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Bare metal, shells and clouds

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What you can expect from this presentation

Questions?
Ask anytime –
interrupt me

Hardware

How to
use
servers?

Data &
Storage

Services
@ ZID

Services
@ IMG

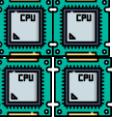
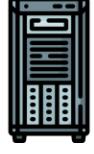
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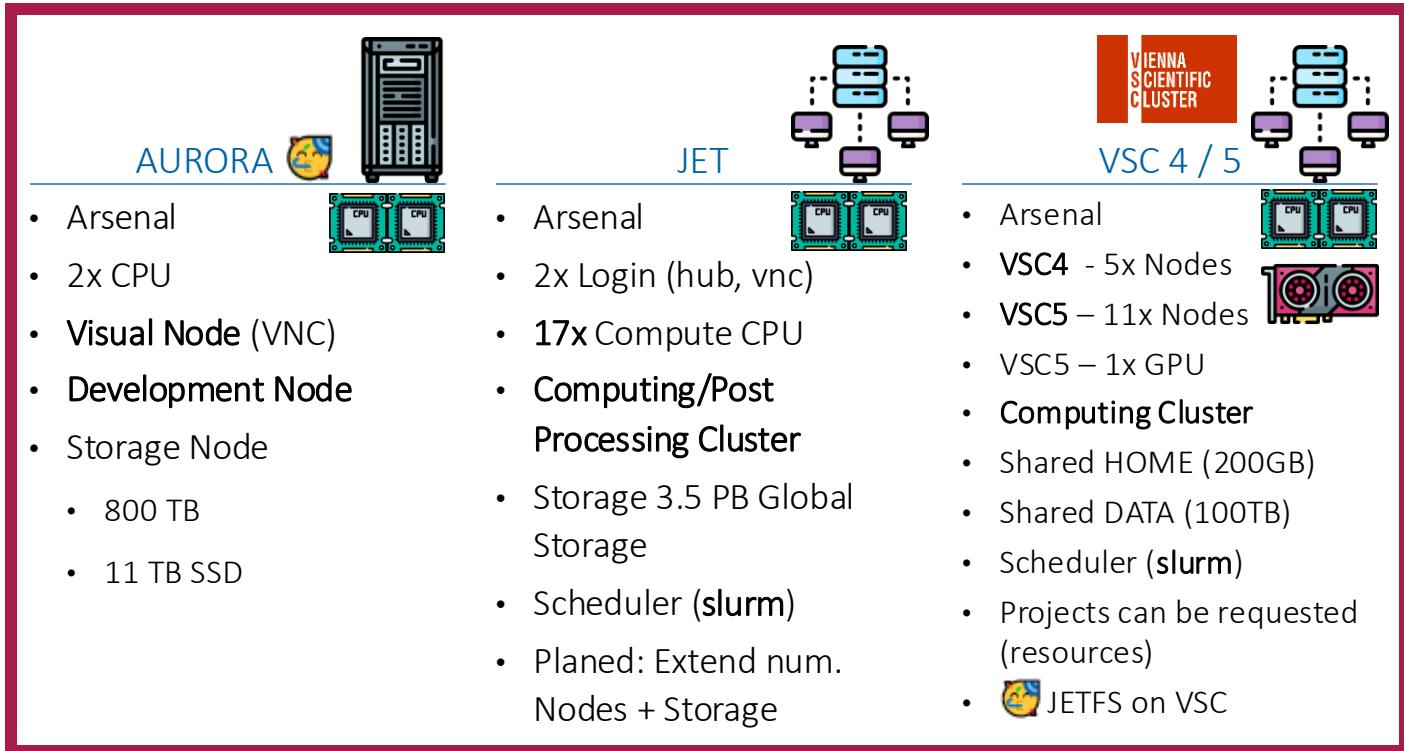


Bare metal

Hardware, VSC, ECMWF

Bare metal @ Department – SRVX – JET – VSC Nodes

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|--|--|
| SRVX1 |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arsenal• 4x CPU• Teaching Node |  |
| SRVX8 |   |



Other HPC that might be relevant for you



- Copernicus DIAS (Data & Info Access S.)
- Explore all Copernicus Data
- JupyterHub
- Limited Storage space
- Recipe: Explore what could be useful (data, sats, ...)👉
- Sign up **free**.



- Bologna HPC
- Supervisor can get you access
- MARS Data archive



- April 2023
- Europe **2nd** HPC
- Proposals to VSC (Projects)



- Jupyter -
eodc.wolke.img.univie.ac.at
- EODC – products (Sentinel, GPSRO, ERA5,...)



Shells & tools

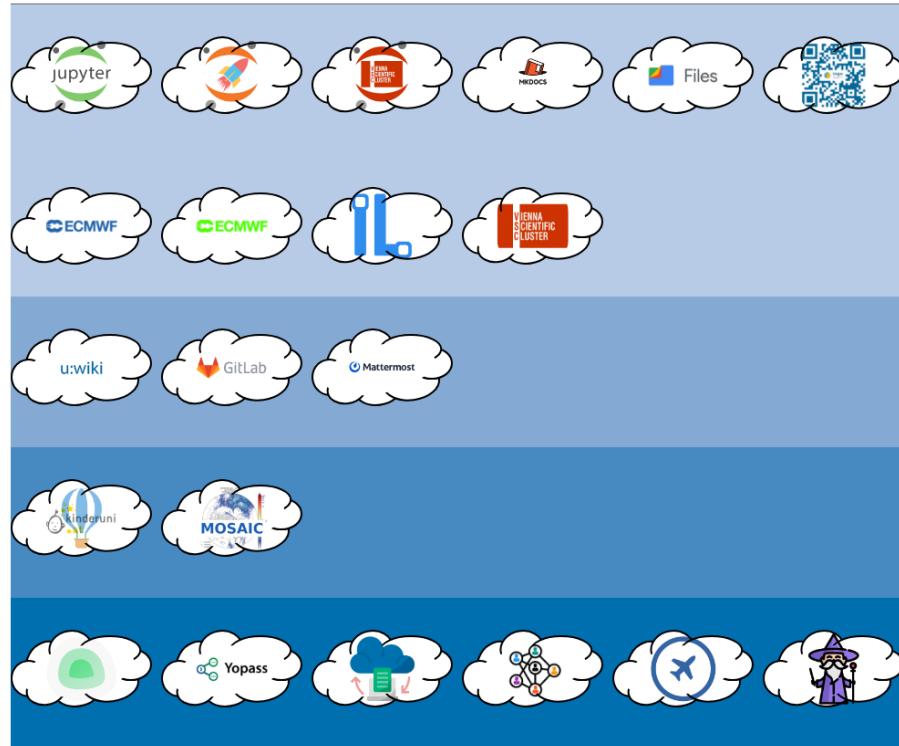
Starting point, Command line



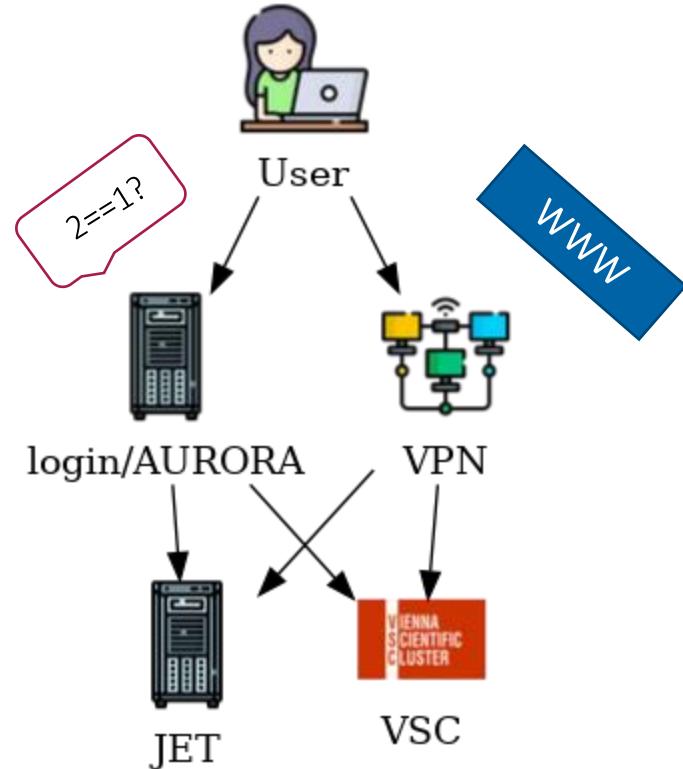
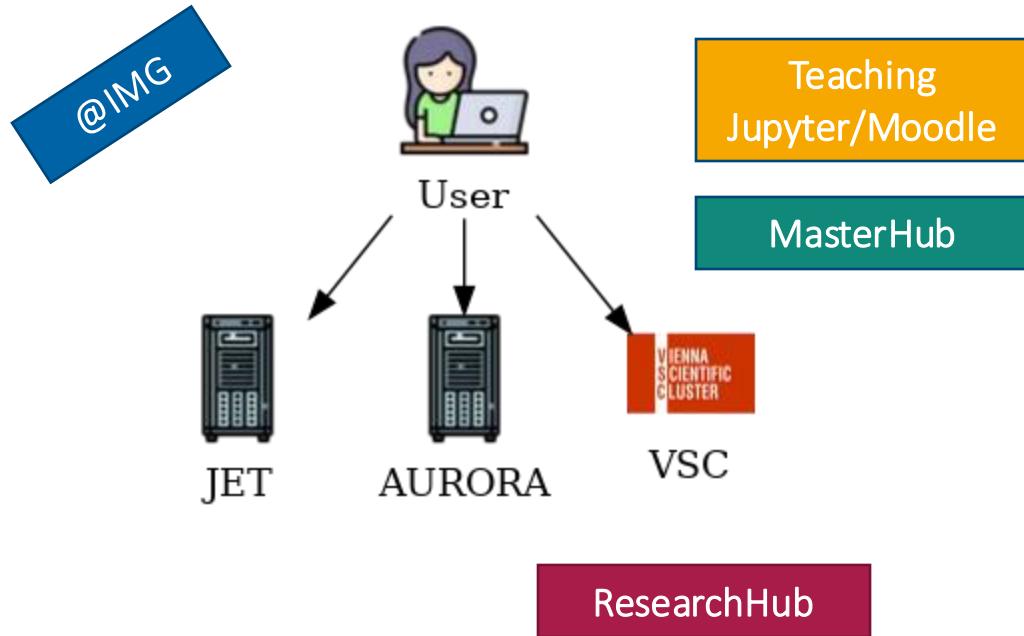
Shells & tools – Wolke (cloud)

- Where to start? *Wolke*
- Where to go first? *Wolke*
- What can help you? *Wolke*
- <https://wolke.img.univie.ac.at>
- Server related issues?
 - Schedule
 - Status of Services

Questions?
Are you missing
something?



Shells & tools – Access



Shells & tools – Accounts

1. u:account

- All ZID services
- Jupyterhub @Moodle

2. w:account (Wolke IMG account)

- All servers
- Jupyterhub on JET

~~3. t:account TeachingHub~~

4. ec:account (ECMWF)

5. vsc:account (VSC)

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the ECMWF website. It includes links for Home, About, Forecasts, Computing, Research, Learning, and Publications. There are also links for EN (English), Search, Help, Log In, and Quick Links.

Vienna University Computer Center
IT services of the ZID | IT world | News | Support | About the ZID

through international collaboration



This screenshot shows a sub-page under the 'Account' section titled 'Account – u:account'. It provides information about the account, such as its purpose for personal access to IT services and its components (u:account itself and u:account password). It also mentions termination conditions and password management. A link to 'ROCKY IDENTITY MANAGEMENT' is visible at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the 'ROCKY IDENTITY MANAGEMENT' login interface. It features fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Log in Using Certificate' and 'Sync OTP Token'. To the right, instructions for logging in with username/password, Kerberos, or certificate are provided.

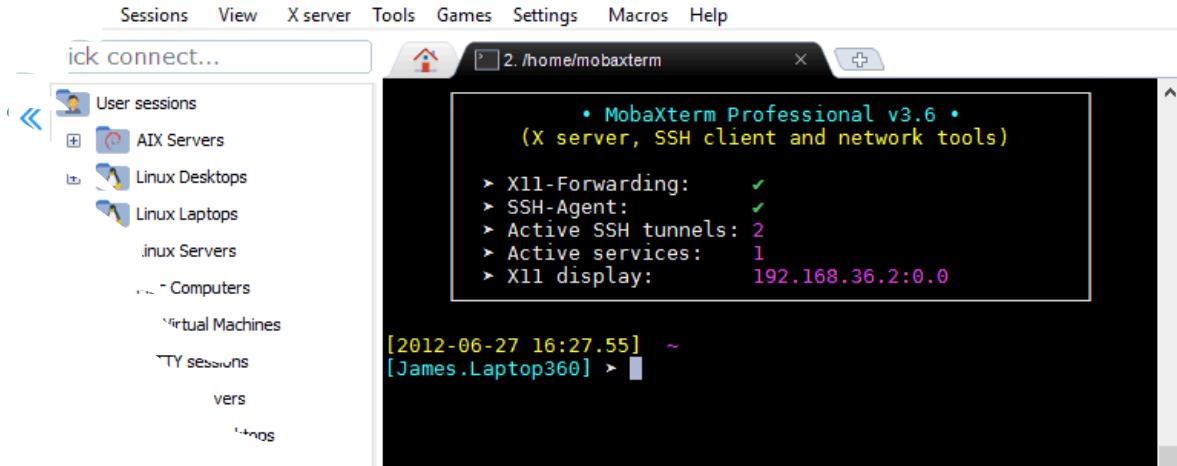
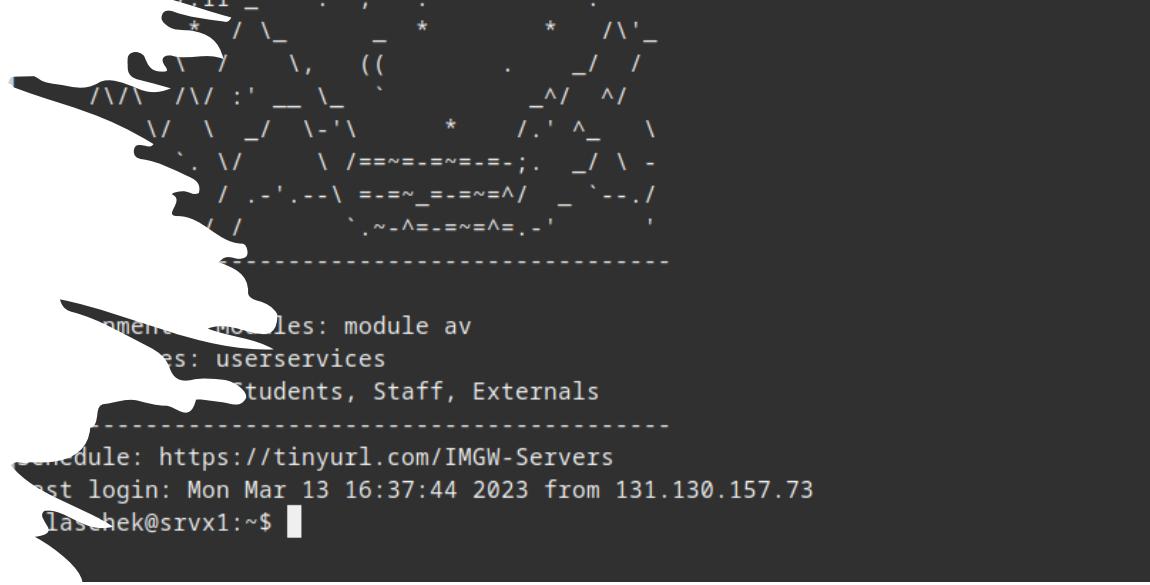
This screenshot shows the login page for the Institut für Meteorologie und Geophysik (IM) at the University of Vienna. It features the IM logo and the university's name. A 'Sign in' button is visible at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the welcome page for the High Performance Computer at the Institut für Meteorologie und Geophysik. It features the IM logo and the university's name. A 'Sign in' button is visible at the bottom.

This screenshot shows a detailed view of the sign-in form on the IM website. It includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a 'Sign in' button.

Shells & tools – Connection 101

- Command line way:
 - Linux (ssh, sftp, ...)
 - Windows (MobaXterm (ssh, sftp, vnc), ssh client)
- Visual ways:
 - **Browser**, JupyterHub (srvx1, jet02, VSC, WEkEO, ECMWF, EODC)
 - **VNC**, Graphical Linux Server (srvx8, aurora, jet01)



Shells & tools – userservices

- **userservices** – collection of useful scripts
 - **filesender** – [ACOnet](#) 250 GB
 - **quota** – storage quota of user
 - **transfersh** – send small files (<500 MB)
 - **ucloud** – upload to u:cloud
 - **yopass** – encrypt messages
 - **vnc** – Virtual desktop on SRVX8
 - **weather** – current weather info
 - **archive** – send off to ZID archive

```
mblaschek@NB513 ~> █  
█
```

Shells & tools – userservices filesender

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```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$
```

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Shells & tools – userservices sshtools

- **userservices** – collection of useful scripts
 - **file** – file manager (250 GB storage)
 - **query** – and is available now all the time
 - **send** – transfer files (250 GB storage)
 - **transfersh** – send small files (<500 MB)
 - **ucloud** – upload to u:cloud
 - **yopass** – encrypt messages
 - **vnc** – Virtual desktop on SRVX8
 - **weather** – current weather info

```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$ exit
logout
Connection to srvx1.img.univie.ac.at closed.
mblaschek@NB513 ~>
```

Shells & tools – userservices transfersh

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```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$
```

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Shells & tools – userservices vnc (JET01, AURORA)

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```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$
```

[1]

Shells & tools – user support

- Environment modules on all servers + HPCs
 - Dynamic loading of different versions of the same library/software
- **module av**
- **module list**
- **module load <mod name>**
- **module purge**

```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$
```

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```

Shells & tools – user support

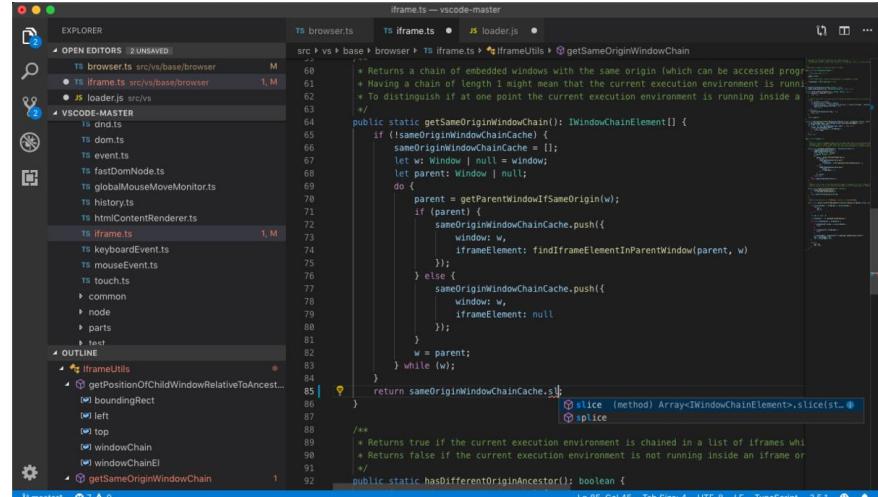
- Most users have bash (**chsh -l**)
- Easy for beginners: **fish**
- Shells use configuration files, e.g.
.bashrc, **.cshrc**, ...
- Scripts can use all kind of shells
 - **#!/bin/bash**
- Cause of trouble
 - Module load in **.bashrc**, create alias
`mymod="module load <modules>"`

```
mblaschek@srvx1:~$
```

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Shells & tools – user support - recommendations

- Editors: **vim**, **nano**
- Dev Environment: **VSCode**, **Code OSS**
 - Extensions: Remote SSH, Dev Containers, Python, Notebooks, Modern Fortran, ...
 - Git fully integrated
- Python: build your own environment
 - Use **conda** or **micromamba**
 - Install packages, create environment file for a working environment (backup)
 - Add as a kernel to TeachingHub/ResearchHub



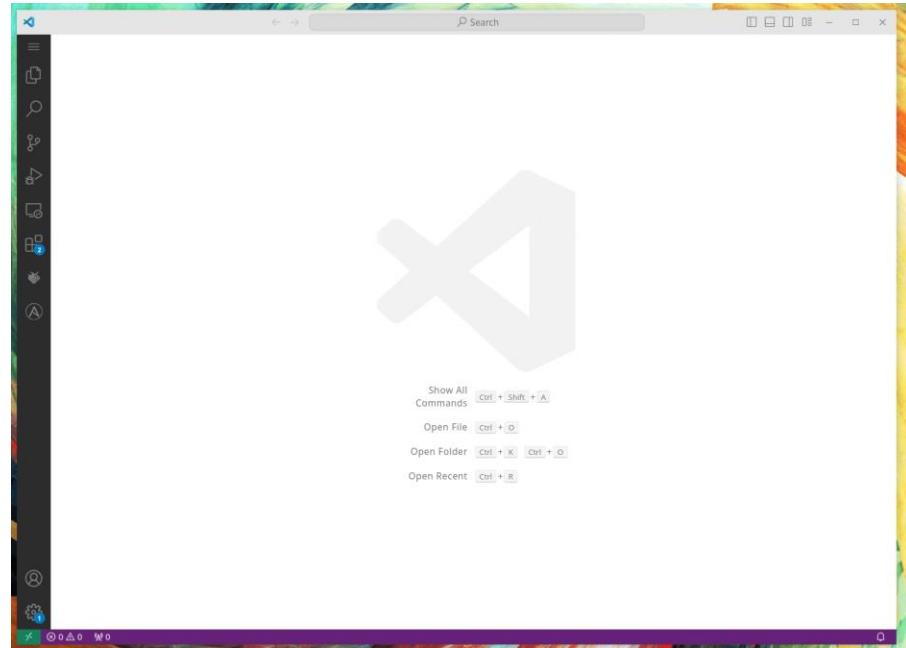
A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VSCode) interface. The Explorer sidebar shows a tree view of files and folders, including 'src', 'base', 'browser', 'iframe.ts', 'loader.ts', and 'VSCode-MASTER'. The 'iframe.ts' file is currently open in the main editor area, displaying TypeScript code. The code defines a static method 'getSameOriginWindowChain()' that returns a chain of windows with the same origin. It uses a recursive approach to traverse the window hierarchy, pushing elements onto a cache if they have the same origin. The code is annotated with comments explaining its logic. The bottom status bar shows the file path 'iframe.ts — vscode-master', the line number 'Ln 85, Col 45', tab size 'Tab Size: 4', character encoding 'UTF-8', language 'TypeScript', and version '3.5.1'.

```
iframe.ts — vscode-master
src > vs > base > browser > iframe.ts > loader.ts > getSameOriginWindowChain()
  * Returns a chain of windows with the same origin (which can be accessed prop-
  * Having a chain of length 1 might mean that the current execution environment is runni-
  * To distinguish if at one point the current execution environment is running inside
  */
public static getSameOriginWindowChain(): IWindowChainElement[] {
  if (!sameOriginWindowChainCache) {
    sameOriginWindowChainCache = [];
  }
  let w: Window | null = window;
  let parent: Window | null;
  do {
    parent = getParentWindowWithSameOrigin(w);
    if (parent) {
      sameOriginWindowChainCache.push({
        window: w,
        iframeElement: findIframeElementInParentWindow(parent, w)
      });
    } else {
      sameOriginWindowChainCache.push({
        window: w,
        iframeElement: null
      });
    }
    w = parent;
  } while (w);
}
return sameOriginWindowChainCache.slice();
}

//*
 * Returns true if the current execution environment is chained in a list of iframes whi-
 * Returns false if the current execution environment is not running inside an iframe or
 */
public static hasDifferentOriginAncestor(): boolean {
```

Shells & tools – VSCode

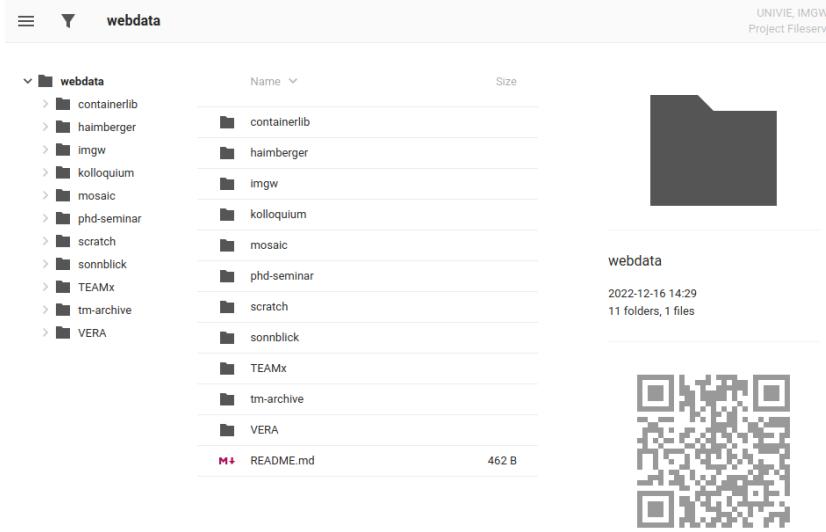
- VSCode (**Microsoft**, Open source)
- Extensions:
 - Remote Development (WSL, DevC, SSH, Tunnels)
 - Remote Explorer (`.ssh/config`)
 - Python/Jupyter
 - Fortran
 - Prettier - Code Formatter
 - Shell Syntax
 - Git graph (git branches/ merges,...)
 - Jupyterhub (remote kernel execution)



clouds and services

@IMG, @ZID, ...

Clouds and services – webdata



The screenshot shows a file browser interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** UNIVIE, IMGW Project Fileserver
- Left Sidebar:** A tree view showing the 'webdata' directory structure:
 - webdata
 - > containerlib
 - > haimberger
 - > imgw
 - > kolloquium
 - > mosaic
 - > phd-seminar
 - > scratch
 - > sonnblick
 - > TEAMx
 - > tm-archive
 - > VERA
- Content Area:**
 - Folder View:** A large dark folder icon labeled 'webdata'.
 - File List:** A table showing the contents of the 'webdata' folder:

| Name | Size |
|------------------|-------|
| containerlib | |
| haimberger | |
| imgw | |
| kolloquium | |
| mosaic | |
| phd-seminar | |
| scratch | |
| sonnblick | |
| TEAMx | |
| tm-archive | |
| VERA | |
| README.md | 462 B |
 - QR Code:** A QR code linking to the 'webdata' directory.

- Wolke > files
- **/srvfs/webdata**
- Request a directory or create one in scratch
- Authentication can be requested too
user:pwd
- Accessible to everybody
- **Please Clean up!!!**

Clouds and services – gitlab

- Continuous integration (CI) and development
 - Code testing
 - Deployment
 - Development in groups
- 4 Runners (IMGW, Flexpart, Climate, DA) ?
- Example: <https://gitlab.phaidra.org/imgw/example-ci>

The screenshot shows a GitLab project named 'Example-CI'. The pipeline status is 'passed'. The commit history includes:

- Update .gitlab-ci.yml file to use our runners by Michael Blaschek, 4 months ago (green checkmark, a9dee49d)
- added documentation by (no author), 8 months ago
- Update .gitlab-ci.yml file to use our runners by (no author), 4 months ago
- Update README.md by (no author), 7 months ago

Branches: main, example-ci / +

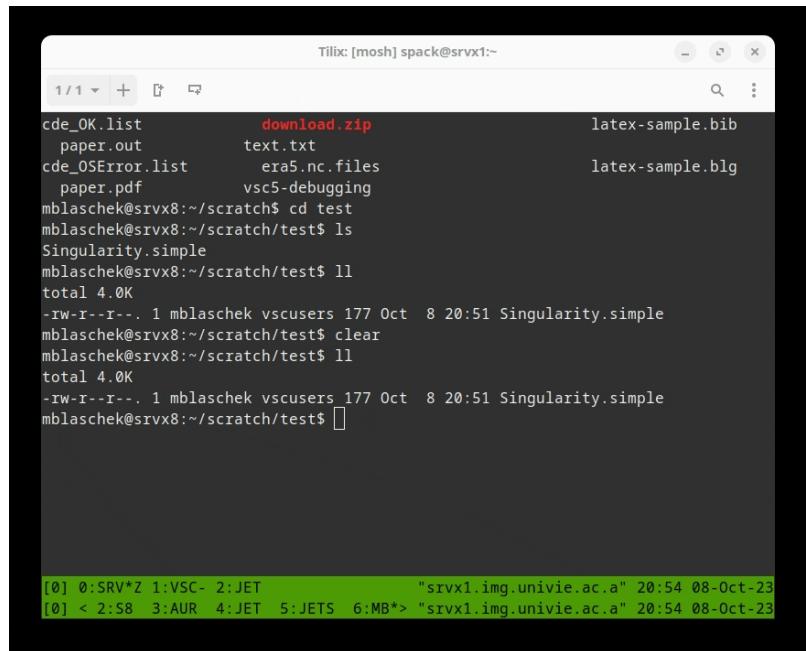
Actions: Find file, Web IDE, Clone

Integrations: Configure Integrations

| Name | Last commit | Last update |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| src | added documentation | 8 months ago |
| .gitlab-ci.yml | Update .gitlab-ci.yml file to use our runners | 4 months ago |
| README.md | Update README.md | 7 months ago |

Cloud and services – apptainer / singularity

- Deploy your work in a container
- Build once & run everywhere
- **Every user** can now use **fakeroot** to build containers on our servers (request subuid)
- Integrate with gitlab-ci
- Publish on IMGW registry: harbor.wolke.img.univie.ac.at
 - Access from IMGW network, otherwise need a secret password.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Tilix [mosh] spack@srvx1:~". The window displays a file listing and some command history:

```
cde_OK.list          download.zip           latex-sample.bib
paper.out            text.txt                latex-sample.blg
cde_OSError.list     era5.nc.files
paper.pdf            vsc5-debugging
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch$ cd test
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch/test$ ls
Singularity.simple
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch/test$ ll
total 4.0K
-rw-r--r-- 1 mblaschek vscusers 177 Oct  8 20:51 Singularity.simple
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch/test$ clear
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch/test$ ll
total 4.0K
-rw-r--r-- 1 mblaschek vscusers 177 Oct  8 20:51 Singularity.simple
mblaschek@srvx8:~/scratch/test$ 
```

At the bottom of the terminal window, there is a green status bar with the following information:

```
[0] 0:SRV*Z 1:VSC- 2:JET           "srvx1.img.univie.ac.a" 20:54 08-Oct-23
[0] < 2:S8 3:AUR 4:JET 5:JETS 6:MB+> "srvx1.img.univie.ac.a" 20:54 08-Oct-23
```

Clouds and services – ZID

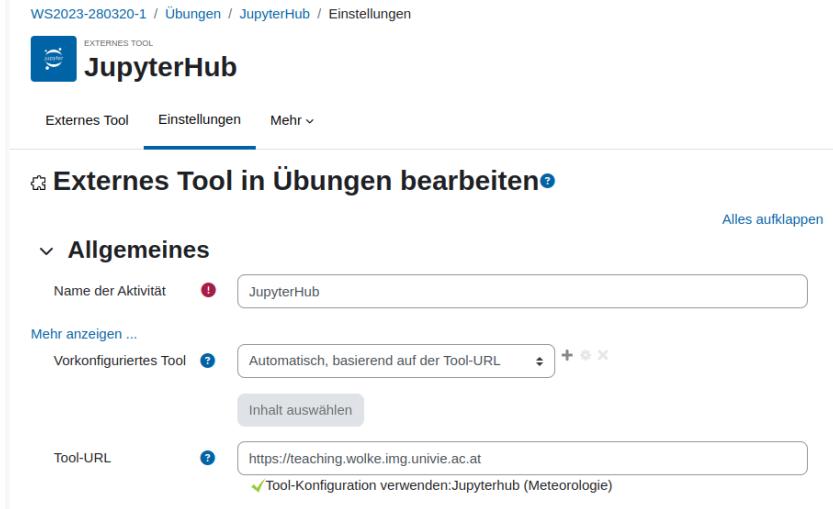
- u:cloud for your files (50 Gb, backup)
- MS365 office (web or windows or linux) 
- Overleaf – Online Latex
- Gitlab on Phaidra + Mattermost
- VPN or login.img.univie.ac.at ( > - u:wiki - Tutorials, Teaching, Groups, Templates, ...



Resources @IMG

Resources – Teaching

- Lots of information in [u:wiki – Tutorials – Teaching](#)
- Moodle (u:account)
- **TeachingHubv2** for your course
- Student Response System (SRS)
- [srs.univie.ac.at](#) (feedback, questions, live)



The screenshot shows the 'Einstellungen' (Settings) page for 'JupyterHub' in the 'Übungen' (Exercises) section of a course named 'WS2023-280320-1'. The page includes tabs for 'Externes Tool' (External Tool), 'Einstellungen' (Settings), and 'Mehr' (More). The 'Einstellungen' tab is active. A sub-section titled 'Externes Tool in Übungen bearbeiten' (Edit external tool in exercises) is shown, with a 'Allgemeines' (General) section expanded. It displays fields for 'Name der Aktivität' (Activity name) set to 'JupyterHub', 'Vorkonfiguriertes Tool' (Pre-configured tool) set to 'Automatisch, basierend auf der Tool-URL' (Automatic, based on the tool URL), and 'Tool-URL' (Tool URL) set to 'https://teaching.wolke.img.univie.ac.at'. A checked checkbox at the bottom indicates the use of a specific tool configuration.

Resources – Jupyter

- Jupyter Notebook Server (Hub):
 - Teaching + Moodle (login)
 - Only SPL28, request for other courses
 - MASTER quell.wolke.img.univie.ac.at
 - JET jupyter.wolke.img.univie.ac.at
 - VSC Hub jupyterhub.vsc.ac.at
 - WEkEO wekeo.eu
 - EODC eodc.wolke.img.univie.ac.at
- Kernels with different python versions, packages
- Notebooks - Documentation + Code

The screenshot shows a Moodle dashboard window titled "Dashboard". At the top, there's a message: "Gestalten Sie Ihr persönliches Dashboard. Anleitung 'Dashboard konfigurieren'." Below this is a search bar and a date filter. A central message says "Keine Aktivität erfordert ein Handeln". There are sections for "Zuletzt genutzte Objekte" (including "Connect-IT" and "Blatt - 05") and "Zuletzt besuchte Kurse" (listing "Informatik WU"). The browser toolbar at the top includes icons for file operations like copy, paste, and save, along with tabs for "moodle.univie.ac.at/my/" and "micromamba shell init". The address bar shows "moodle.univie.ac.at/my/". The Moodle interface features a navigation bar with "universität wien", "Moodle", "Startseite", "Dashboard", "Meine Kurse", "Hilfe", and user profile icons.

Working with the Moodle Jupyter Hub (TEACHING)



- All SPL28 students/lecturers have access
- `$HOME/LEHRE` maps to
`/srvfs/lehre`
- Quota: 20 GB, 100k files
- IMGW user != teaching hub user
- Transfer files (`scp`, download) or
userservices transfersh [file] + `wget`
- Purge every September (how to
communicate to users?)

The screenshot shows the Moodle Jupyter Hub interface. At the top is a navigation bar with File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, Tabs, Settings, and Help. Below it is a file browser showing a directory structure under `/LEHRE/`. The browser lists various notebooks and files, including `advDA_s2023`, `Boundary_Layer...`, `bscklima`, `ClimateDataAnal...`, `climdynia`, `climsys_s2024`, `cm_ws2022`, `FeK_ws2023`, `mda_ws2022`, `mda_ws2023`, `modeldev_ss2024`, `nm_ws2023`, `nwp_s2024`, `public`, `Documents-share...`, `pythonlibrary`, and `README`. The files were last modified from 7 days ago to last year. To the right is a launcher titled "LEHRE" containing icons for Notebook, Python 3 (ipykernel), desktop [~], Modelling, R, RTTOV, and TEST. Below the launcher is a terminal window showing a session for user `blaschm7@a37ad4c298b3:` with the command `id` outputting user information, the command `pwd` showing the current working directory as `/home/blaschm7`, and the command `ll LEHRE/` listing the contents of the `LEHRE` directory. The terminal also shows a long list of files and their details.

```
[blaschm7@a37ad4c298b3:]$ id
uid=1001(blasc...m7) gid=100(users) groups=100(users)
[blaschm7@a37ad4c298b3:]$ pwd
/home/blaschm7
[blaschm7@a37ad4c298b3:]$ ll LEHRE/
total 32
drwxr-sr-x. 6 nobody nobody 74 Feb 26 13:34 Boundary_Layer_Meteorology
drwxrwsrwx. 9 nobody nobody 4096 Feb 27 10:32 bscklima
drwxrwsr-x. 6 nobody nobody 4096 Dec 21 2022 climdynia
drwxr-sr-x. 4 nobody nobody 43 Feb 27 10:37 climsys_s2024
drwxrwsr-x. 3 nobody nobody 101 Mar 7 2023 cm_ws2022
drwxr-sr-x. 4 nobody nobody 43 Dec 1 2022 mda_ws2022
drwxr-sr-x. 4 nobody nobody 102 Oct 18 08:22 mda_ws2023
drwxr-sr-x. 2 nobody nobody 32 Feb 29 16:44 modeldev_ss2024
drwxr-sr-x. 4 nobody nobody 4096 Jan 23 14:11 nm_ws2023
```

Resources – Software

- I vote for open source software
 - But UNIVIE offers software for staff
 - SAM – sam.univie.ac.at/wm
 - Self service (user: u\[u:account])
 - MS365, Adobe, Labview, Matlab,...
 - Search Catalog (look for unmanaged)
 - Ask Supervisor first if that is ok.
 - Request, Sends email to IT (need to approve)



Resources – Documentation

- Wolke – [documentation](#)
- Gitlab – IMGW Group
 - Computer Resources
 - Create an issue if you have something that is not working
 - Slurm
 - Singularity
- Wiki – Tutorials / HPC Resources information



Resources – People

- You can ask people to help you (no shame)
- e.g.
 - IT – Michael Blaschek (HPC, Python, CI, Fortran, ...)
- Experts
 - Leopold Haimberger (Python, Fortran, ...)
 - Stefano Serafin (WRF, Python, Post processing,...)
 - Marina Dütsch (Fortran, Python, Post processing,...)
- Many more experts here at the department
- [Training courses @ VSC](#), PRACE training, Copernicus Training
- Could ask for a training course on a specific topic and organize that @IMG or a Hackaton



rules

Really ???

rules

YES



Multi user systems need rules.

| Servers | Interaction | Shared data |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Storage Quotas• JET job queuing (fairshare)• VSC4 (5 Nodes) HOME• VSC5 (11 Nodes) file limits• Huge development work on<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AURORA, JET01, JET02• Long lasting jobs? > queue | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your credentials private• Change your passwords (90d)• Use ssh-keys in IPA• <i>Your HOME shall be yours alone!</i>• drwx----- mblaschek users mblaschek• Clean up your temp files• Scratch is not going to be there forever!• HOME is limited | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• /srvfs/data• /srvfs/shared• /jetfs/shared-data• Respect other users• Write a documentation• Give access to groups (met-...,geo-...)• JET is shared on VSC<ul style="list-style-type: none">• /gpfs/jetfs• Permissions!!!!! |





Communication is keen

1. Check documentation (*talk to yourself*)
2. Ask a colleague (*talk to another person*)
3. Ask IT (*talk to a group*)

Contact IT

VSC related? >> Me

Server related? >> Me

Everything else/safe option >> it.img-wien@univie.ac.at or mattermost – bugs



Questions?

PhD seminar

Bare metal, shells and clouds – MB

On the wiki:
tutorials – Computing

