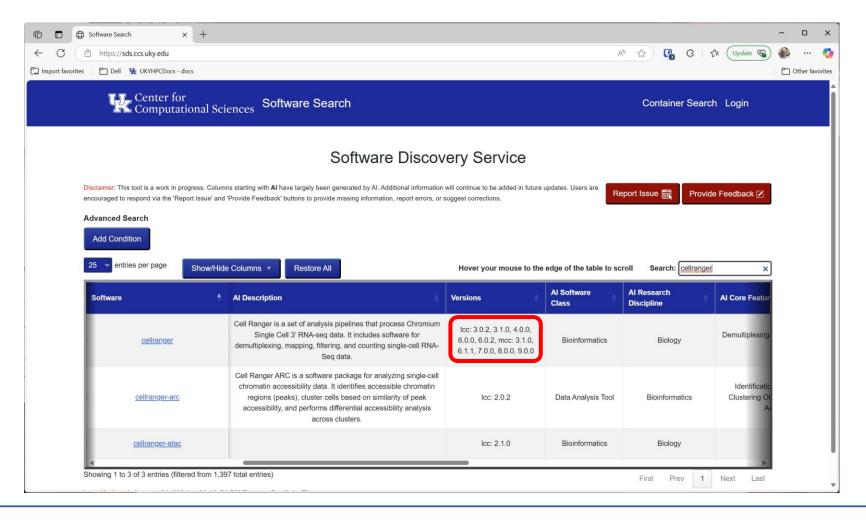




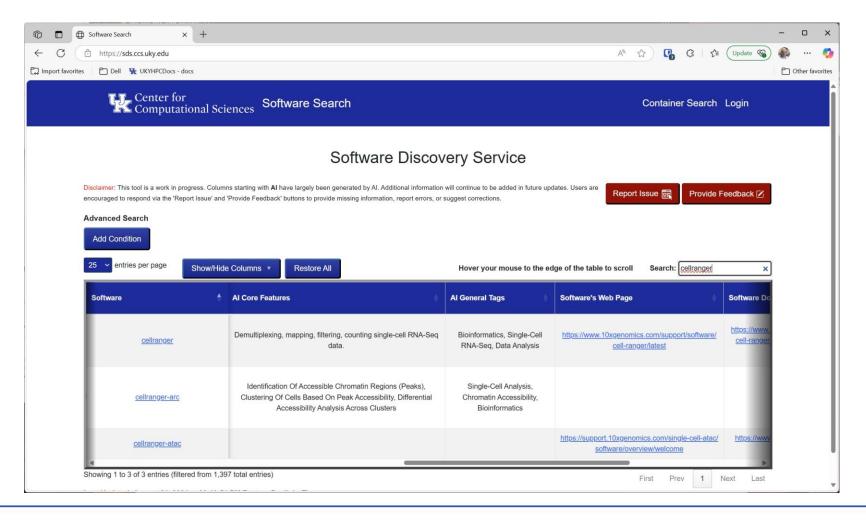




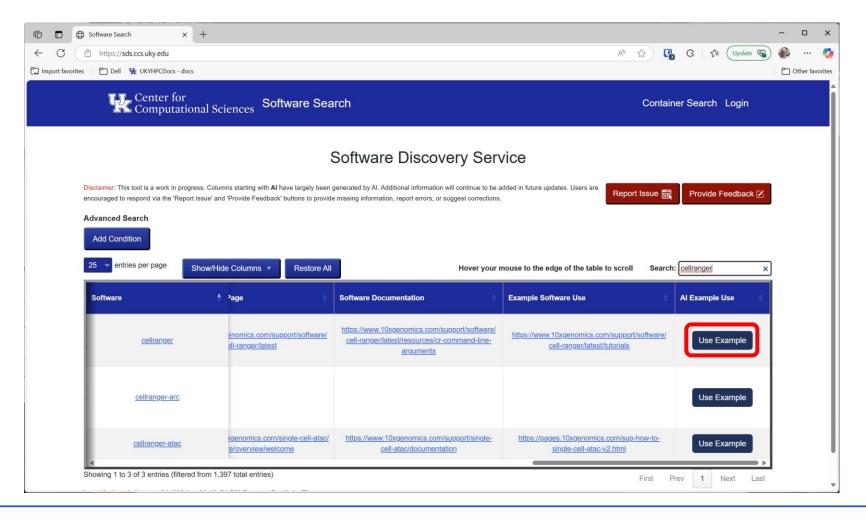




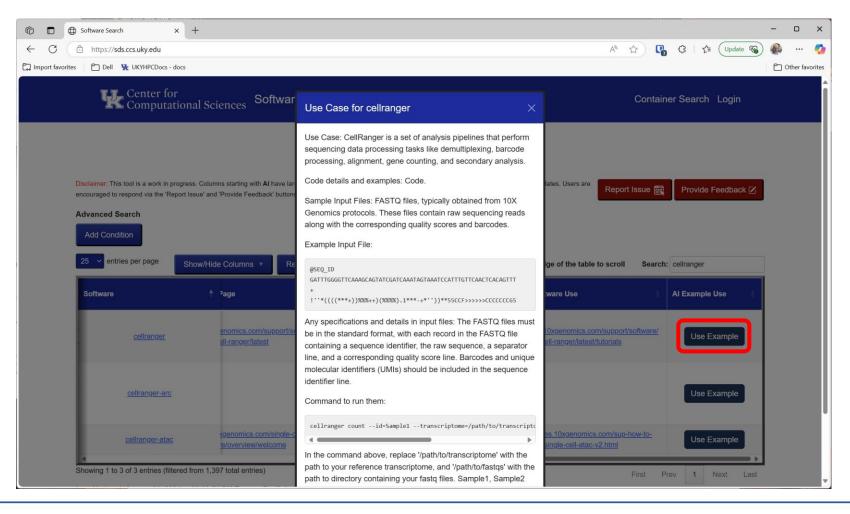




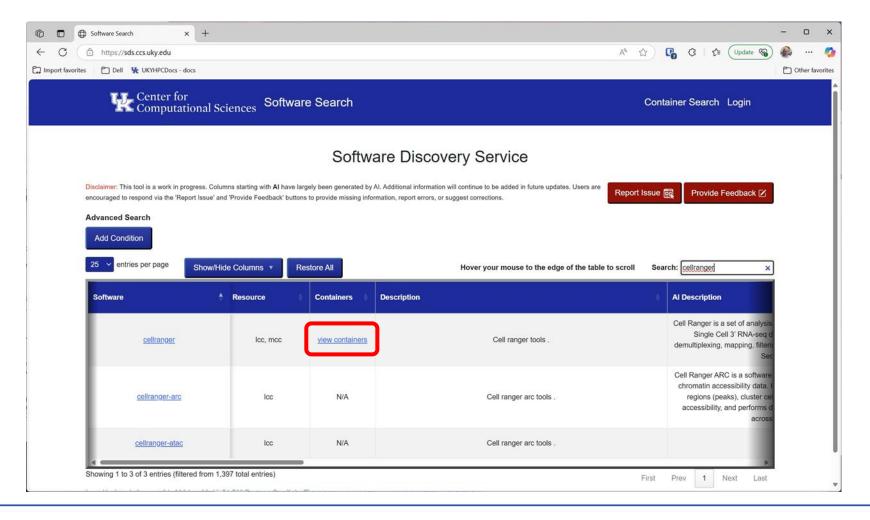






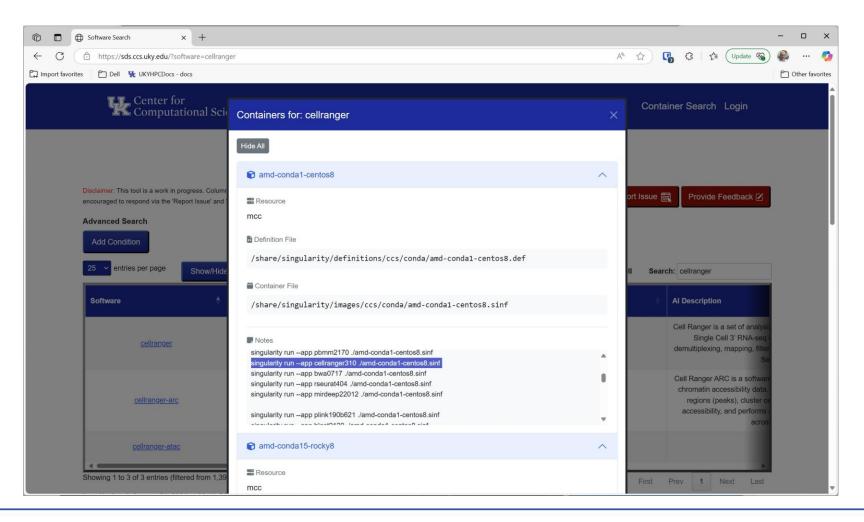








Software Search





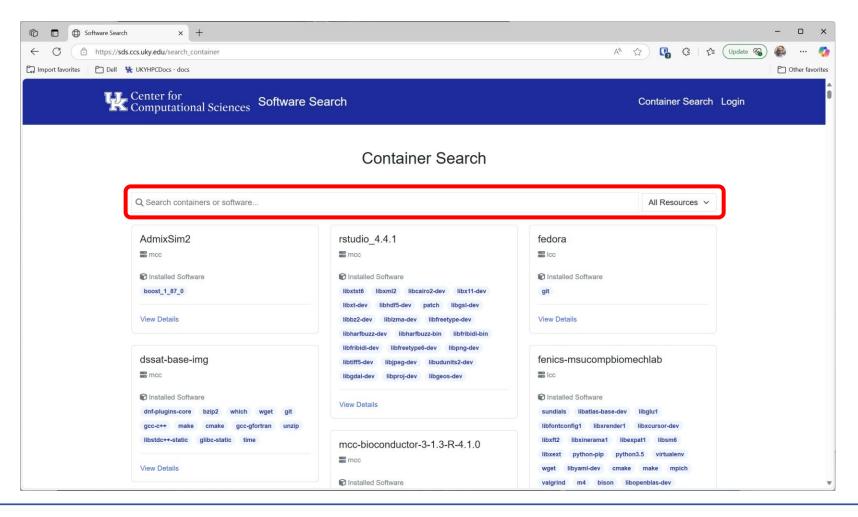
Software Search

LMOD (module spider)

```
[bwfarm2@dtn ~]$ module spider cellranger
  ccs/cellranger:
    Description:
      Cell ranger tools .
     Versions:
        ccs/cellranger/3.0.2
        ccs/cellranger/3.1.0
        ccs/cellranger/4.0.0
        ccs/cellranger/6.0.0
        ccs/cellranger/6.0.2
  For detailed information about a specific "ccs/cellranger" module (including how to load the modules) use the mod
ule's full name.
  For example:
     $ module spider ccs/cellranger/6.0.2
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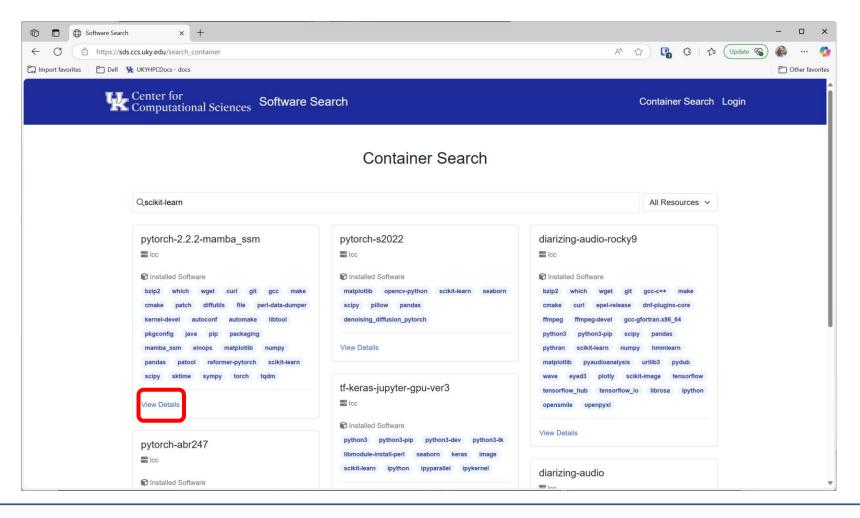


Container Search



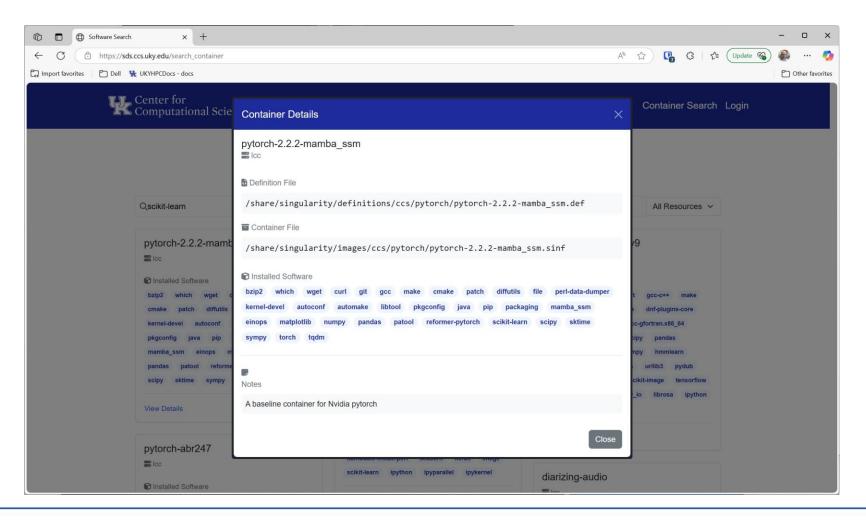


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Benefits of Containerized Software



- Reproducibility
 - Same environment everywhere you run it.
 - Consistent software behavior, easy to share.
- Portability
 - Move between systems without compatibility issues.
 - Work across environments without reconfiguring.
- Isolation
 - Keeps software and dependencies separate from the host system.
 - Run multiple versions or projects without conflicts.
- Flexibility and Customization
 - Tailor containers to your needs.
 - Experiment without affecting other environments.



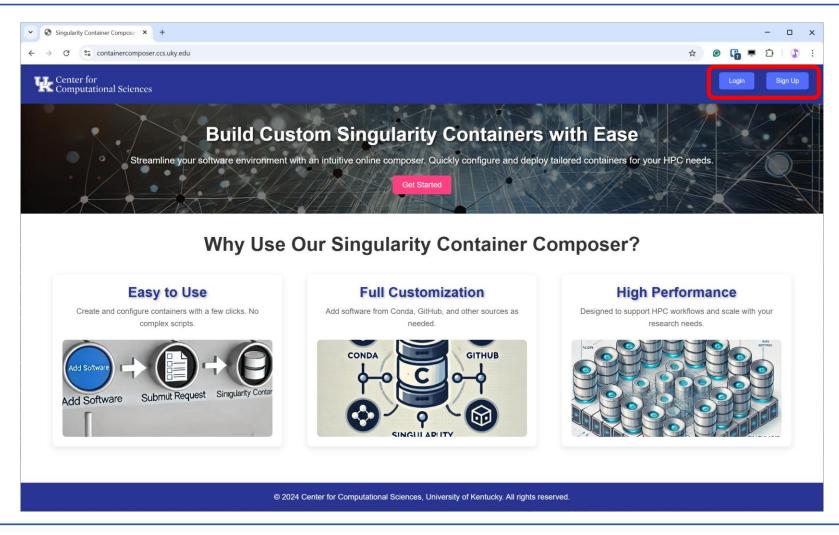


- Template-Based Singularity Container Creation
 - Use pre-made templates to quickly set up your environment.
- Automated Build and Download Link
 - Containers built automatically and delivered via email.
 - Download your container ready for use on LCC or MCC.
- Customized Containers with Admin Approval

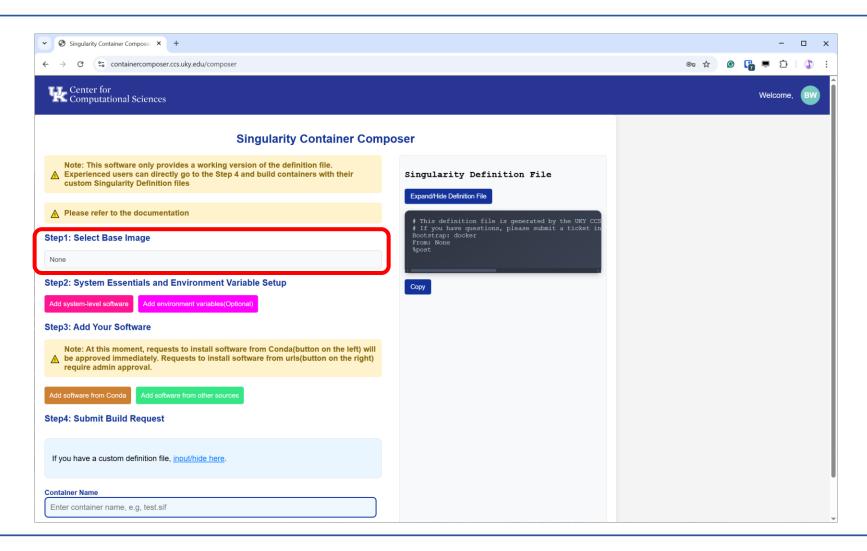
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Documentation

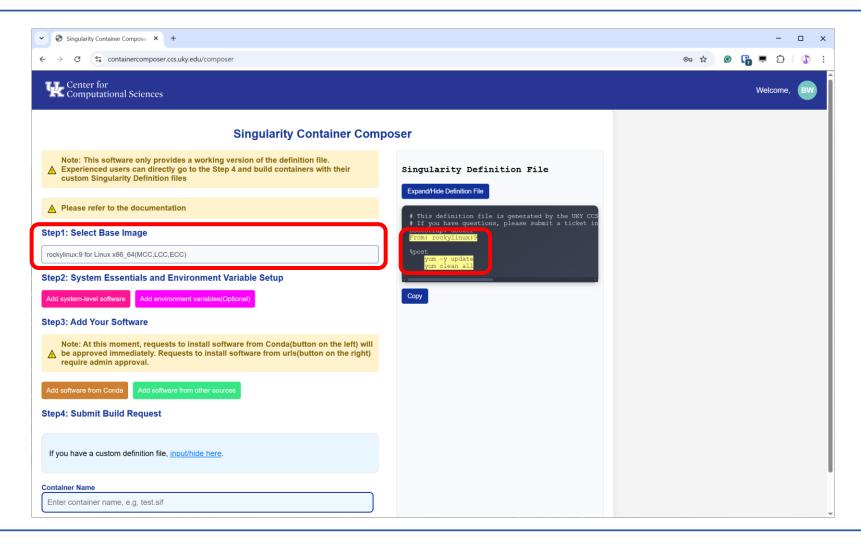




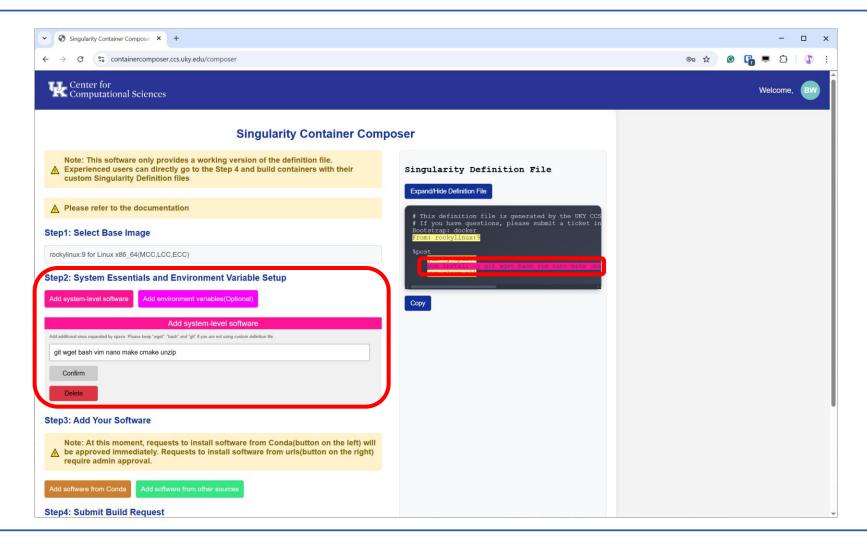




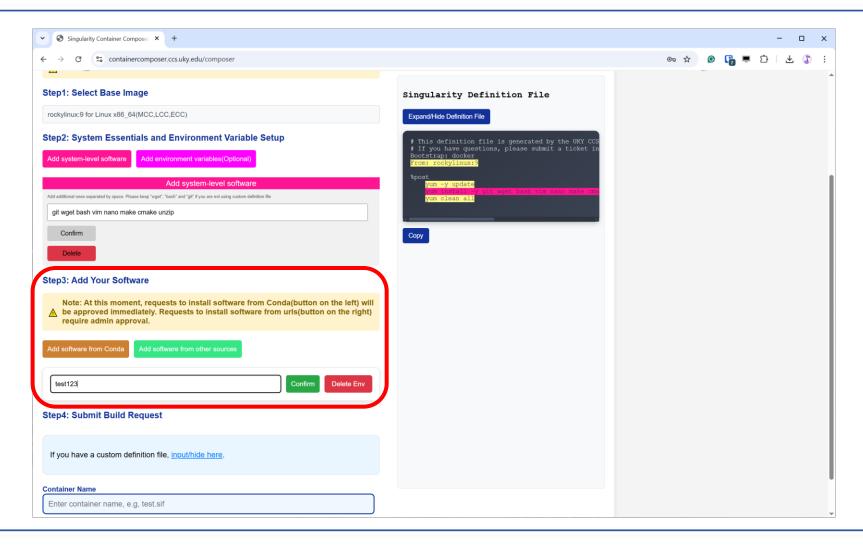




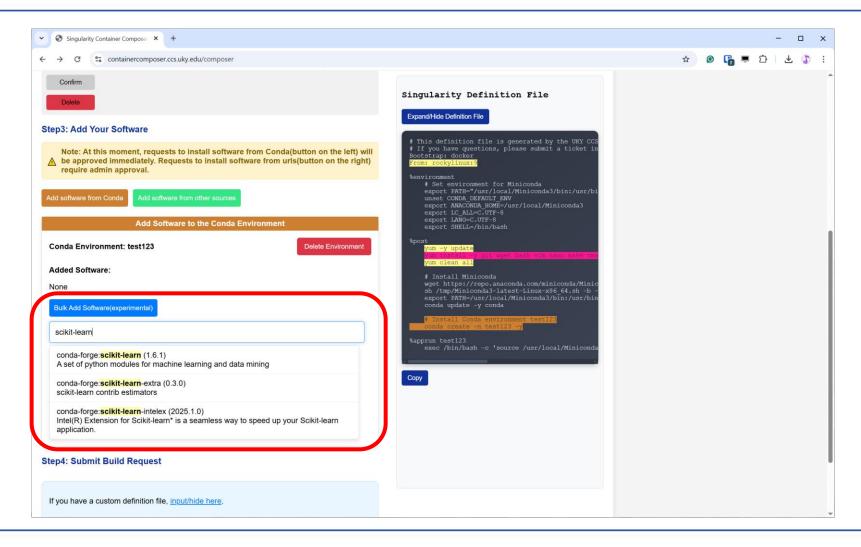




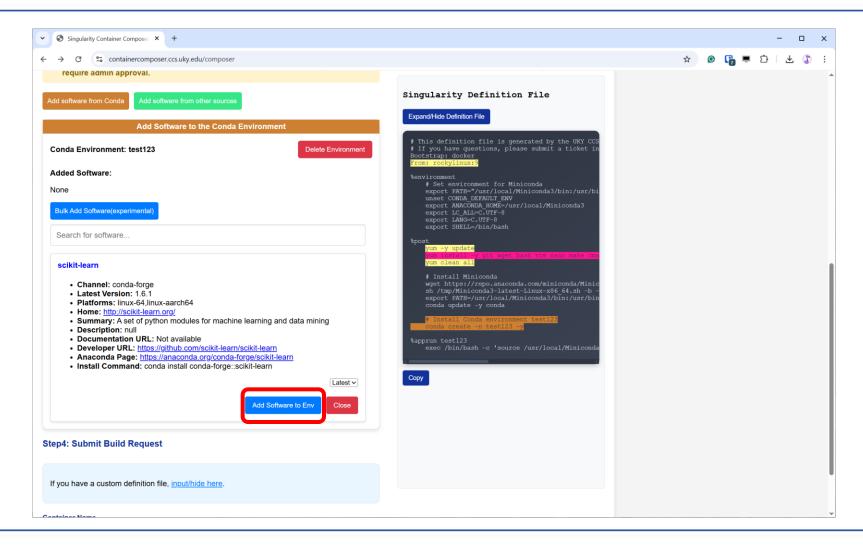




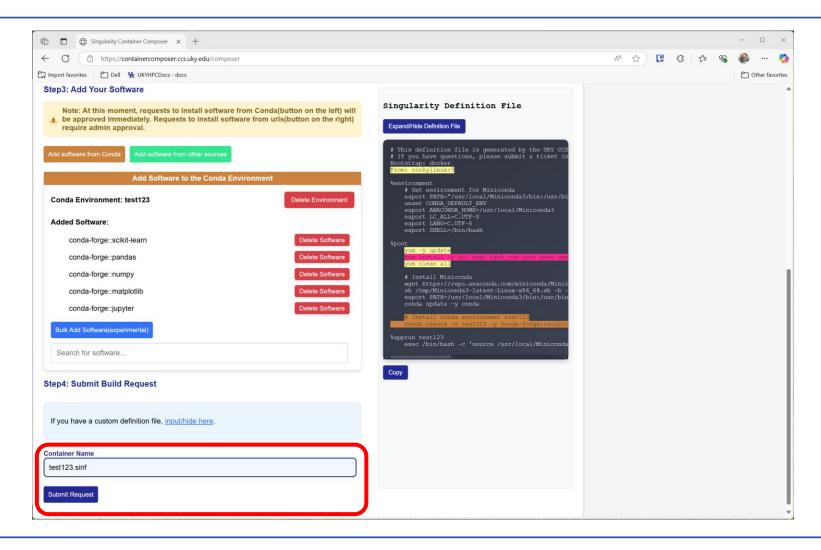




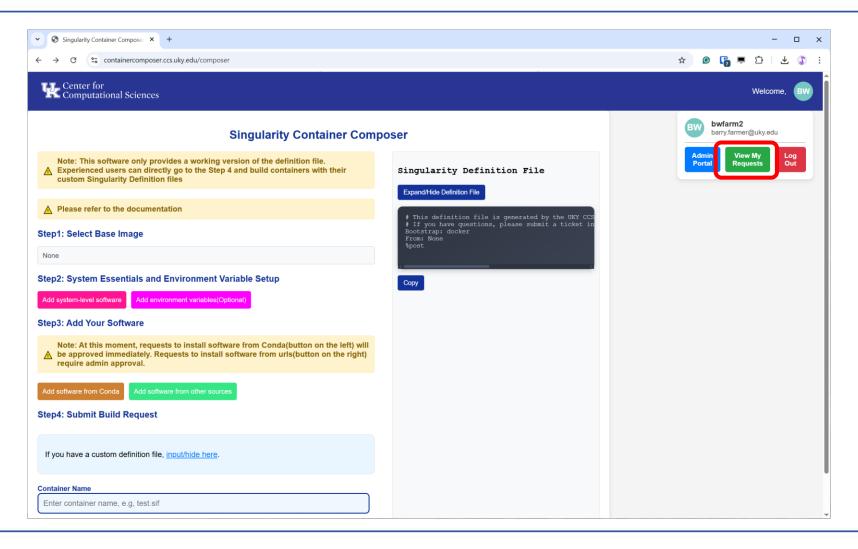




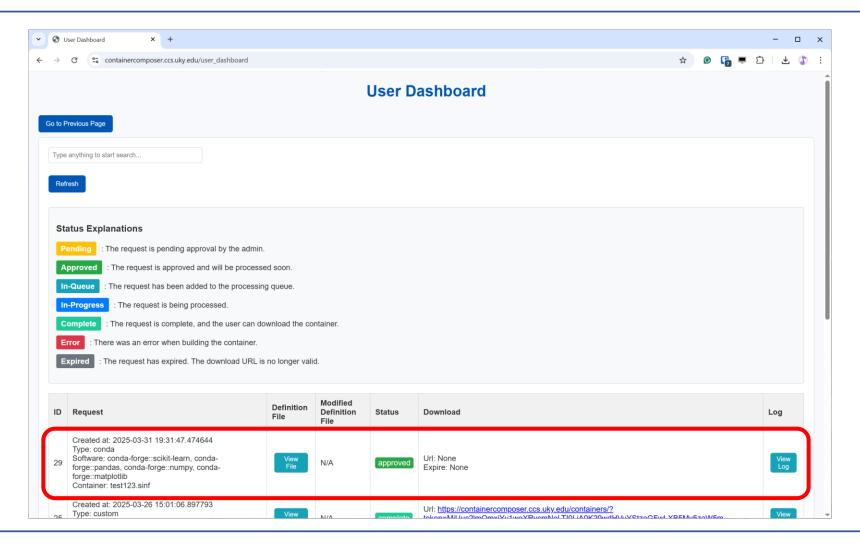




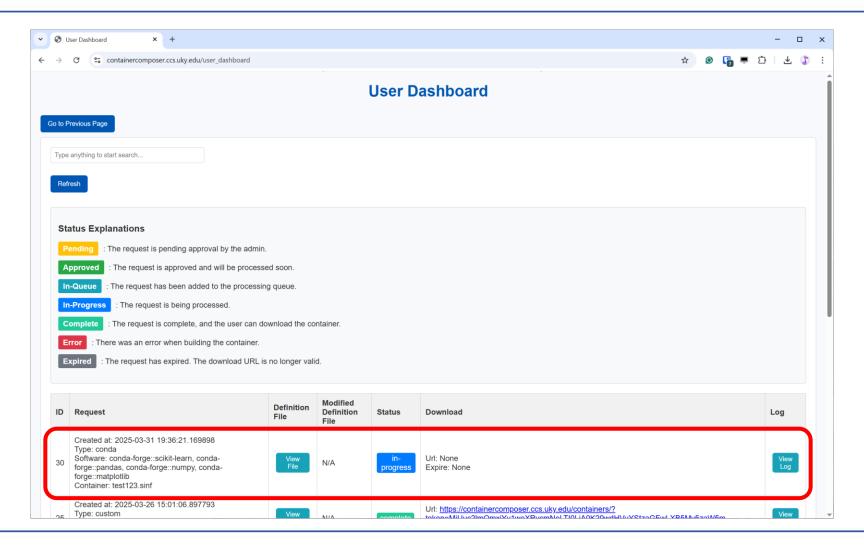






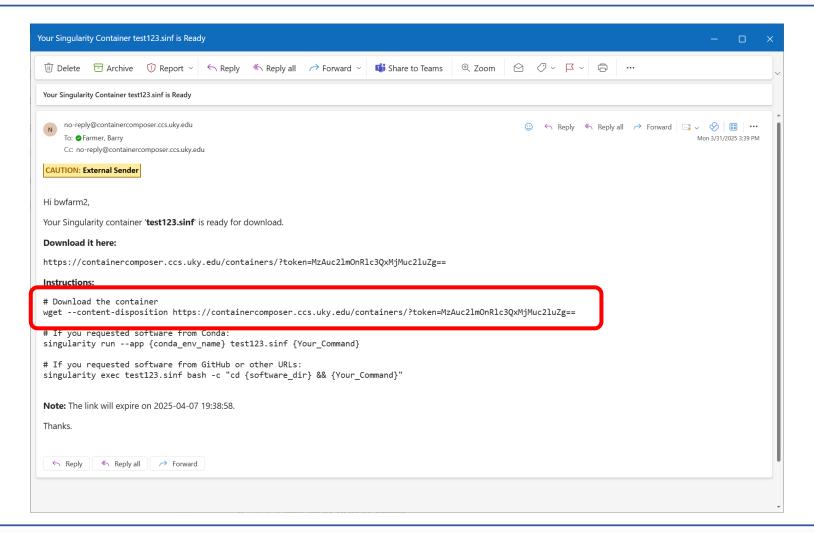






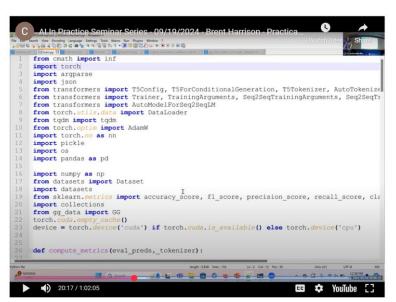


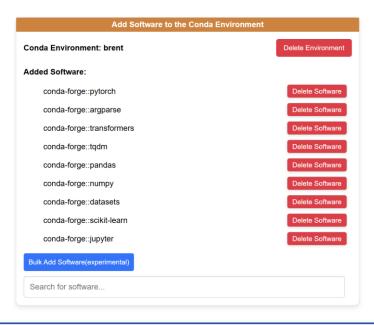
Singularity Container Composer





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 - September 19, 2024
 - Brent Harrison, Computer Science, UK
 - Python Environment with:
 - cmath torch argparse json transformers tqdm pickle os pandas numpy datasets scikit-learn collections gg_data











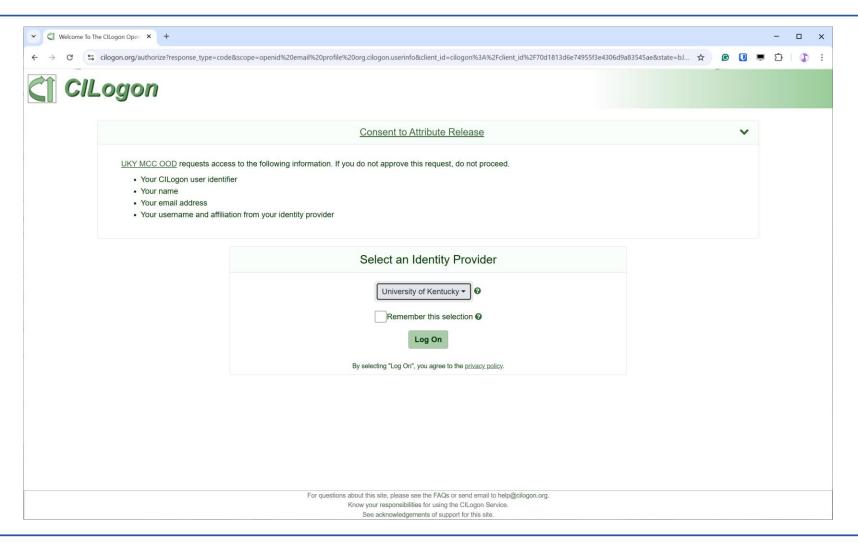
- Web Based Access to HPC Resources
- Interactive App Launchers
- Remote Desktop Access

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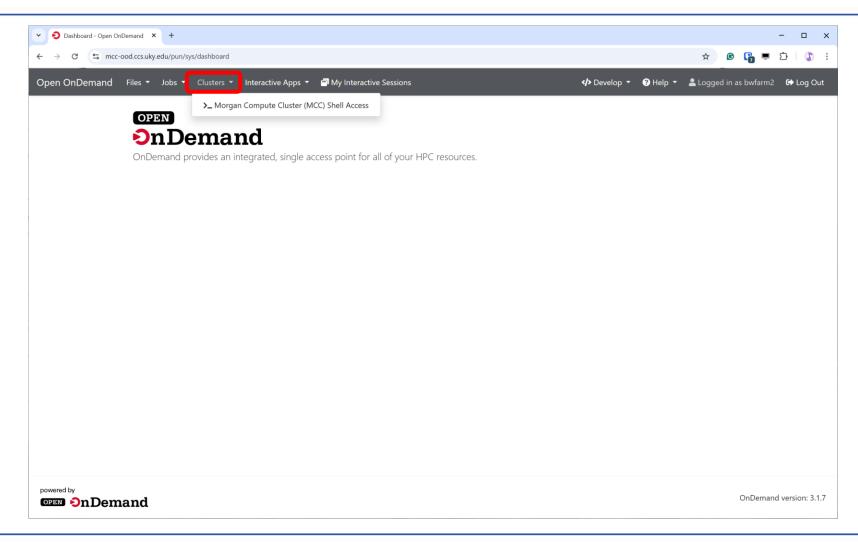
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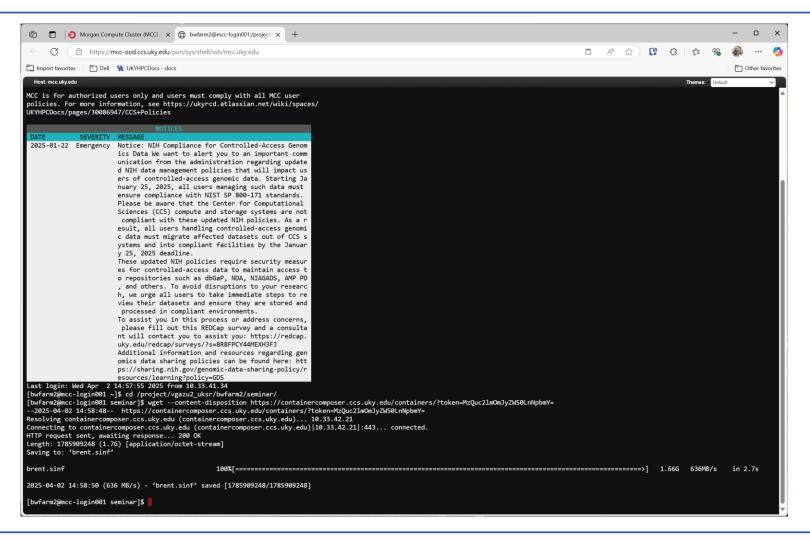




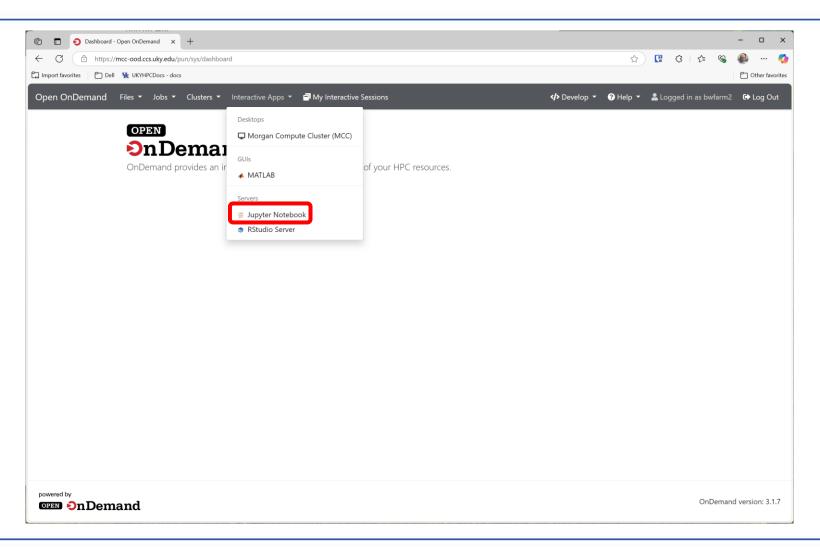




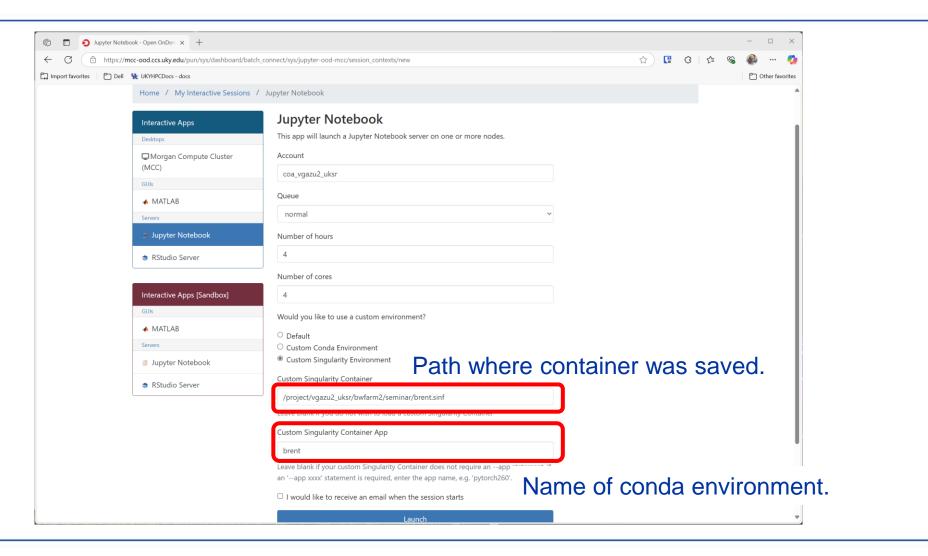




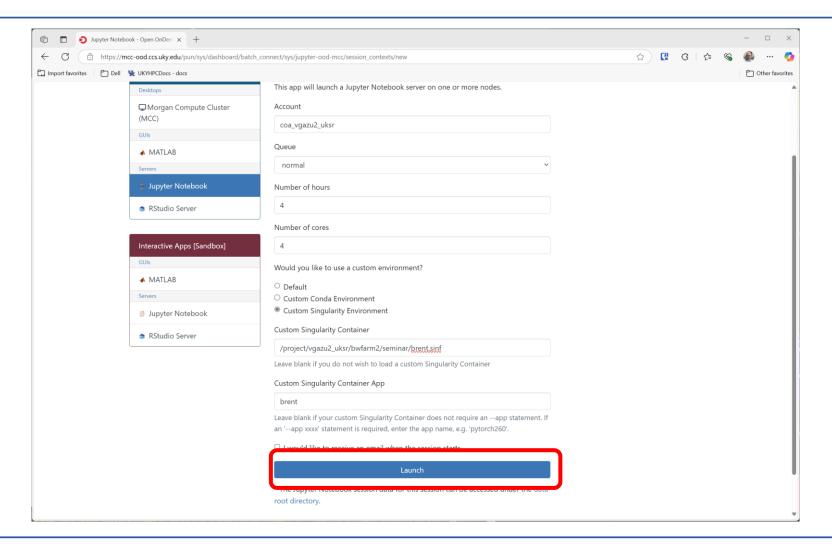




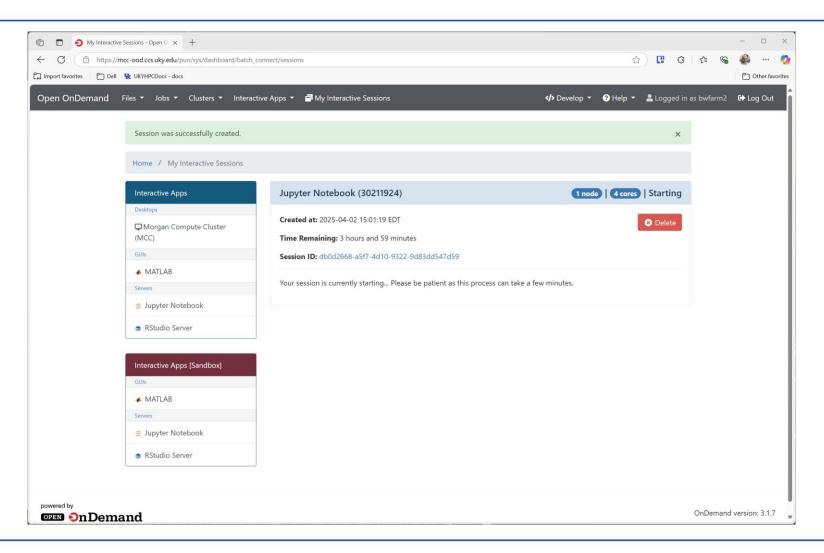




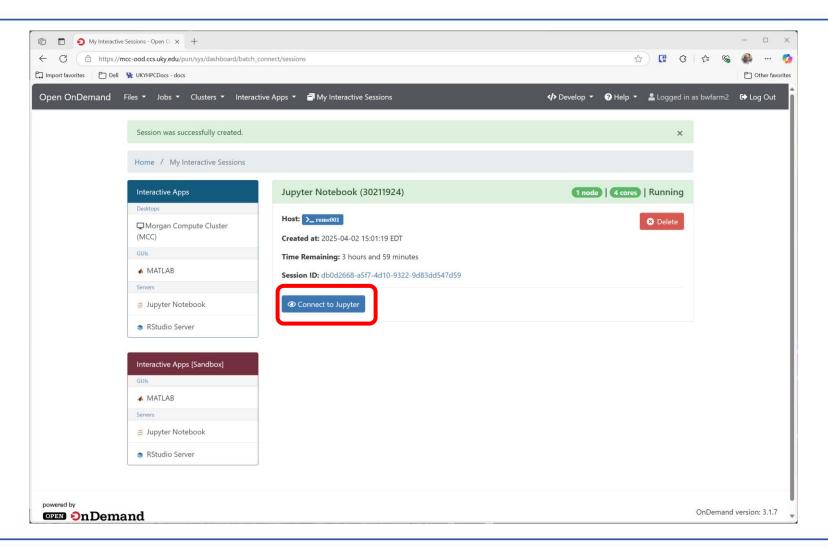




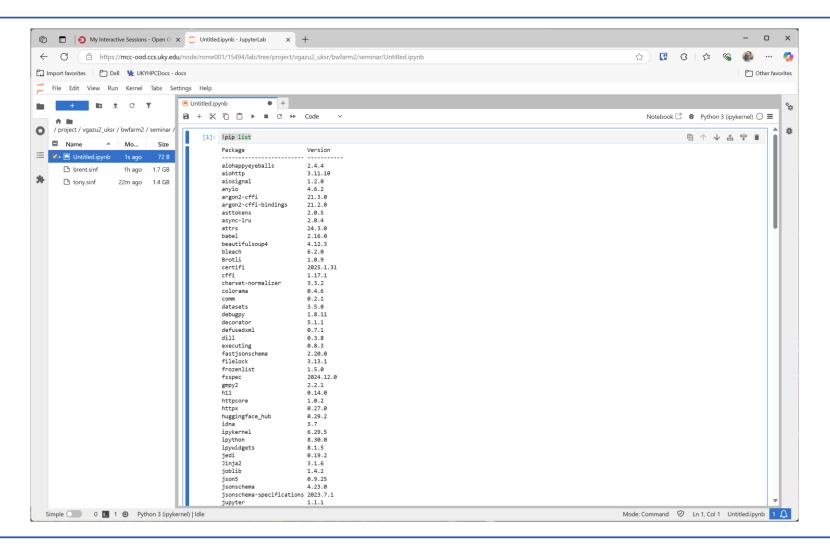






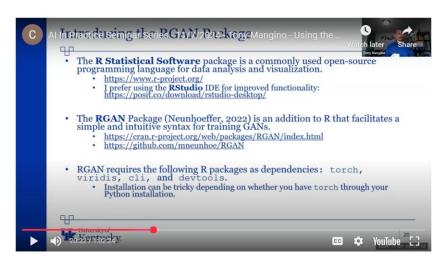


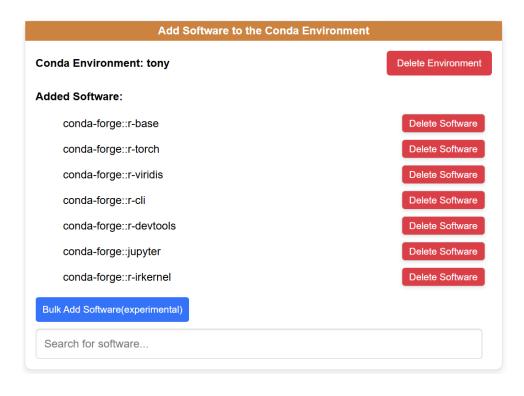






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 - November 7, 2024
 - Tony Mangino, Biostatistics, UK
 - R with RGAN package
 - RGAN Dependencies
 - torch, virdis, cli, and devtools
 - We will interface with Jupyter Notebook

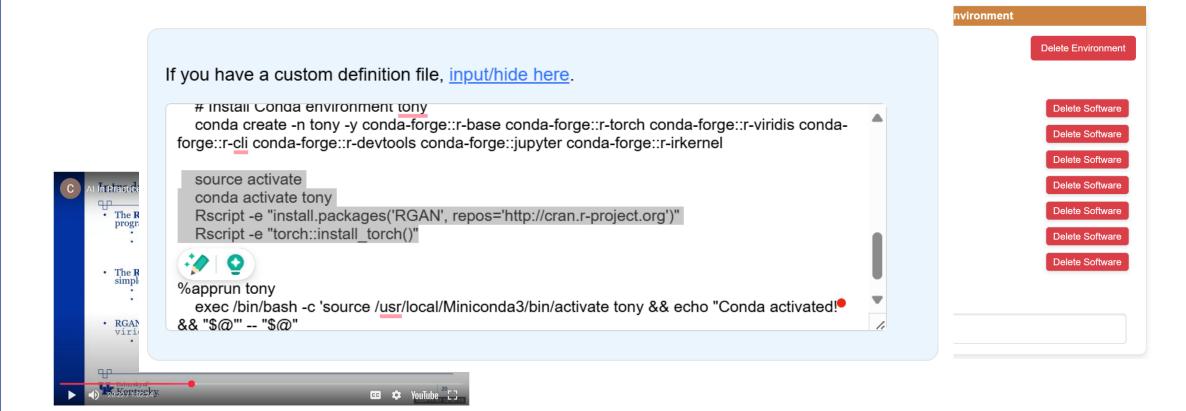




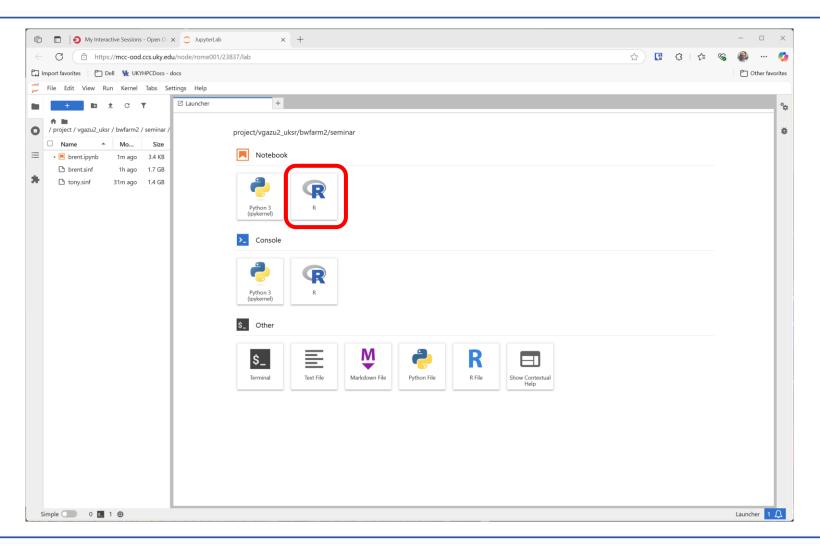




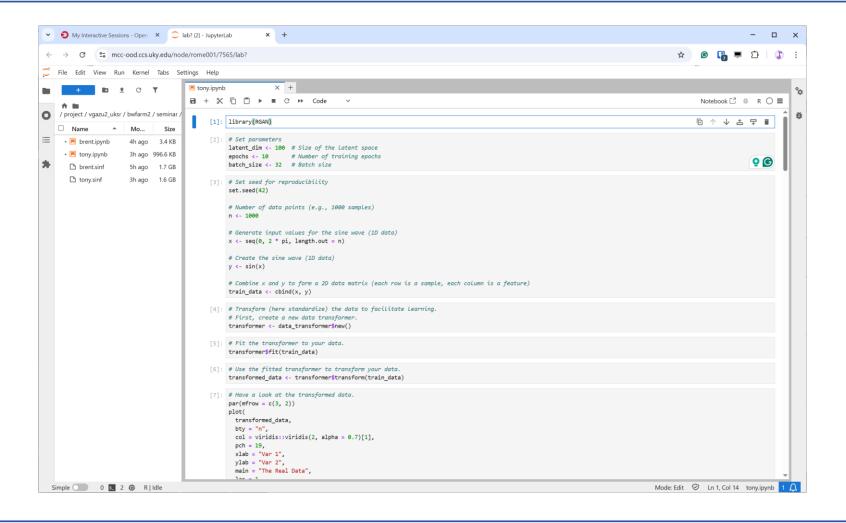
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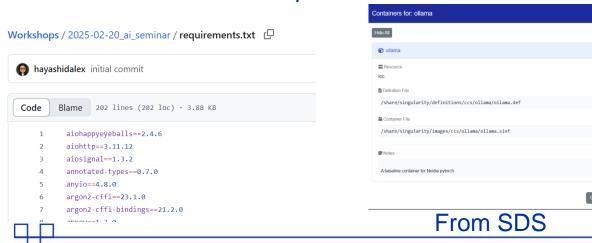




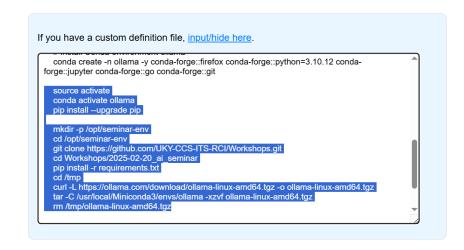


- February 20, 2025
 - Mami Hayashida (ITS) and Vikram Gazula (CCS), UK
 - Conda Environment with ollama installed
 - Python Packages:
 - ollama langchain_core langchain_ollama langchain_chroma langchain langchain_huggingface langchain_community typing typing_extensions langgraph lpython

Has a requirements.txt file!



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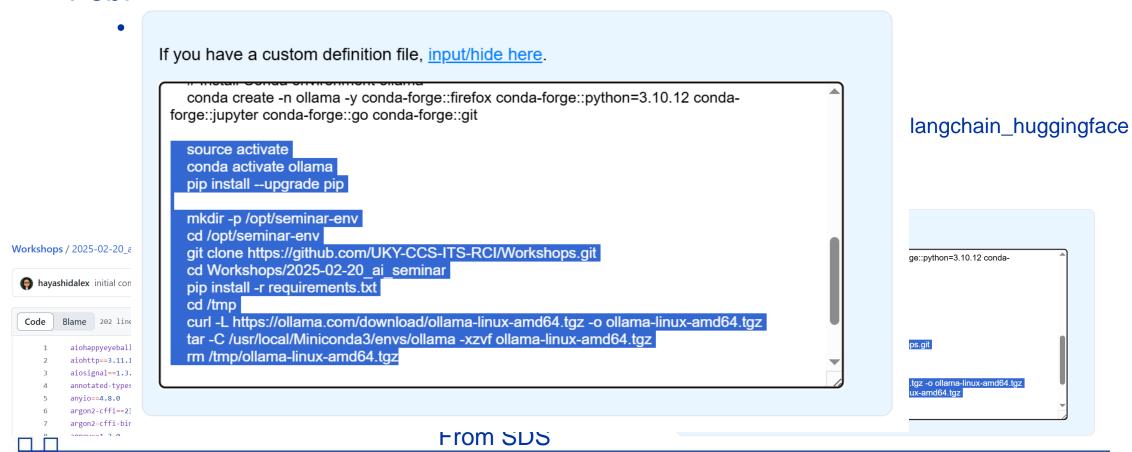




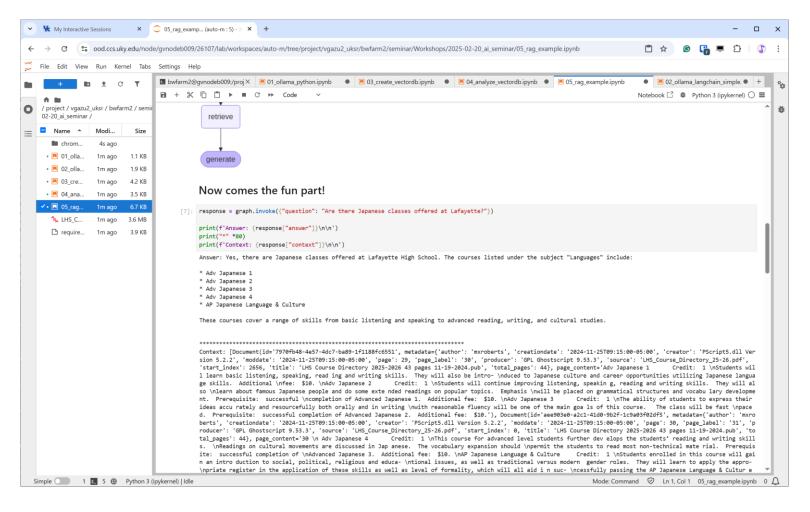


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Conclusions



- Navigating HPC software can be challenging. The Software Discovery Service helps researchers quickly find the tools they need.
- Containerization enhances reproducibility and collaboration. Isolated environments ensure consistency across systems.
- The Singularity Container Composer simplifies container creation, making it accessible to all users.
- All containers/notebooks demo'd are available on MCC/LCC: /share/examples/MCC/AI-In-Practice-Seminars /share/examples/LCC/AI-In-Practice-Seminars



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Questions?

