
Robots from Jupyter



*Workshop on authoring Robot Framework test
and task suites with JupyterLab*



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Setting up JupyterLab + Robot



RobotLab bundle installer

<https://github.com/robots-from-jupyter/robotlab/releases>

- Windows, MacOS, Linux
- Easy to uninstall (just delete the directory and icon)
- Inconvenient download size (400-500MB)

Ingredients:

Conda, Jupyter[Lab|Library], Robot[Mode|Kernel],
Selenium[Library|Screenshots], OpenCV, RESTInstance,
[Chrome|Gecko]Driver, example notebooks, tutorial



Manual install with Miniconda

Install Miniconda. Launch Anaconda Prompt. Then

1. `conda install -c conda-forge nodejs jupyterlab
robotframework-seleniumlibrary geckodriver
python-chromedriver-binary pillow lunr`
2. `pip install robotkernel
robotframework-seleniumscreenshots nbimporter`
3. `jupyter labextension install jupyterlab_robotmode`



Run JupyterLab

With RobotLab: Click the RobotLab Icon or...

```
~/robotlab/bin/activate # osx/linux  
c:\robotlab\Scripts\activate.bat # win  
robotlab
```



With Anaconda Prompt:

```
jupyter lab
```

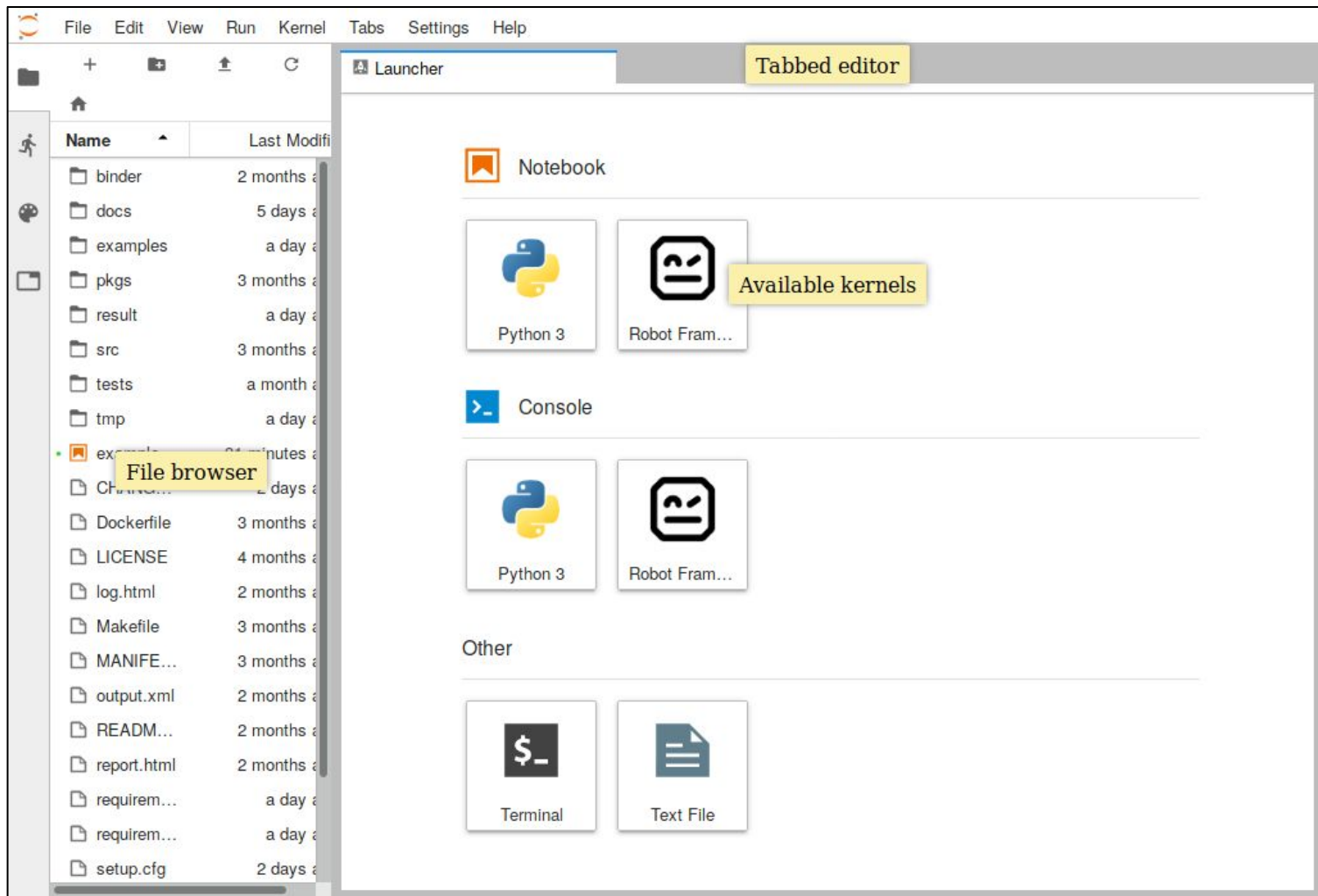
With Nix or NixOS:

<https://pypi.org/project/robotkernel/>



Introducing JupyterLab





The image shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with several annotations. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, Tabs, Settings, and Help. The left sidebar contains a file explorer with a table of files and folders. The main notebook area displays three code cells with annotations for their execution numbers and cell types. The first cell is a code cell containing settings for Selenium. The second cell is a code cell containing keywords for Selenium WebDriver. The third cell is a code cell containing test cases for Selenium WebDriver. The notebook title is "Robot Framework Jupyter example".

Toggle sidebar

Name	Last Modified
binder	2 months ago
docs	5 days ago
examples	a day ago
pkgs	3 months ago
result	a day ago
src	3 months ago
tests	a month ago
tmp	a day ago
example...	31 minutes ago
CHANG...	2 days ago
Dockerfile	3 months ago
LICENSE	4 months ago
log.html	2 months ago
Makefile	3 months ago
MANIFE...	3 months ago
output.xml	2 months ago
READM...	2 months ago
report.html	2 months ago
requirem...	a day ago
requirem...	a day ago
setup.cfg	2 days ago

Launcher | **example.ipynb** | Robot Framework

Notebook toolbar

Notebook kernel

Robot Framework Jupyter example

Execution number

```
[1]: *** Settings ***
```

Code cell

```
Library SeleniumLibrary
Library SeleniumScreenshots
```

Execution number

```
[2]: *** Keywords ***
```

Code cell

```
Open url
[Arguments] ${url}
Open browser ${url} browser=headlessfirefox
Set window size 800 600
```

Execution number

```
[3]: *** Test Cases ***
```

Code cell

```
Show the Robot Framework logo
Open url https://twitter.com/robotframework
Page should contain Robot Framework
Capture and crop page screenshot robotframework.png
... css=.ProfileAvatar-image
```

[Log](#) | [Report](#)

Execution results



File Edit View Run Kernel Tabs Settings Help

Launcher example.ipynb

Robot Framework

Robot Framework Jupyter example

```
[1]: *** Settings ***  
Library SeleniumLibrary  
Library SeleniumScreenshots  
Suite teardown Close all browsers
```

```
[2]: *** Keywords ***  
keyword ${url}  
open_browser ${url} browser=headless  
Set window size 800 600
```

```
[3]: *** Test Cases ***  
robot Framework logo  
https://twitter.com/robotframework  
d contain Robot Framework  
Capture and crop page screenshot robotframework.png  
... css=.ProfileAvatar-image
```

Log | Report

1) Right click on notebook to open the context menu.

2) Select Open Inspector from the context menu.

3) Drag the new Inspector tab onto preferred location.

- Cut Cells D, D
- Copy Cells Y, Y
- Paste Cells Below P
- Delete Cells D, D
- Split Cell Ctrl+O, -
- Clear All Outputs
- Enable Scrolling for Outputs
- Disable Scrolling for Outputs
- Undo Cell Operation U
- Redo Cell Operation Shift+Z
- Restart Kernel...
- New Console for Notebook
- Open Inspector Ctrl+I



The image shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with a file explorer on the left, a central code editor, and an Inspector panel on the right. The code editor contains a Robot Framework test script with three sections: Settings, Keywords, and Test Cases. The Inspector panel is sticky and displays context-aware information for the selected code cell.

File Explorer:

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binder	2 months ago
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examples	a day ago
pkgs	3 months ago
result	a day ago
src	3 months ago
tests	a month ago
tmp	a day ago
example...	31 minutes ago
CHANG...	2 days ago
Dockerfile	3 months ago
LICENSE	4 months ago
log.html	2 months ago
Makefile	3 months ago
MANIFE...	3 months ago
output.xml	2 months ago
READM...	2 months ago
report.html	2 months ago
requirem...	a day ago
requirem...	a day ago
setup.cfg	2 days ago

Code Editor:

```
Robot Framework
Jupyter example

[1]: *** Settings ***

Library SeleniumLibrary
Library SeleniumScreenshots

Suite teardown Close all browsers

[2]: *** Keywords ***

Open url
[Arguments] ${url}
Open browser ${url} browser=headlessf
Set window size 800 600

[3]: *** Test Cases ***

Show the new Robot Framework logo
Open url https://twitter.com/robotfram
Page should contain Robot Framework
Capture and crop page screenshot robot
... css=.ProfileAvatar-image

Log | Report
```

Inspector Panel:

Sticky Inspector tab for displaying context aware information.



Default keyboard bindings

up / j	select cell above	y	change cell to code mode
down / k	select cell below	m	change cell to markdown
ctrl + enter	run cell		
shift + enter	run cell, select below	enter	enter edit mode
alt + enter	run cell, insert below	esc	exit edit mode
a	insert cell above	i,i	interrupt kernel
b	insert cell below	0,0	restart kernel
c	copy cell		
v	paste cell		
d, d	delete selected cell	tab	code completion / indent
shift + m	merge selected cell(s)	ctrl + shift+ -	split cell



Exercise:

Python notebook



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- 01 Running Code.ipynb**
 - 02 Python XKCD.ipynb**



Exercise

The JSON API for XKCD is described at

<https://xkcd.com/json.html>

Create a new Python notebook and implement function

```
def get_xkcd_by_num(num)
```

that accepts an integer and returns XKCD image of the given number.

Write narrative documentation for that function in Markdown and executable Python example lines.



Recap

- JupyterLab user interface (file browser, menu, notebook)
- Loading and creating notebooks
- Opening JupyterLab inspector
- Navigating around notebook
- Editing and executing notebook cells
- Copying, cutting, pasting, moving notebook cells
- Autocompleting things with <TAB>
- Following JupyterLab inspector
- Iterating cell with CTRL+ENTER until ready



Homework: magics

<https://ipython.readthedocs.io/en/stable/interactive/magics.html>

Magics are “magical” syntax for modifying the underlying Python environment supported mainly by Jupyter Python kernels.

For example

```
!pip install requests
```

would install requests Python package into Python environment.



Exercise: Robot notebook



Robot Framework

*** Settings ***

Library SeleniumLibrary

*** Tasks ***

Capture screenshot of DuckDuckGo.com

Open browser <http://duckduckgo.com>

Capture page screenshot

<http://robotframework.org/robotframework/>



03 Running Robot.ipynb
04 Robot XKCD.ipynb



Exercise

The JSON API for XKCD is described at

<https://xkcd.com/json.html>

Create a new Robot notebook and implement keyword

```
*** Keywords ***
```

```
Get XKCD by num
```

```
[Arguments]  ${num}
```

that accepts an integer and [Return] image of the given number. Write narrative documentation for that keyword in Markdown and executable Robot example `*** Tasks ***` .



RobotKernel quirks (bugs?)

- Some completions can be suggested only after at least one test or task has been executed
- Cells without robot `*** [Headings] ***` or content outside headings may be silently ignored
- Failing library import is silently ignored (but logged)
- RobotKernel requires kernel restart to recover from manually closed SeleniumLibrary browser windows



Recap

- Structure of a robot notebook
- How every robot cell starts with a `*** [Heading] ***`
- Executing robot cells with different section data
- Autocompleting Robot Framework structural words
- Autocompleting Robot Framework keywords
- Using JupyterLab inspector for context documentation
- Using JupyterLab inspector for keyword documentation
- Viewing and downloading logs and reports
- Restarting kernel to reset RobotKernel state
- Capturing and cropping screenshots with Selenium



Interactive Robot: Selenium autocompletion



05 Interactive Selenium.ipynb



Recap

- Leaving a singleton test browser open while iterating
- SeleniumLibrary locator prefixes for suggestions:
`id:<TAB>` `name:<TAB>` `link:<TAB>`
- SeleniumLibrary locator prefixes for completions:
`id:...<TAB>` `name:...<TAB>` `link:...<TAB>`
`tag:...<TAB>` `xpath:...<TAB>`
`partial link:...<TAB>`
- Interactive SeleniumLibrary picker with:
`css:<TAB>`
- Closing the test browser manually / with suite teardown



Exercise: Multiple notebooks



06 Importing Notebooks.ipynb



Exercise

Parameterize notebook with

```
*** Variables ***
```

```
  ${DEPARTURE_DATE}    ${EMPTY}
```

```
  ${DEPARTURE_TIME}    17.00
```

Modify notebook task to use `${DEPARTURE_TIME}` and to prefer `${DEPARTURE_DATE}` when it is not empty. You could use either write new Python keywords or use BuiltIn-library

<http://robotframework.org/robotframework/>



Recap

- Authoring a Python keyword library with JupyterLab
- Authoring a Robot Framework keyword resource notebook with JupyterLab
- Importing Python keywords library from a notebook
- Importing Robot Framework keywords from a notebook
- Limits of Robot Framework resources files / notebooks
- Using Python unittest module within a Python notebook
- Defining global variables (overridable by robot runner)



Sharing and exporting notebooks



Sharing and exporting notebooks

- Using JupyterLab
File → Export Notebook As... →
- Using Jupyter nbconvert
`jupyter nbconvert --to html MyNotebook.ipynb`

<https://nbconvert.readthedocs.io/en/latest/customizing.html>



Executing notebooks



Executing notebooks

- Executing notebook with Jupyter

```
jupyter nbconvert --to notebook --execute MyNotebook.ipynb
```

- Executing notebook with RobotKernel

```
nbrobot MyNotebook.ipynb
```

- Executing exported script with Robot Framework

```
jupyter nbconvert --to script MyNotebook.ipynb  
robot MyNotebook.robot
```



Look into the Jupyter ecosystem



Look into the Jupyter ecosystem

UI: Notebook Classic

- [RISE \(with robot\)](#)
- [nbgrader](#)

UI: JupyterLab

- [jupyterlab vim](#)
- [jupyterlab-commenting](#)
- [jupyter-widgets](#)

Testing

- [nbval](#)

Free Services *

- [nbviewer.jupyter.org](#)
- [mybinder.org](#)
- [Google Colab](#)
- [Azure Notebooks](#)



Jupyter Widgets & Renderers

Widgets

- [ipywidgets](#)
- [pythreejs](#)
- [ipyleaflet](#)
- [itk-widgets](#)
- [plotly.py](#)

Renderers

- [jupyter-renderers](#)
- [jupyterlab-drawio](#)
- [jupyterlab_graphviz](#)



If you have many notebooks...

Run reports

- [papermill](#)

Generate documentation

- [nbsphinx](#)

Publish to a wiki

- [nbconflux](#)

Host an app with a kernel

- [jupyter-kernel-gateway](#)
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Crazy Demos

Visual Robot Programming

- [jupyterlab-blockly](#)

Kernels as Widgets

- [ktop](#)

Lab with no server

- [jyve](#)



Questions?



Thank you!

