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Overview

Our HAL OnDemand HPC portal is an implementation of the Open OnDemand project, which is an NSF-funded open-source HPC portal based on OSC's original OnDemand portal. The goal of Open OnDemand is to provide an easy way for system administrators to provide web access to their HPC resources, including, but not limited to:

- Plugin-free web experience
- Easy file management
- Command-line shell access
- Job management and monitoring
- Graphical desktop environments and desktop applications

First Thing First

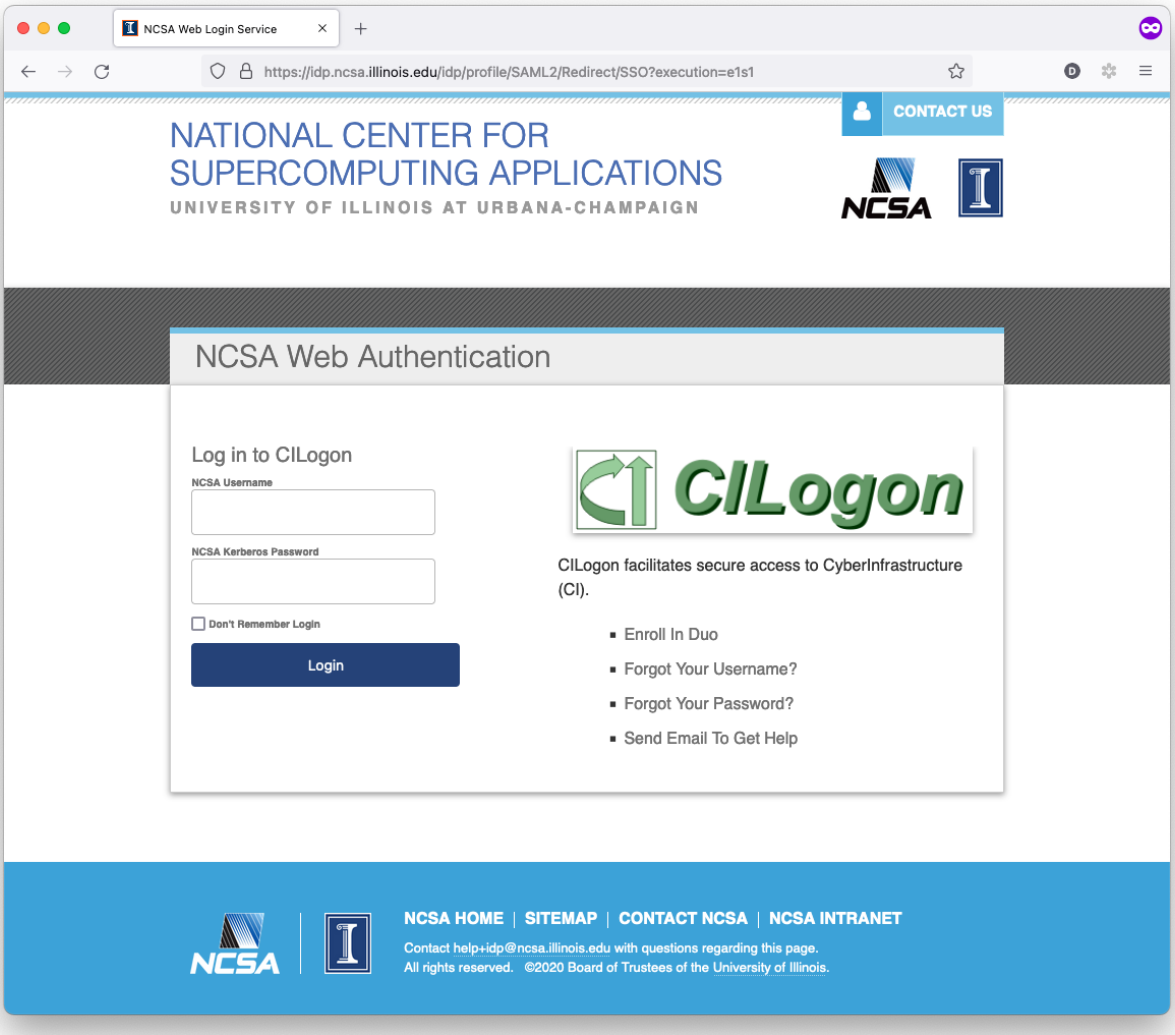
Please log via SSH in to *hal* or *hal-login2* first to initialize your home folder on HAL system.

Log in HAL OnDemand

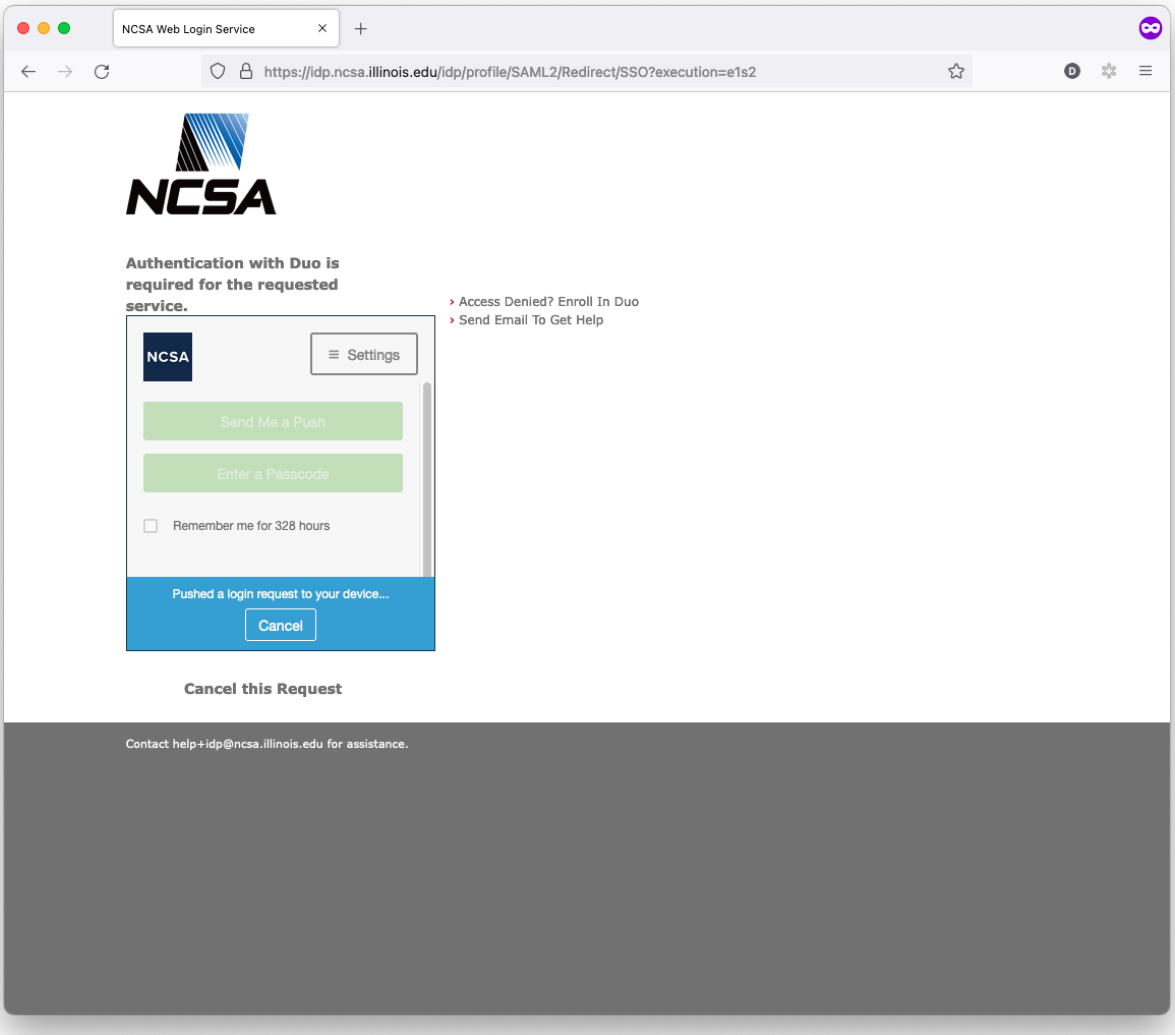
Log in with your own user name and password via the following URL. Note that you need to submit your NetID and password to login to the system.

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https://hal-ondemand.ncsa.illinois.edu/
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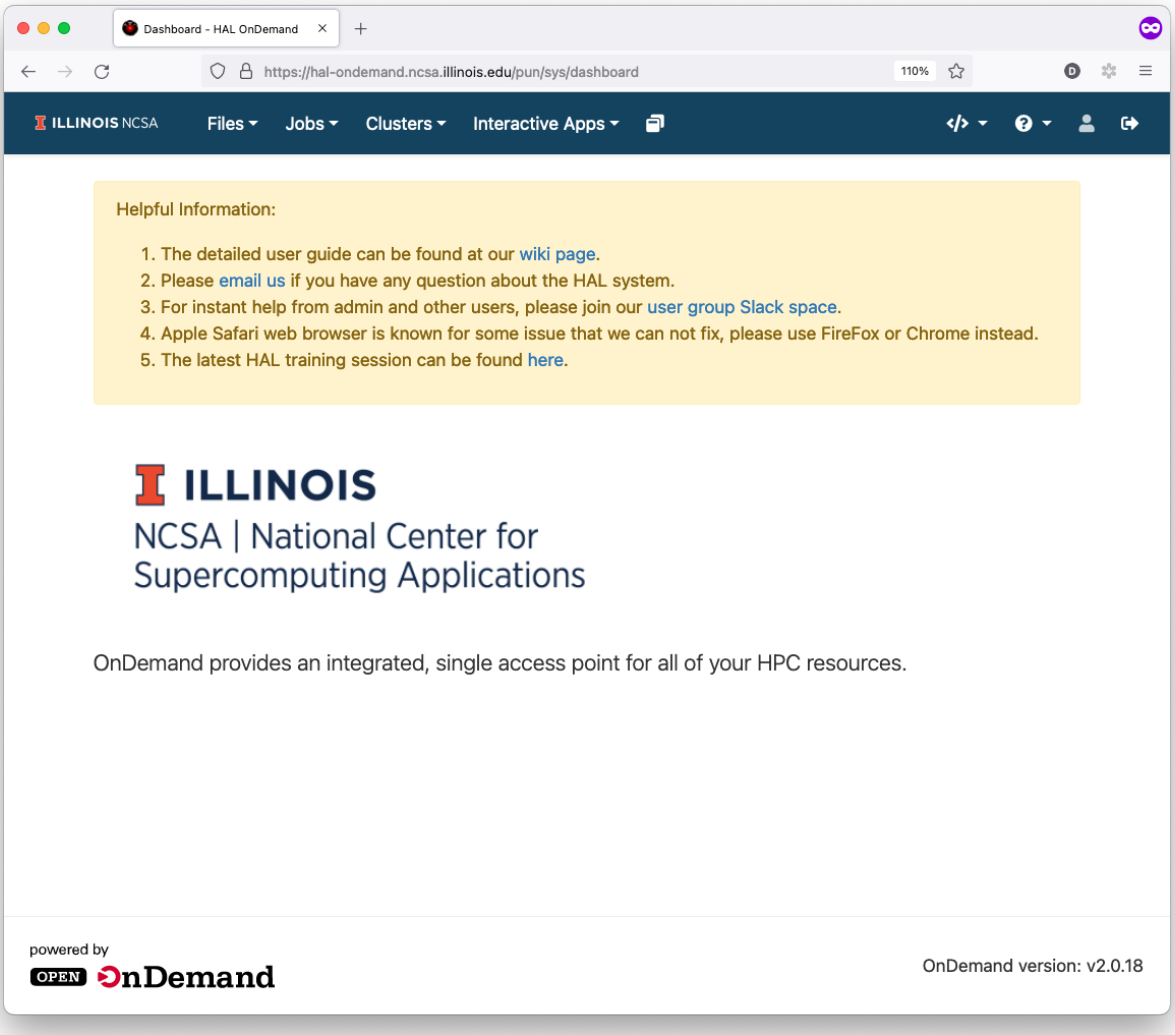
- Input your Login Information



- Send a Push to your DUO app



- Confirm the Push and Login HAL-OnDemand

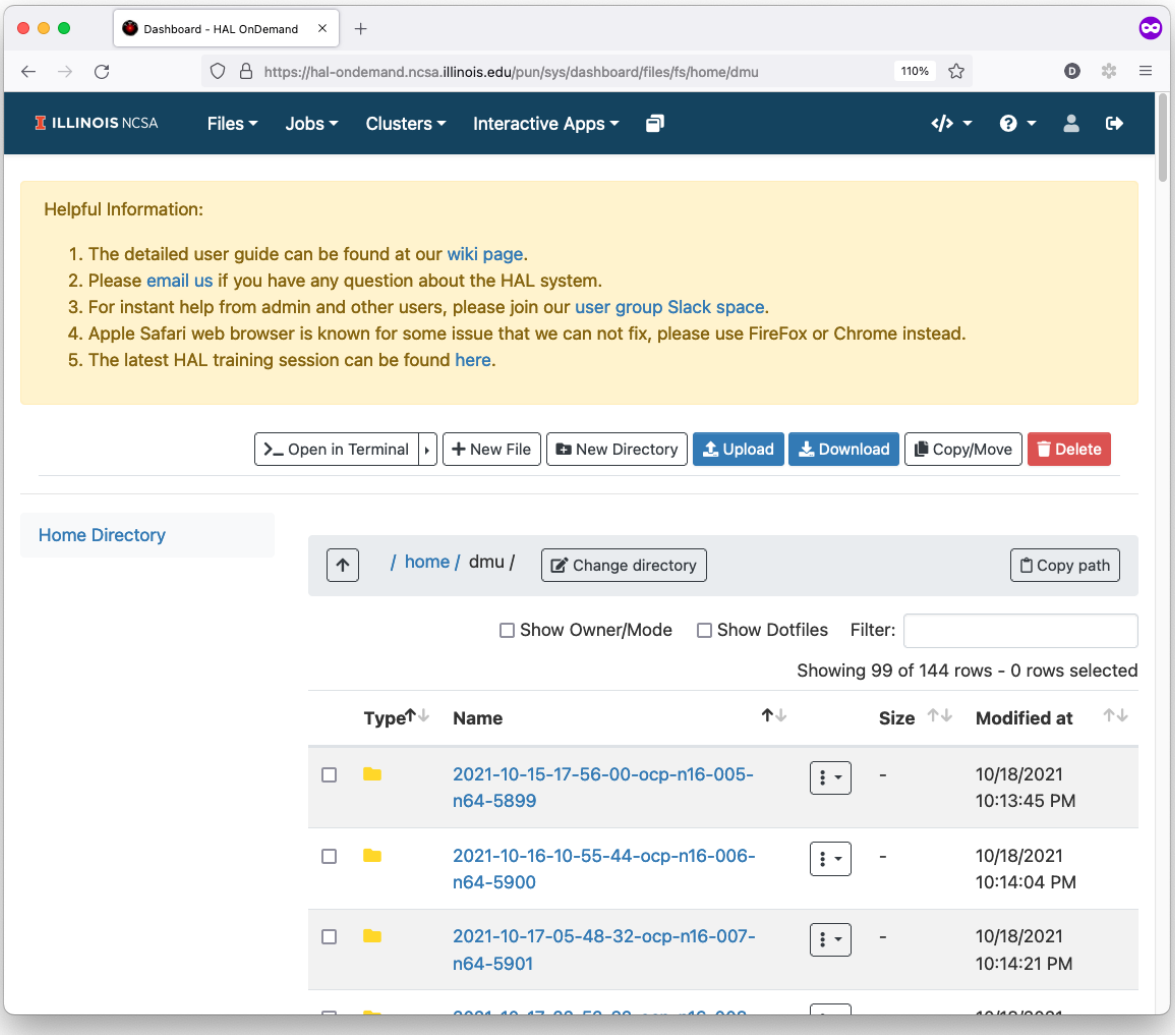


Files Apps

This Open OnDemand application provides a web-based file explorer that allows the user to remotely interact with the files on the HPC center's local file system. This application uses Node.js as the code base and is based on the CloudCommander file explorer app.

The Files app provides access to create files and folders, view files, manipulate file locations, upload files, and download files. It also provides integrated support for launching the Shell App in the currently browsed directory as well as launching the File Editor App for the currently selected file.

Home Directory

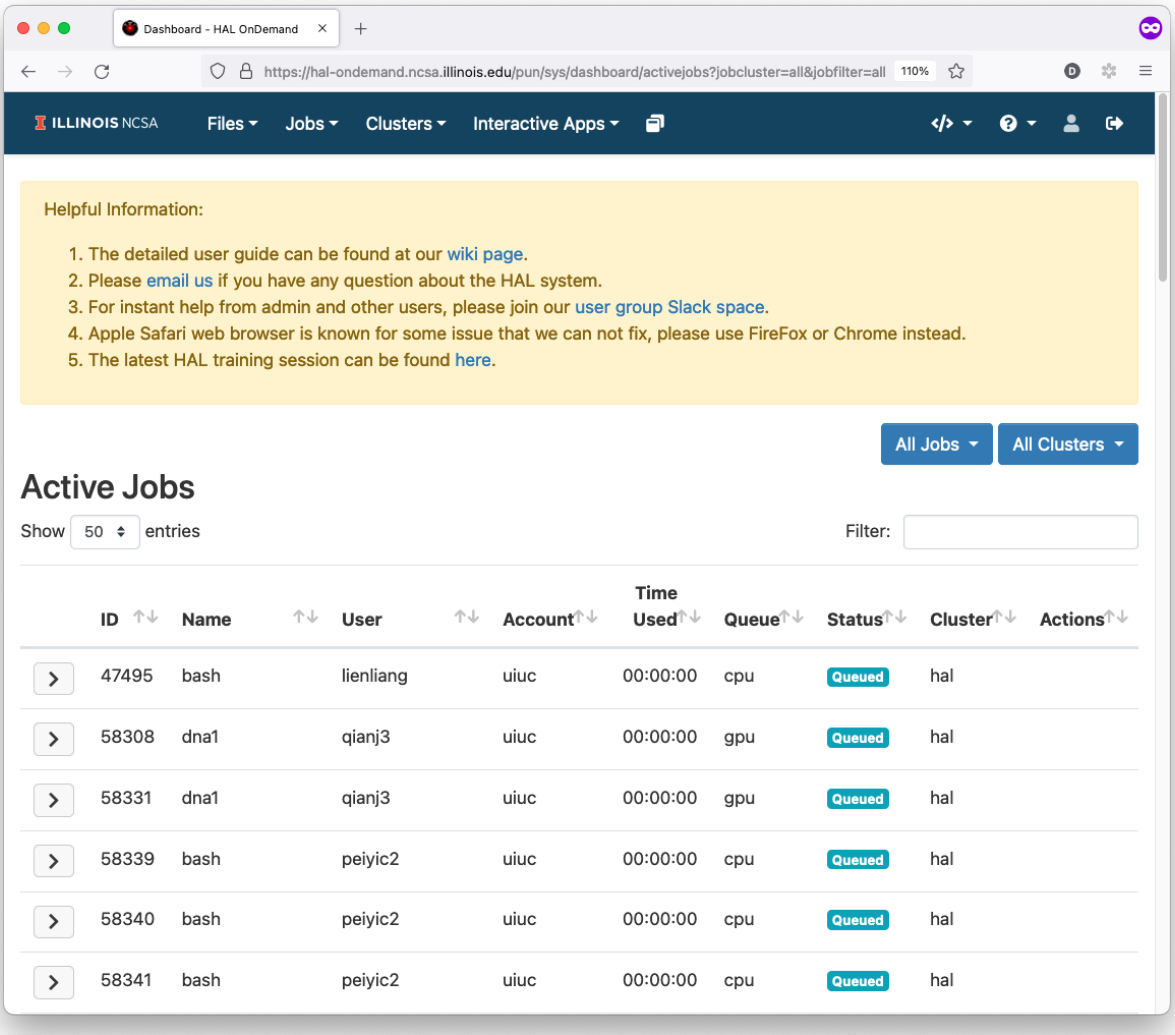


Jobs Apps

Active Jobs App

This Open OnDemand application provides a web-based view of the current status of all the available jobs on the batch servers hosted by the HPC center. This application is built with the Ruby on Rails web application framework.

The Active Jobs App displays all the available jobs in a dynamically searchable and sortable table. The user can search on job id, job name, job owner, charged account, status of job, as well as the cluster the job was submitted to. Progressive disclosure is used to show further details on individual jobs by clicking in the “right arrow” to the left of a table row.

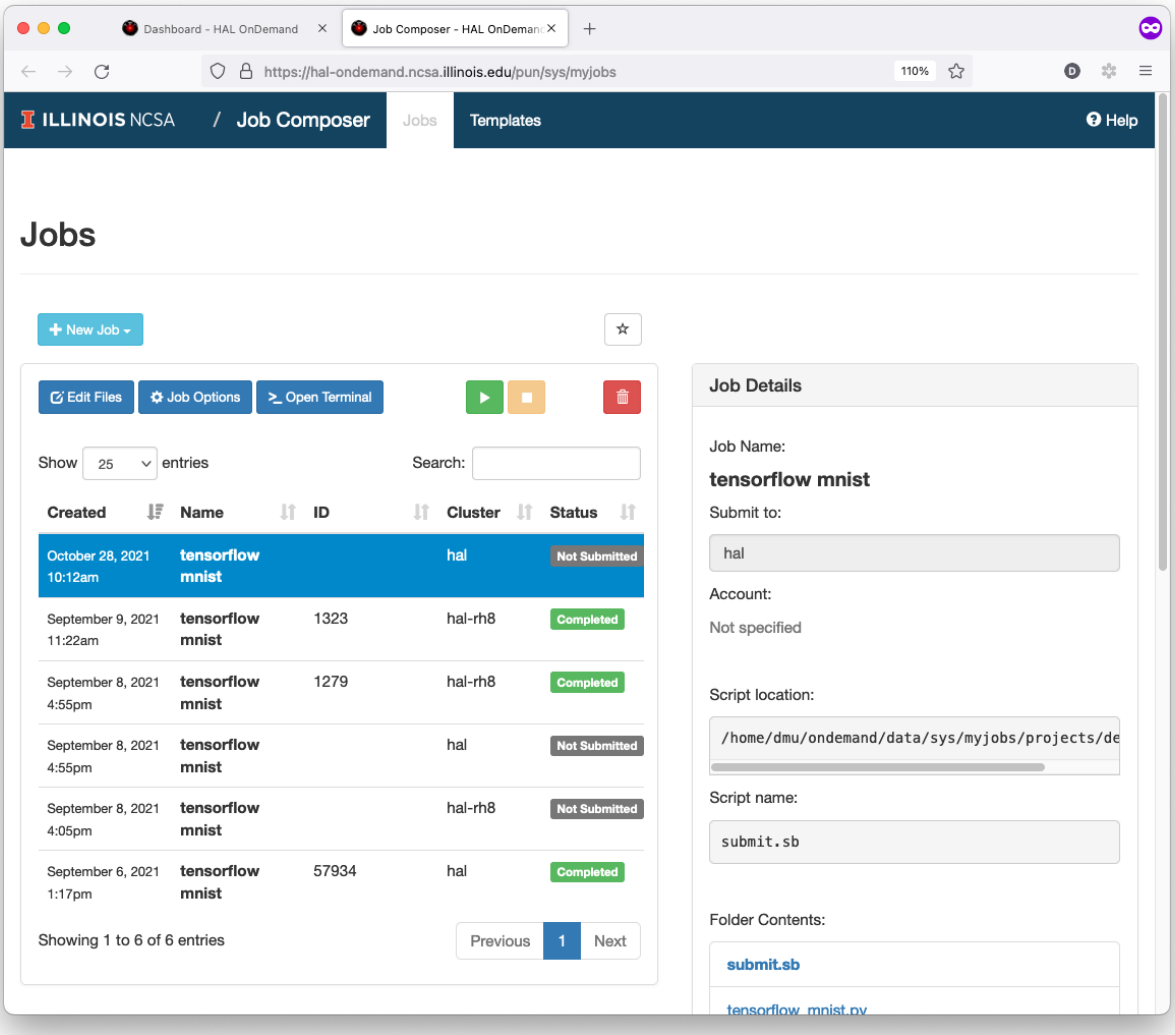


Job Composer App

This Open OnDemand application provides a web-based utility for creating and managing batch jobs from template directories. This application is built with the Ruby on Rails web application framework.

The Job Composer App attempts to model a simple but common workflow that typical users of an HPC center use. When users create new batch jobs they will follow the given workflow:

- Copy a directory of a previous job, either one of their previous jobs or a job from a group member
- Make minor modifications to the input files
- Submit this new job

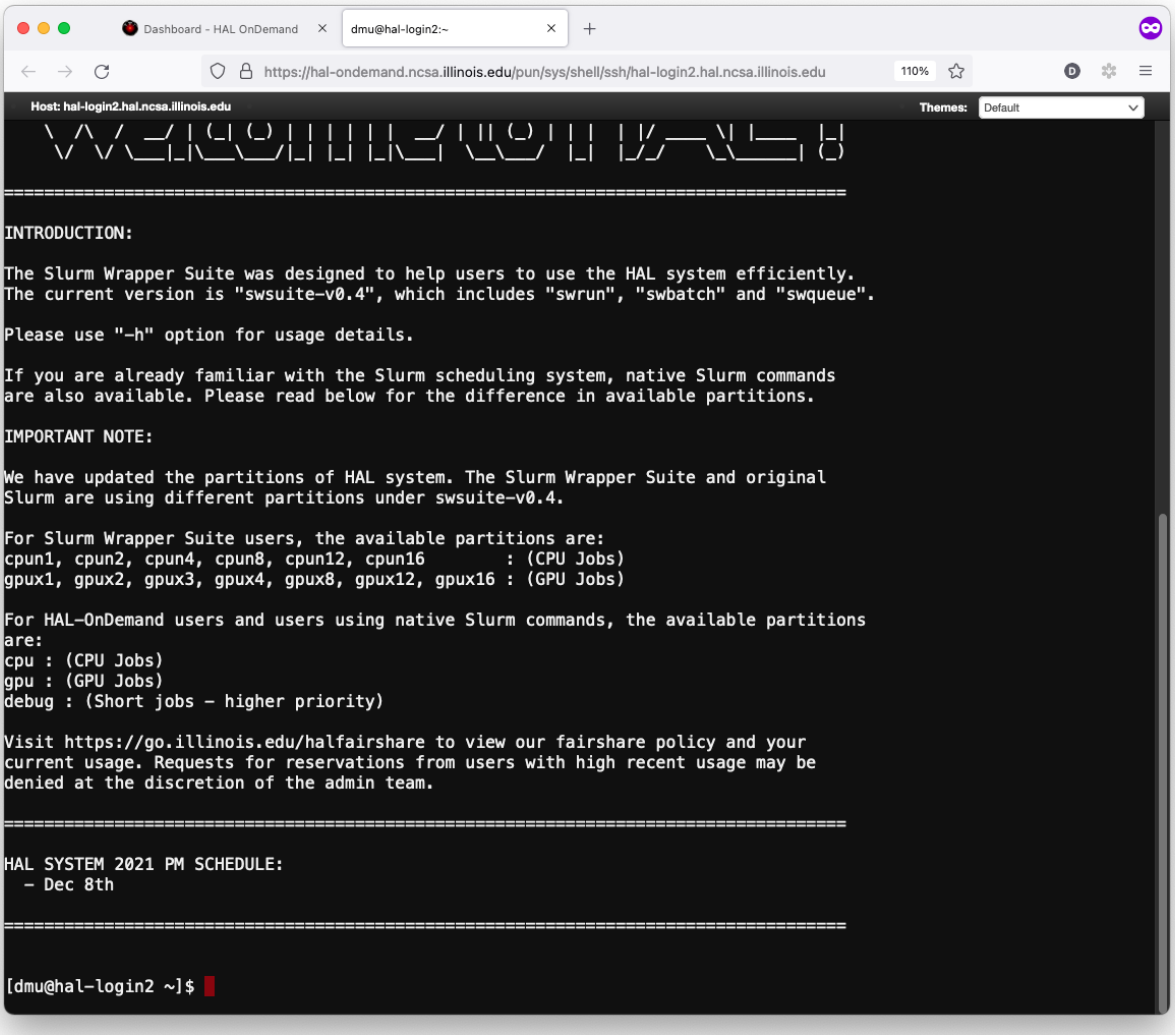


Clusters Apps

Shell App

This Open OnDemand application provides a web-based terminal that connects the user through an SSH session to either the local machine or any other machine allowed within the internal network. Typically this will connect the user to a login node. This application uses Node.js for its exceptional support of WebSockets providing a responsive user-experience as well as its event-driven framework allowing for multiple sessions simultaneously.

The terminal client is an xterm-compatible terminal emulator written entirely in JavaScript. The Shell App uses the Google client hterm for this. It performs reasonably well across most modern browsers on various operating systems. It is currently used by the developers of Open OnDemand quite a bit.

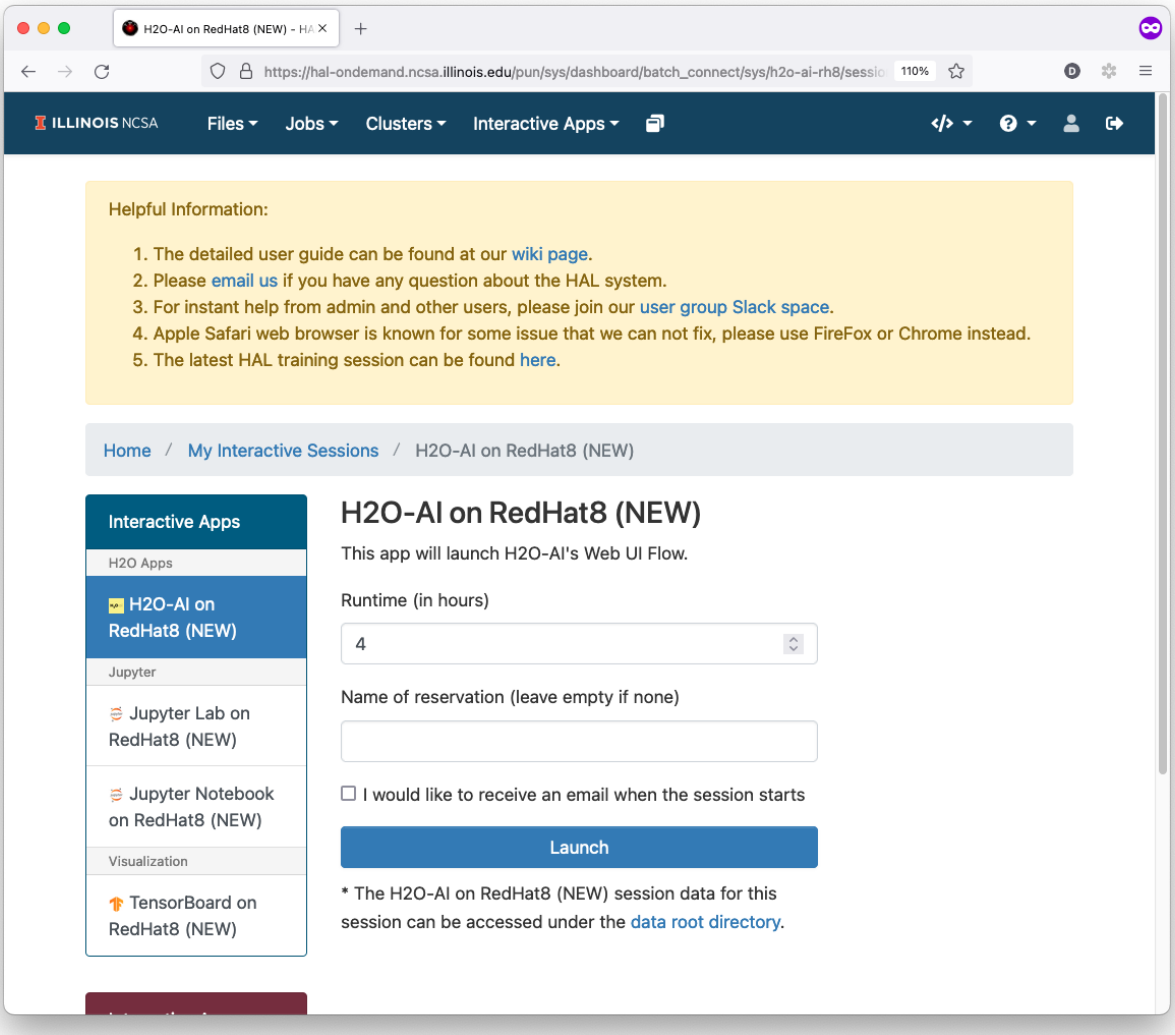


Interactive Apps

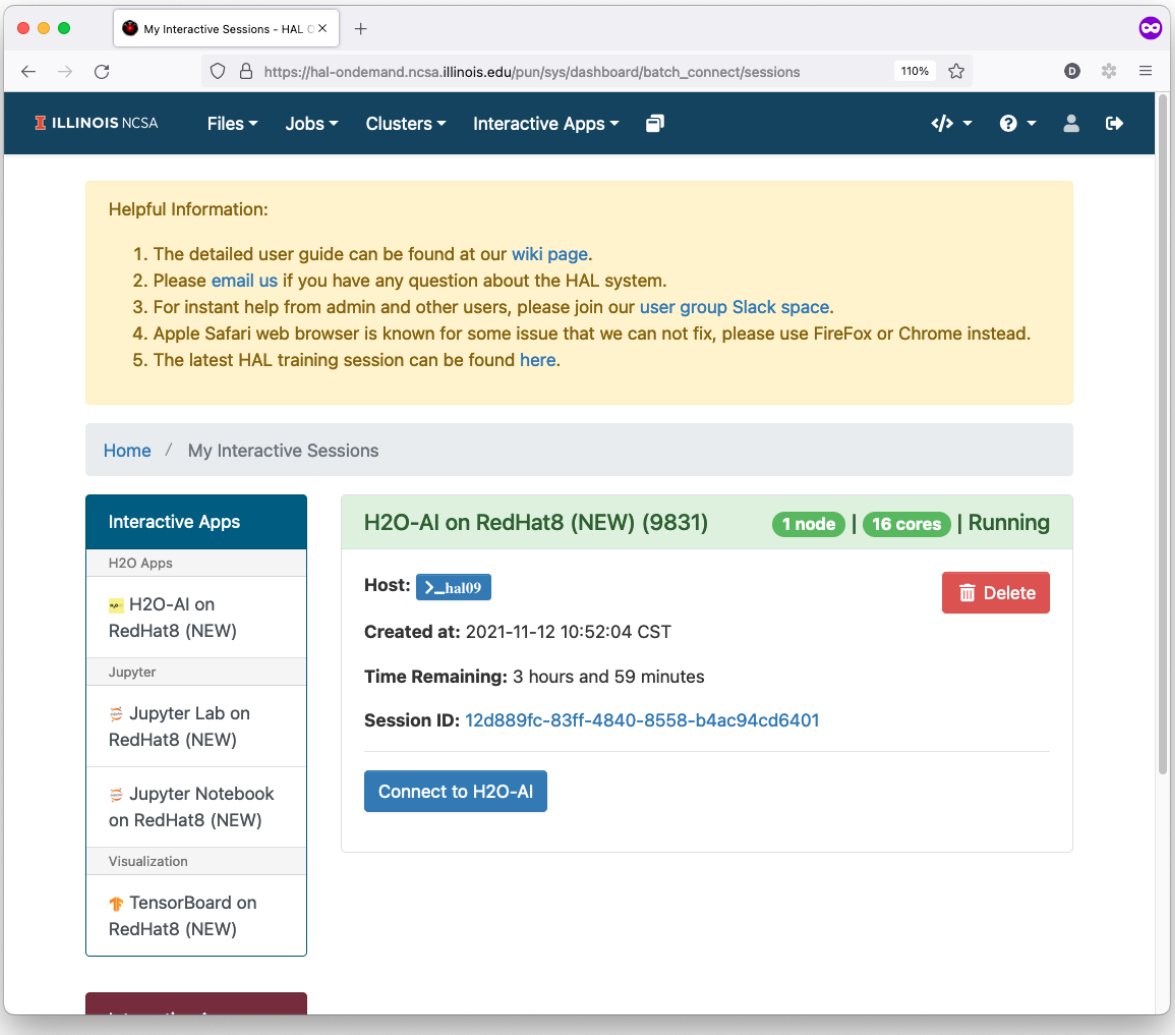
H2O-AI

The interactive H2O-AI app that your users will use to launch an H2O-AI flow Server within a batch job on a compute node. The user will then be able to connect to the running server through their browser and take advantage of the resources provided within the batch job.

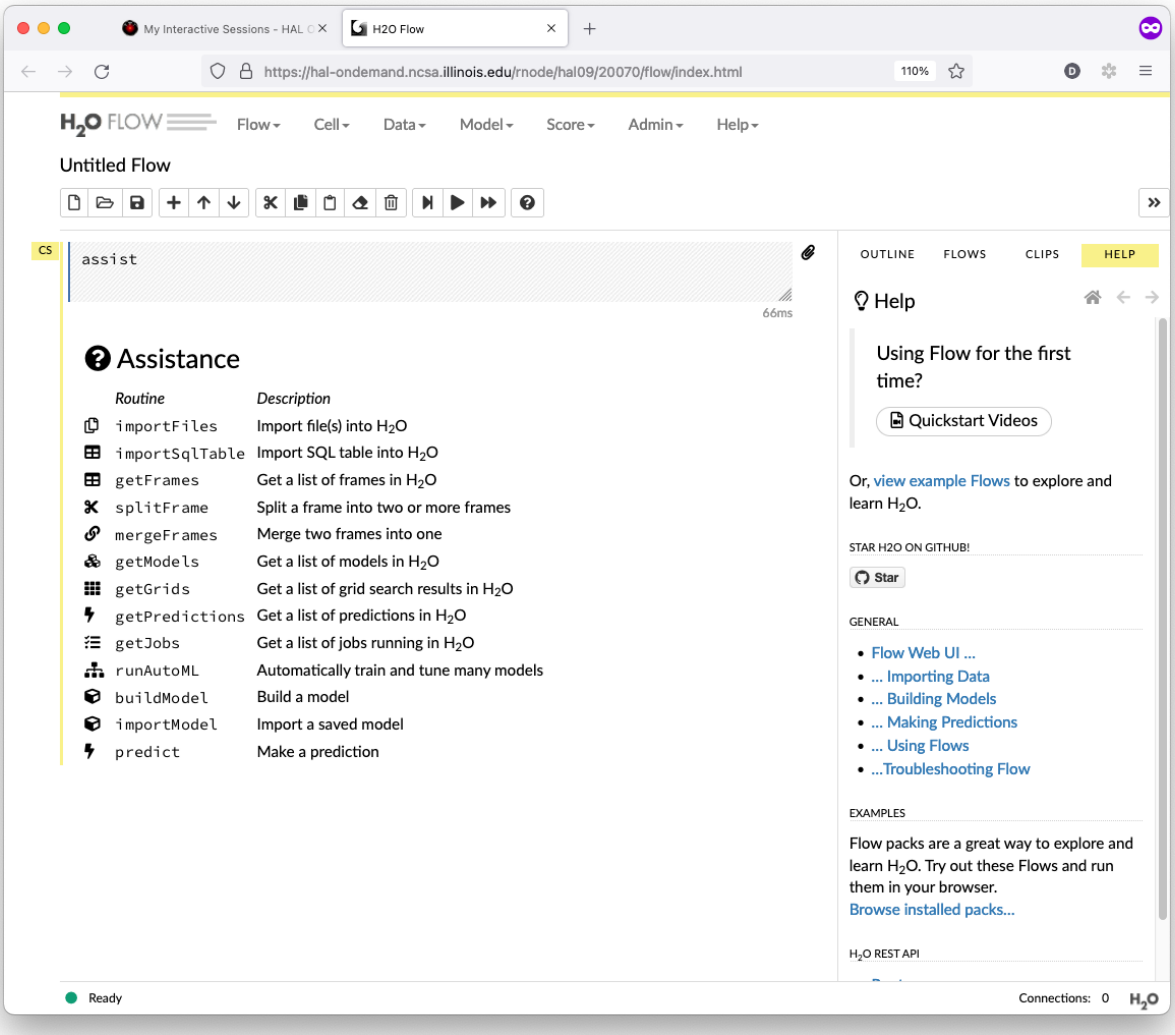
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- Wait for 1-2 Minutes then click **Connect to H2O-AI** button



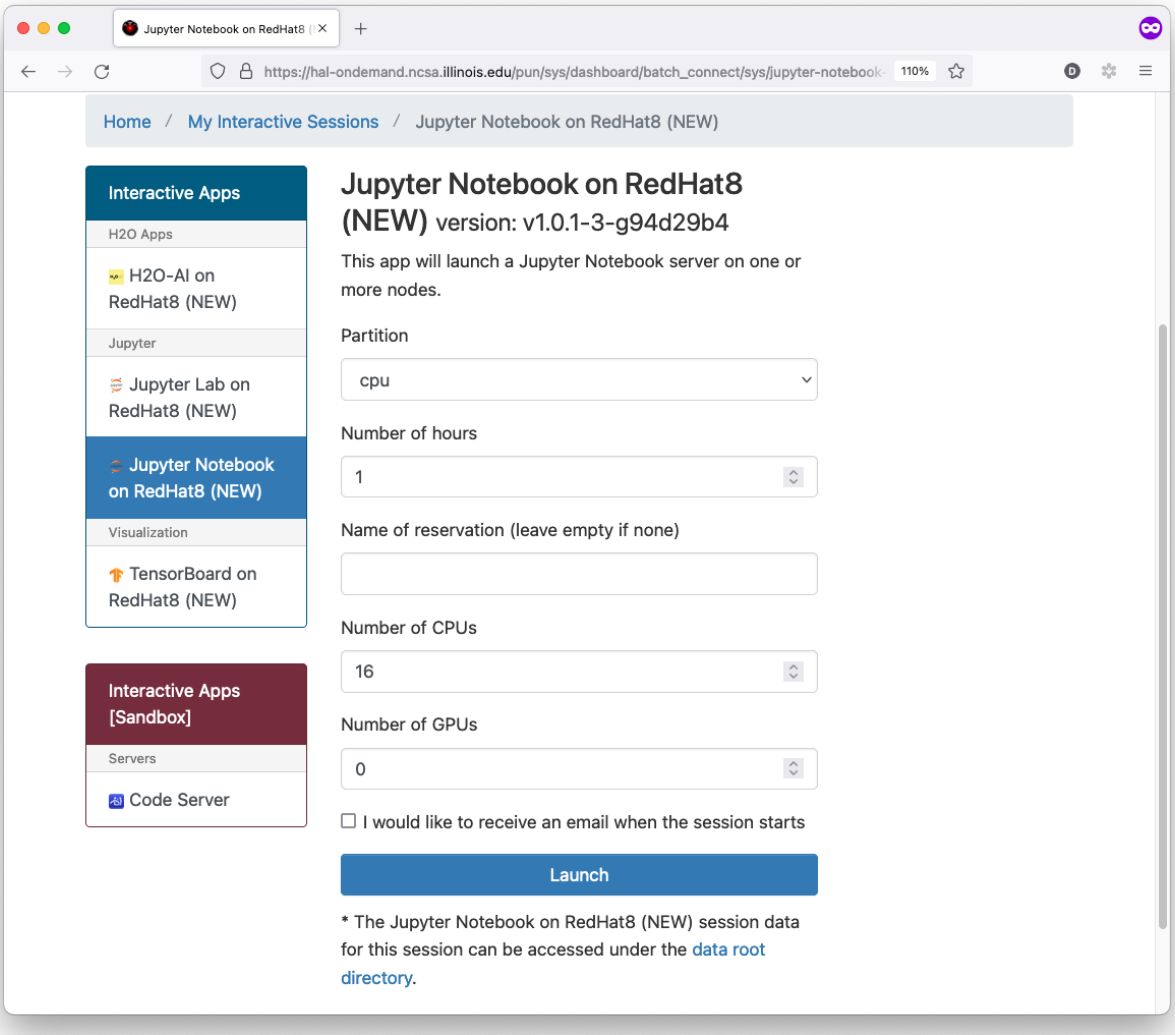
- Start Working on the **H2O FLOW** web page



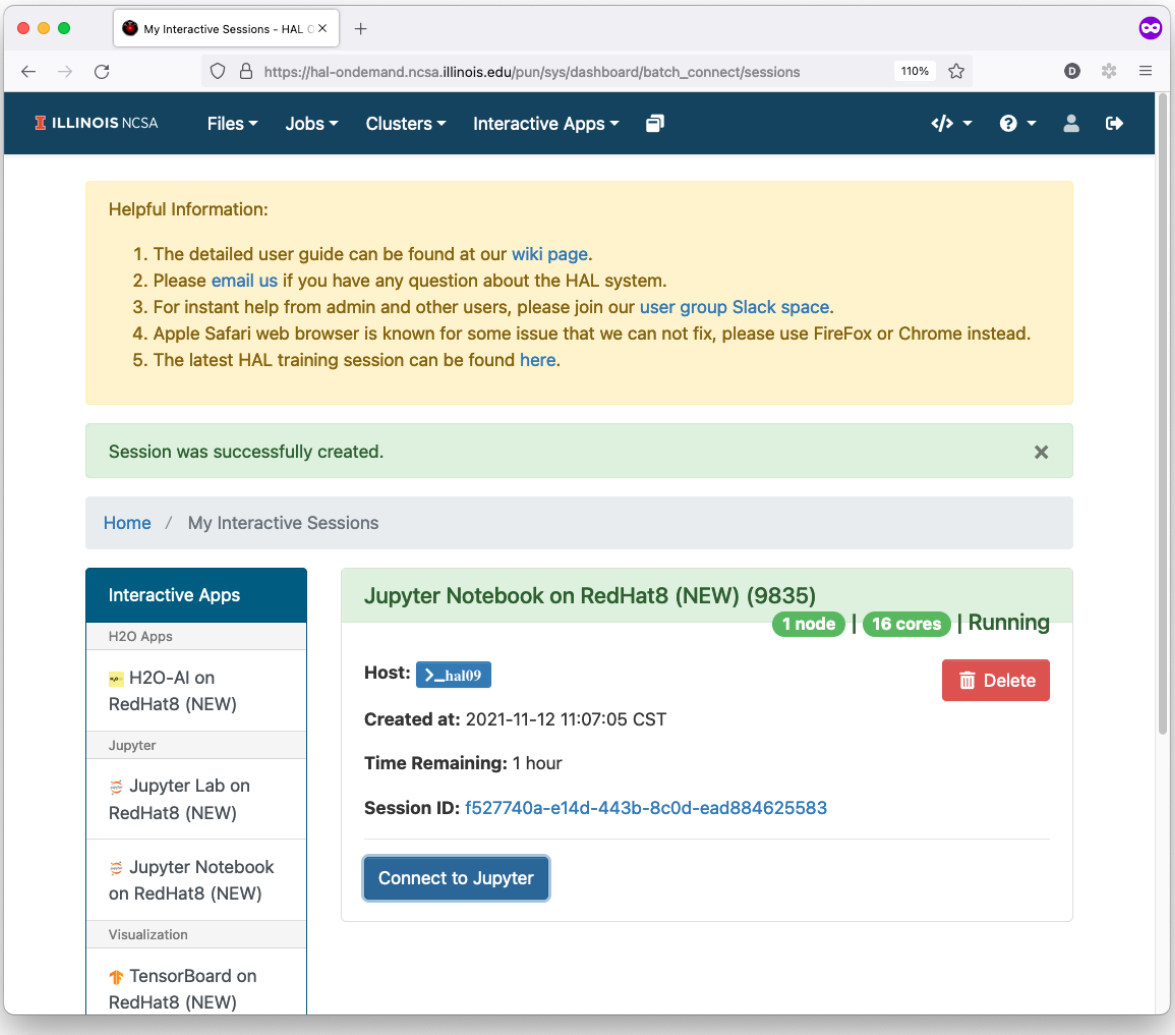
Jupyter-Notebook

The interactive Jupyter app that your users will use to launch a Jupyter Notebook Server within a batch job on a compute node. The user will then be able to connect to the running server through their browser and take advantage of the resources provided within the batch job.

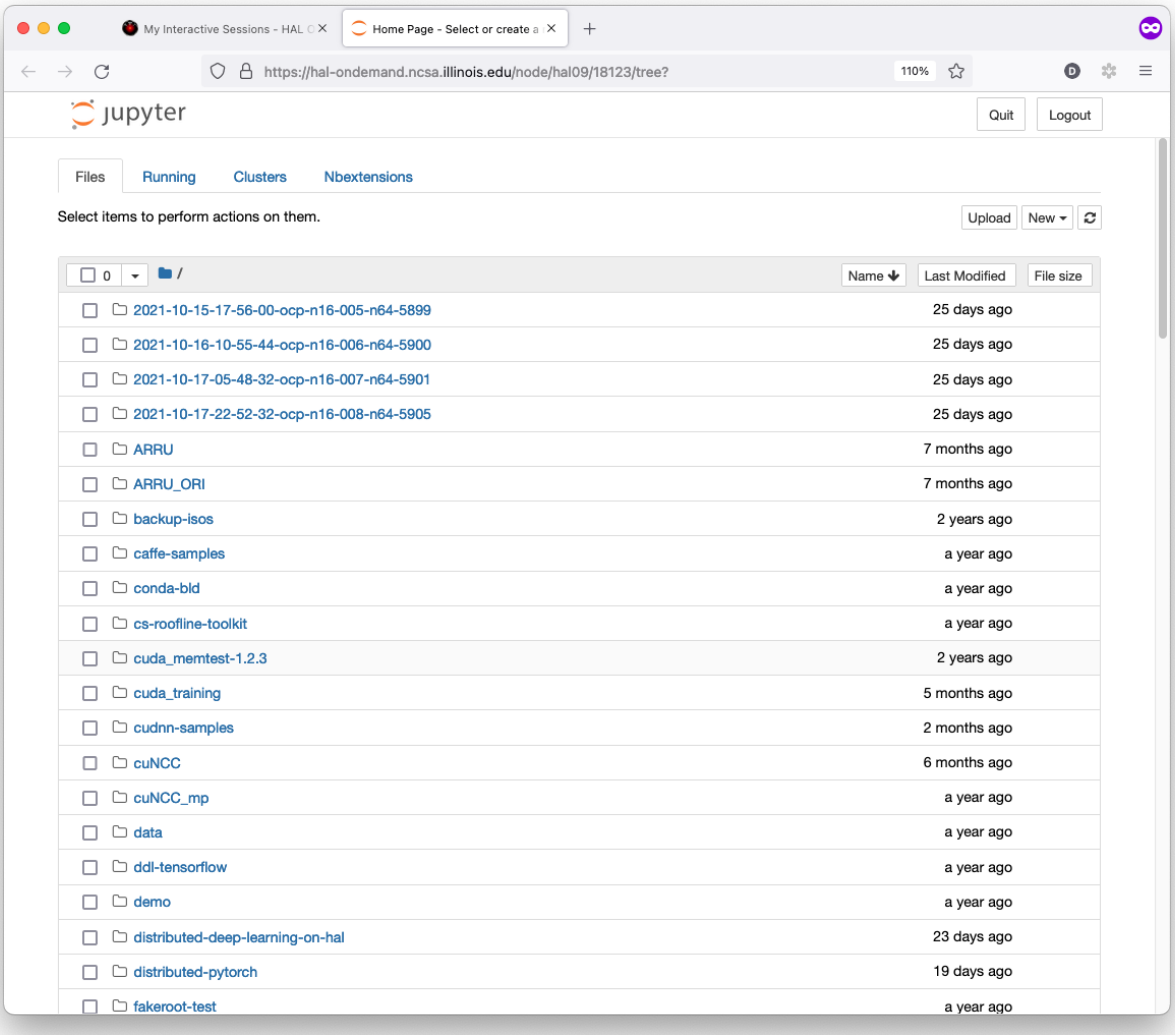
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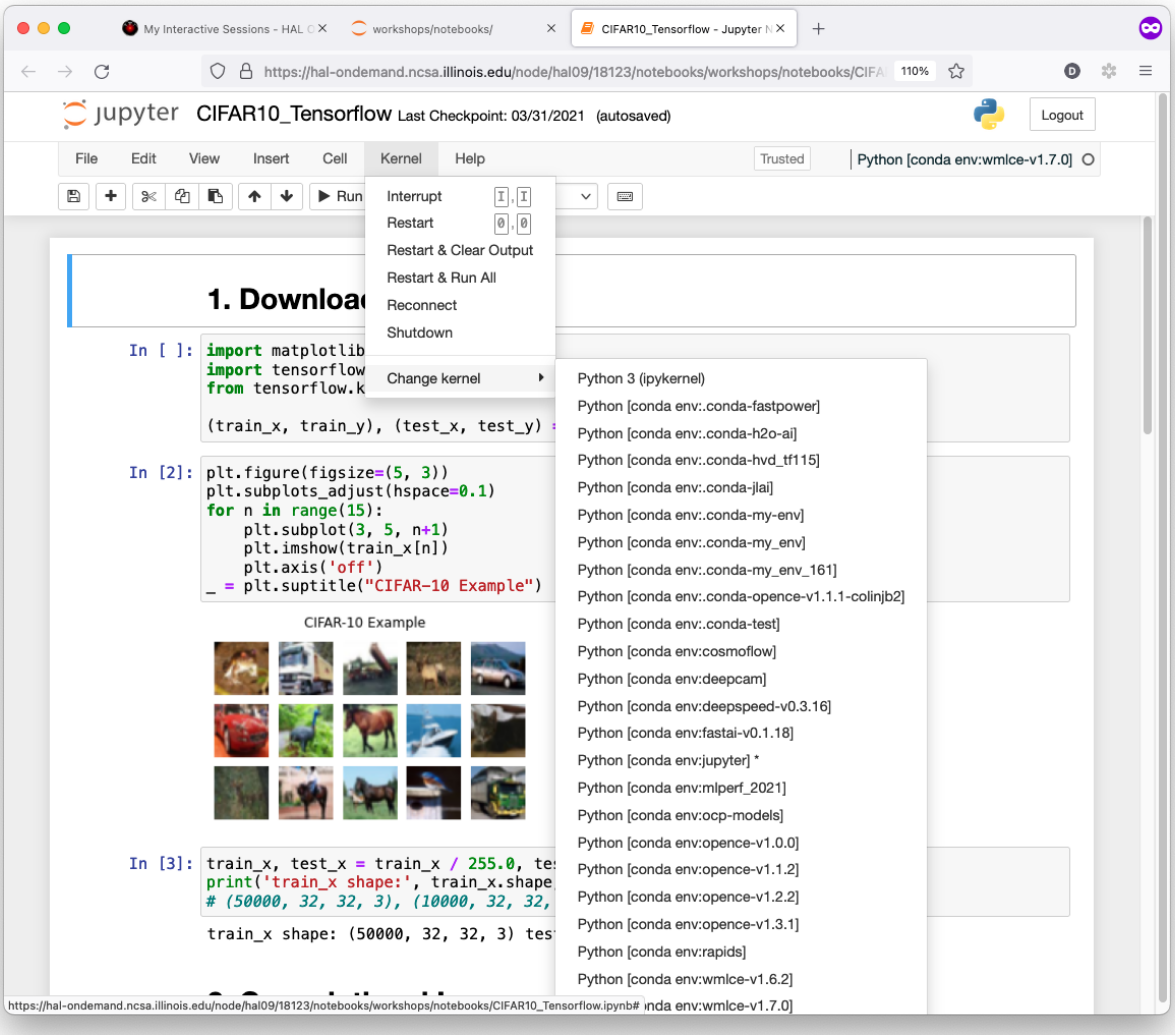
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- Start Working on the **Jupyter Notebook** web page



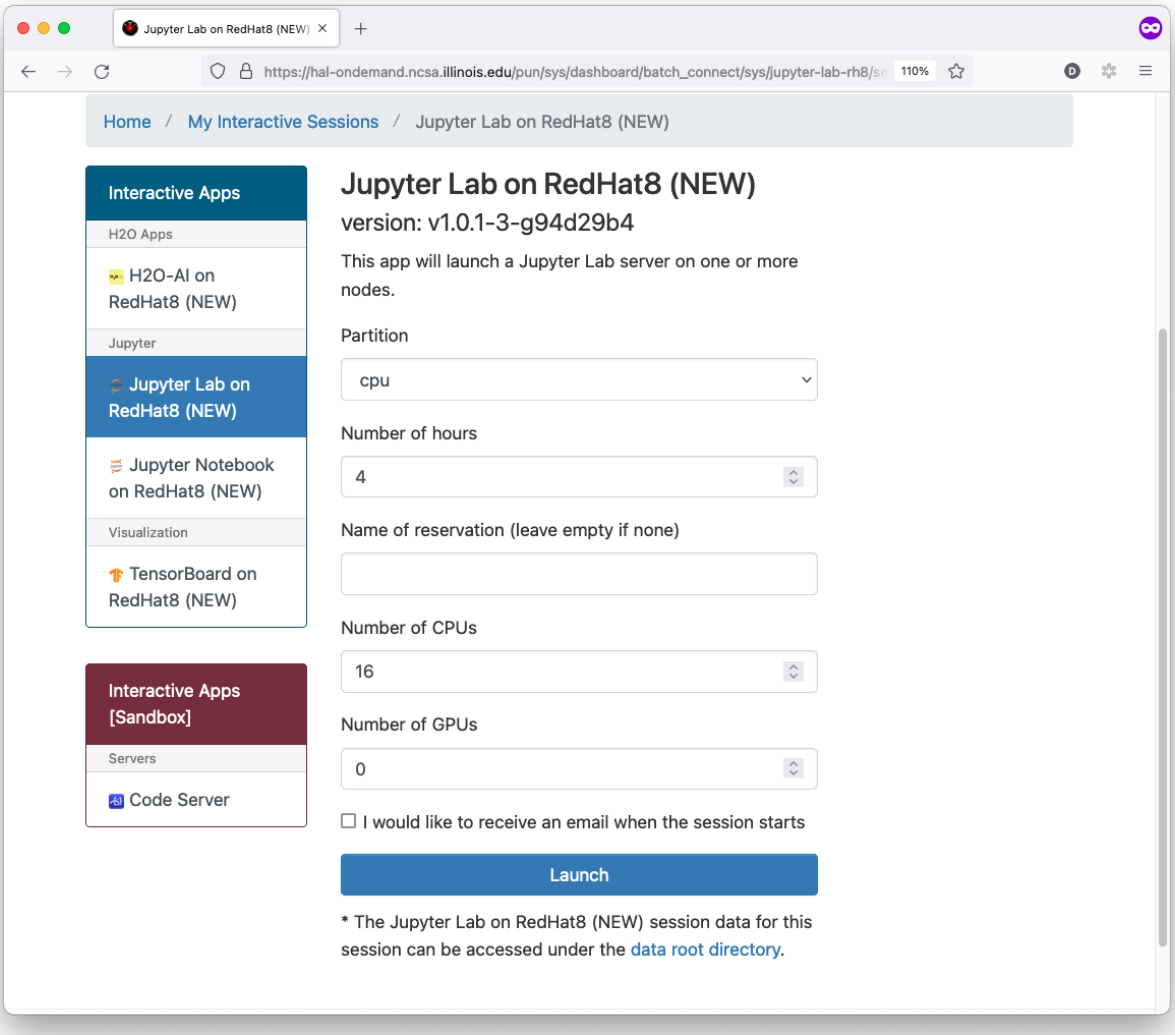
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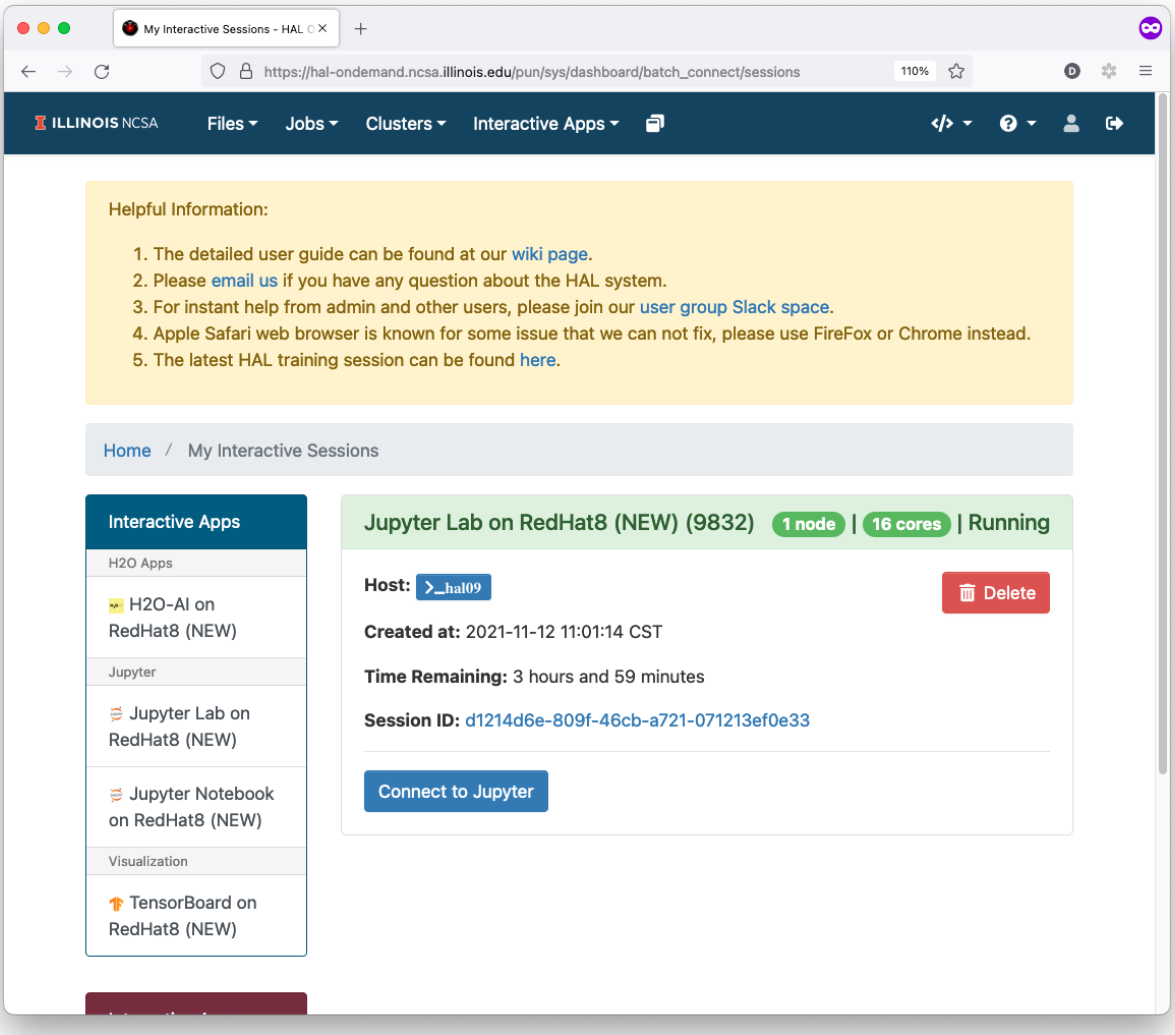
Jupyter-Lab

The interactive Jupyter app is a web-based interactive development environment for Jupyter notebooks, code, and data. JupyterLab is flexible: configure and arrange the user interface to support a wide range of workflows in data science, scientific computing, and machine learning.

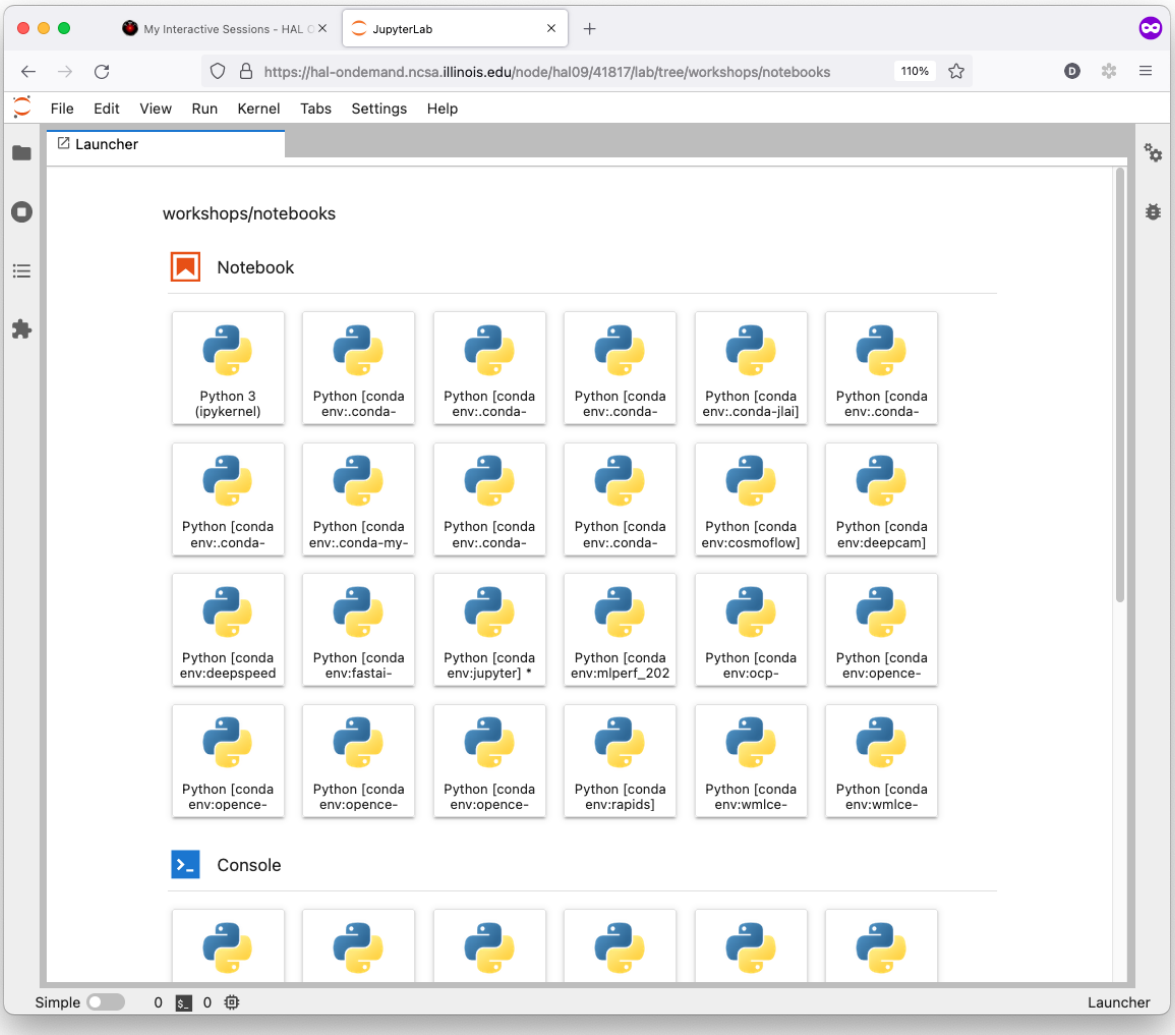
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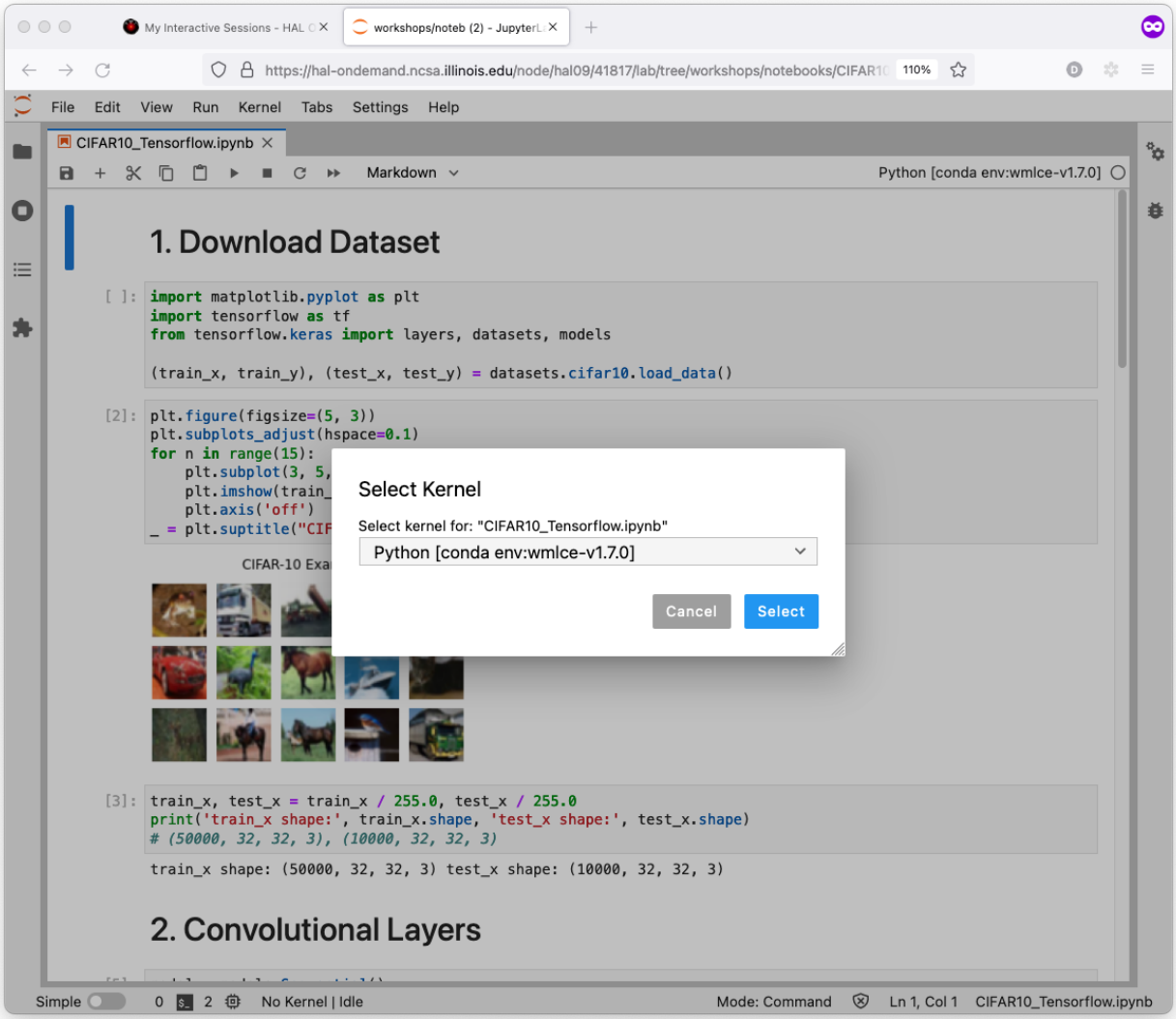
- Wait for 1-2 Minutes then click **Connect to Jupyter** button



- Start Working on the **Jupyter Lab** web page



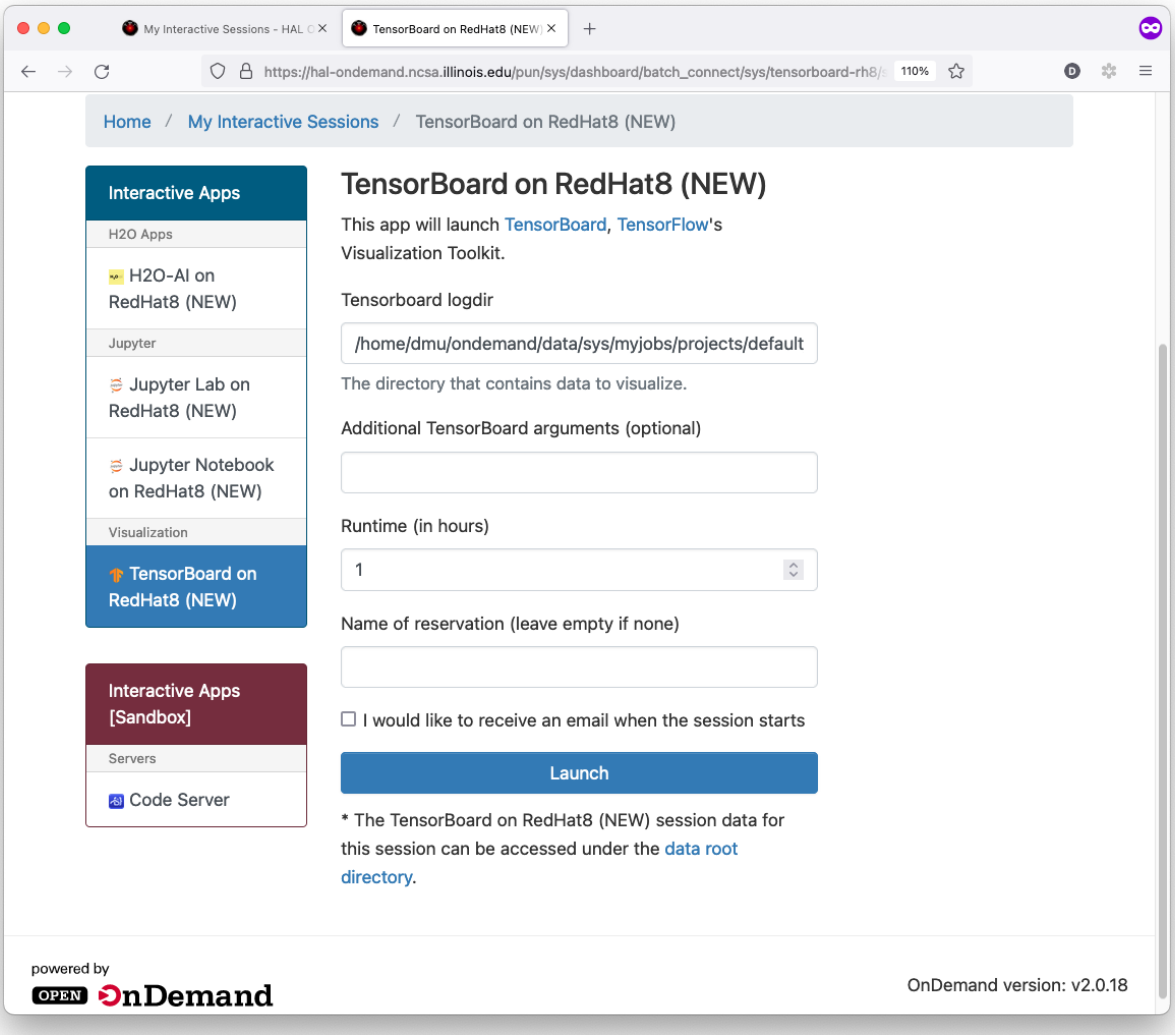
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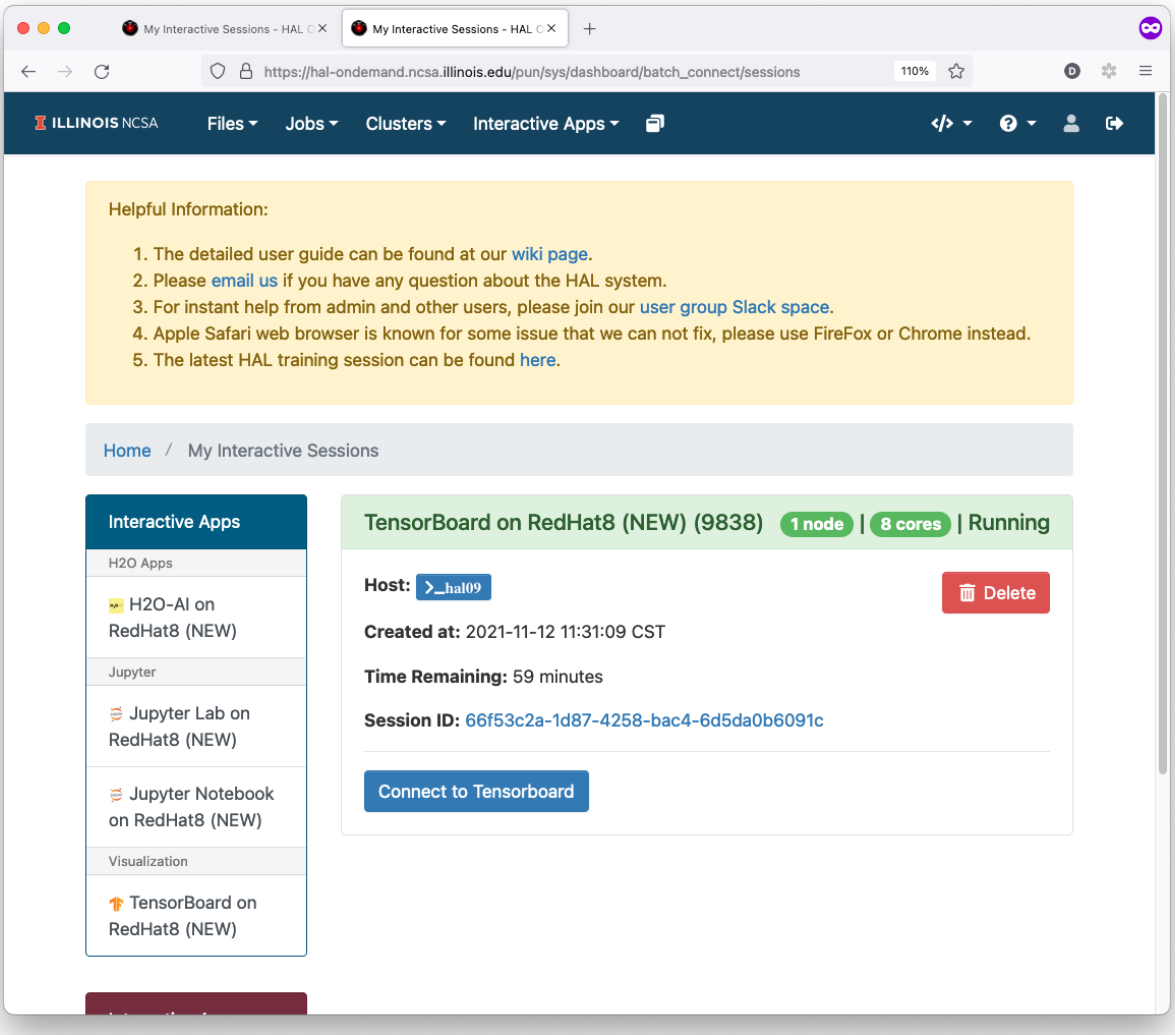
TensorBoard

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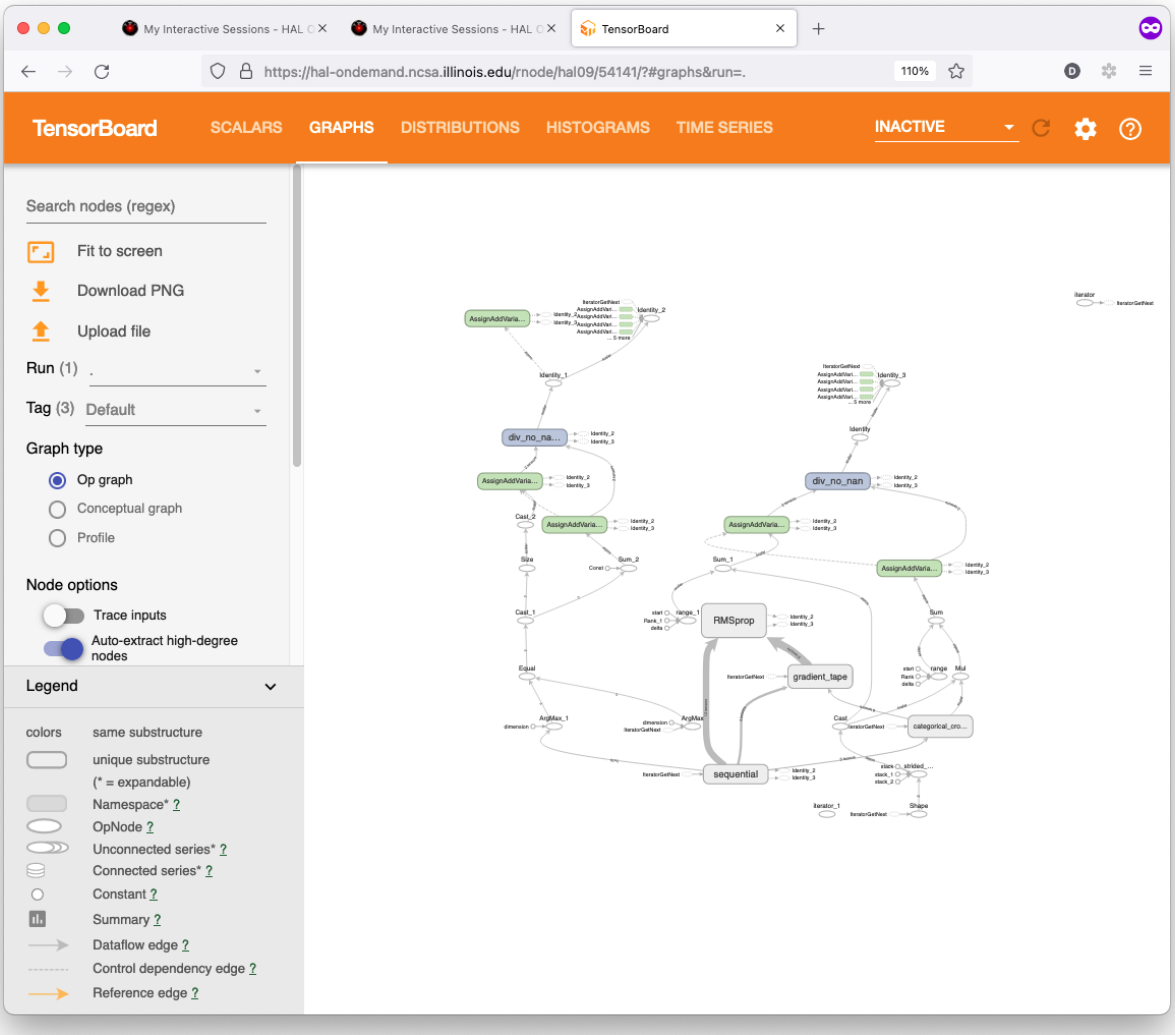
- Input Log Folder, Requested Hours, Reservation Name



- Wait for 1-2 Minutes then click **Connect to TensorBoard** button

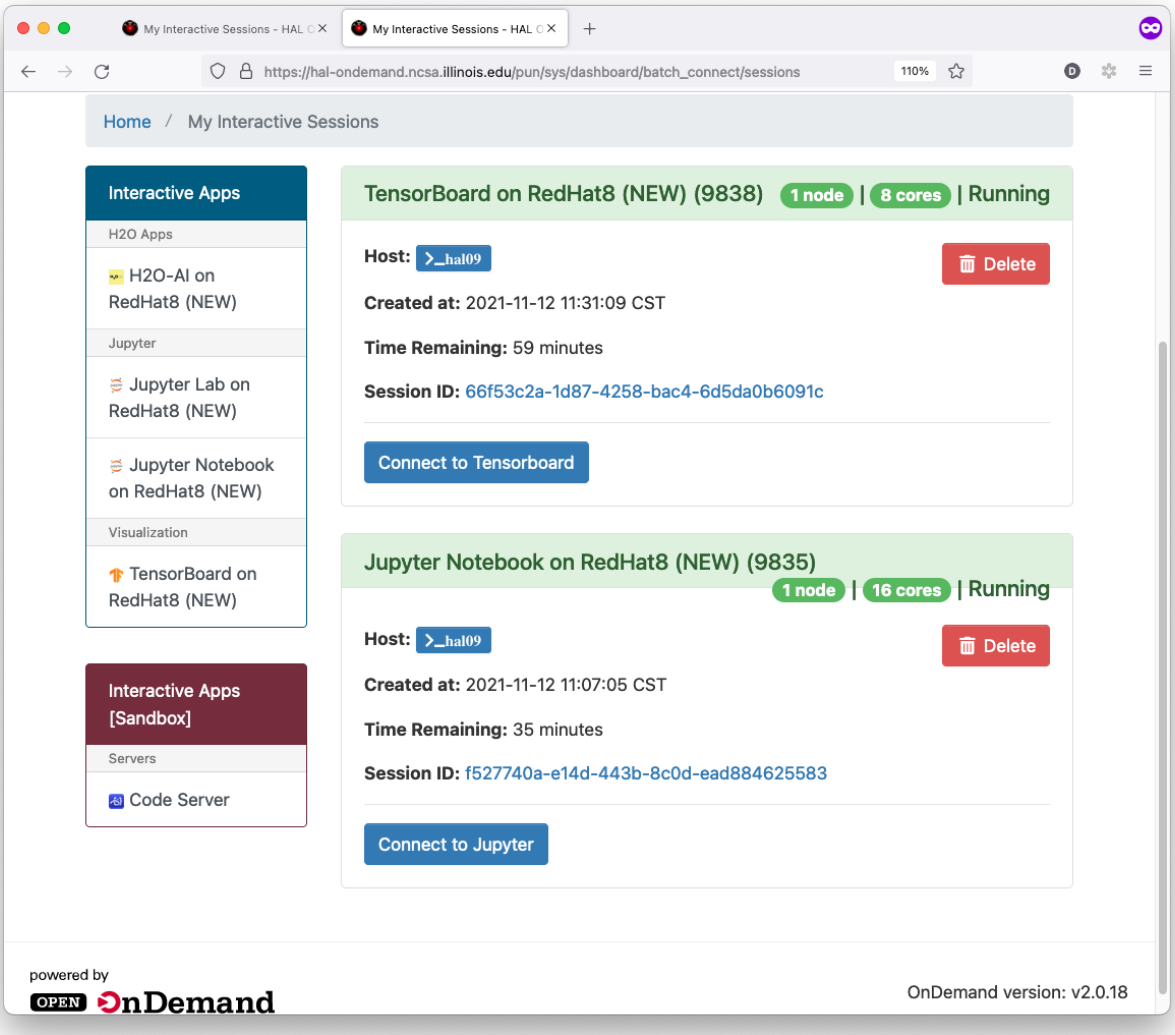


- Start Working on the **TensorBoard** web page



My Interactive Sessions

My Interactive Sessions can check and retrieve your current interactive jobs.


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H2O Apps
H2O-AI on RedHat8 (NEW)
Jupyter
Jupyter Lab on RedHat8 (NEW)
Jupyter Notebook on RedHat8 (NEW)
Visualization
TensorBoard on RedHat8 (NEW)
Interactive Apps [Sandbox]
Servers
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