Why do I need Anaconda Distribution?

Many scientific packages require a specific version of Python to run. It’s difficult to keep various Python installations on one computer from interacting and breaking, and harder to keep them up-to-date. Anaconda Distribution makes management of multiple Python versions on one computer easier, and provides a large collection of highly optimized, commonly used data science libraries to get you started faster.

What is Anaconda Distribution?

An easy-to-install collection of high performance Python libraries along with Conda, our tool for managing packages and environments. Beyond the collection of open source packages in the Anaconda installer, you can use Conda to install over 1.5k packages (including the R language) from the Anaconda public repository and more than 20k packages from community channels, such as Conda-forge and bioconda.

What is Miniconda?

Miniconda is Conda and its dependencies. With Miniconda, you can build your environments from scratch by installing only the packages needed to run the Conda command. It’s a much smaller installer, typically used with an active internet connection.

Example: conda install PACKAGE_NAME

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Will it work on my machine?

Anaconda Distribution is available for Windows 7 and newer, macOS 10.10 and newer, or any Linux distribution with a glibc version greater than 2.12 (CentOS 6). Anaconda requires 3GB of free hard drive space, while Miniconda needs only 400 MB.

Quick install

https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/install

Getting started with Anaconda

https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/user-guide/getting-started

Take the Conda test drive

conda.io/docs/test-drive.html

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Packages included in Anaconda 4.4+, or install with "conda install PACKAGE_NAME"

1. NumPy
   numpy.org
   N-dimensional array for numerical computation

2. SciPy
   scipy.org
   Scientific computing library for Python

3. Matplotlib
   matplotlib.org
   2D Plotting library for Python

4. Pandas
   pandas.pydata.org
   Powerful Python data structures and data analysis toolkit

5. Seaborn
   seaborn.pydata.org/
   Statistical graphics library for Python

6. Bokeh
   bokeh.pydata.org
   Interactive web visualization library

7. Scikit-Learn
   scikit-learn.org/stable
   Python modules for machine learning and data mining

8. NLTK
   nltk.org
   Natural language toolkit

9. Jupyter Notebook
   jupyter.org
   Web app that allows you to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations and explanatory text

10. R essentials
    https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/user-guide/tasks/use-r-language
    80+ of the most used R packages for data science can be installed with “conda install r-essentials” R package list
    https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/packages/r-language-pkg-docs

See full documentation for Anaconda Distribution: docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/
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**What is Anaconda Navigator?**

A graphical interface for launching common Python programs without having to use command lines. It can also be used to install packages and manage your environments.

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**Will it work on my machine?**

Anaconda Navigator is available for Windows, macOS or Linux. Navigator is automatically installed with Anaconda Distribution.

**Follow the graphical install instructions**

docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/install

**Open Anaconda Navigator**

On Windows, the installer will create a Start menu shortcut for Navigator. On macOS, if using the GUI (.pkg) installer, you'll get an icon for Navigator in Launchpad. On Linux or macOS installed via .sh installer, open a terminal and enter this command:

`anaconda-navigator`

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