

# Alibaba Cloud Elastic Compute Service

## Instances

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## Generic conventions

Table -1: Style conventions

Style	Description	Example
	This warning information indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	 <b>Danger:</b> Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data.
	This warning information indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	 <b>Warning:</b> Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restore business.
	This indicates warning information, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand.	 <b>Notice:</b> Take the necessary precautions to save exported data containing sensitive information.
	This indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content that is good to know for the user.	 <b>Note:</b> You can use Ctrl + A to select all files.
>	Multi-level menu cascade.	Settings > Network > Set network type
<b>Bold</b>	It is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements.	Click <b>OK</b> .
Courier font	It is used for commands.	Run the <code>cd / d C :/ windows</code> command to enter the Windows system folder.
<i>Italics</i>	It is used for parameters and variables.	<code>bae log list --instanceid <i>Instance_ID</i></code>
[ ] or [a b]	It indicates that it is an optional value, and only one item can be selected.	<code>ipconfig [-all -t]</code>

Style	Description	Example
<code>{}</code> or <code>{a b}</code>	It indicates that it is a required value, and only one item can be selected.	<code>swich {stand   slave}</code>



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# 1 What are ECS instances?

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An ECS instance is a virtual computing environment that includes CPU, memory, operating system, bandwidth, disks, and other basic computing components.

An ECS instance is an independent virtual machine, and is the core element of ECS . Other resources, such as disks, IPs, images, and snapshots can only be used in conjunction with an ECS instance.

## 2 Instance type families

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### 2.1 Instance type families

This topic describes the available ECS instance type families.

An ECS instance is the minimal unit that can provide computing capabilities and services for your business.

ECS instances are categorized into specification types, which are called type families, based on the business scenarios they can be applied to. You may select multiple type families for one business scenario. Each type family contains multiple *ECS instance types* with different CPU and memory specifications, including the CPU model and clock speed. Besides the instance type, you must also define a block storage, an image, and the network service when you create an instance.



**Note:**

The availability of instance type families and their types varies from region to region. Go to the [purchase page](#) to check the available instance types.

Alibaba Cloud ECS provides two kinds of instance type families: enterprise-level instance type families and entry-level instance type families. Type families for enterprise-level computing offer stable performance and dedicated resources, while entry-level type families are ideal for small and mid-sized websites, or individual customers. For the differences, see [Enterprise-level instances and entry-level instances FAQ](#).



**Note:**

- If you are using sn1, sn2, t1, s1, s2, s3, m1, m2, c1, c2, c4, ce4, cm4, n1, n2, or e3, see [Phased-out instance types](#).
- Upgrading instance types is supported within or between certain instance type families. For such families and corresponding upgrade rules, see [Instance type families that support upgrading instance types](#).
- Upgrading instance types is not supported within or between the following instance type families: d1, d1ne, i1, i2, i2g, vgn5i, ga1, gn5, f1, f3, ebmc4, ebmg5, sccg5, and scch5.

Alibaba Cloud ECS instances are categorized into the following type families:

- **Type families for enterprise-level computing on the x86-architecture:**
  - *g5, general-purpose type family*
  - *sn2ne, general-purpose type family with enhanced network performance*
  - *ic5, intensive compute instance type family*
  - *c5, compute instance type family*
  - *sn1ne, compute optimized type family with enhanced network performance*
  - *r5, memory instance type family*
  - *re4, memory optimized type family with enhanced performance*
  - *re4e, memory optimized type family with enhanced performance*
  - *se1ne, memory optimized type family with enhanced network performance*
  - *se1, memory optimized type family*
  - *d1ne, big data type family with enhanced network performance*
  - *d1, big data type family*
  - *i2, type family with local SSD disks*
  - *i2g, type family with local SSD disks*
  - *i1, type family with local SSD disks*
  - *hfc5, compute optimized type family with high clock speed*
  - *hfg5, general-purpose type family with high clock speed*
- **Type families for enterprise-level heterogeneous computing:**
  - *vgn5i, light-weight compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *gn6v, compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *gn5, compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *gn5i, compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *gn4, compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *ga1, visualization compute optimized type family with GPU*
  - *f1, compute optimized type family with FPGA*
  - *f3, compute optimized type family with FPGA*

- ECS Bare Metal Instance type families and Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type families:
  - *ebmhfg5, ECS Bare Metal Instance type family with high clock speed*
  - *ebmc4, computing ECS Bare Metal Instance type family*
  - *ebmg5, general-purpose ECS Bare Metal Instance type family*
  - *scch5, Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family with high clock speed*
  - *sccg5, geneneral-purpose Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family*
- Type families for entry-level computing on the x86-architecture:
  - *t5, burstable instances*
  - *xn4/n4/mn4/e4, type families of previous generations for entry-level users, computing on the x86-architecture*

**g5, general-purpose type family**

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Enterprise-level applications of various types and sizes
  - Medium and small database systems, cache, and search clusters
  - Data analysis and computing
  - Computing clusters and data processing reliant on memory

#### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.g5.large	2	8.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.g5.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.g5.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	2.5	800	2	4
ecs.g5.3xlarge	12	48.0	N/A	4.0	900	4	6
ecs.g5.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.g5.6xlarge	24	96.0	N/A	7.5	1,500	6	8
ecs.g5.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.g5.16xlarge	64	256.0	N/A	20.0	4,000	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

sn2ne, general-purpose type family with enhanced network performance

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) or Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Enterprise-level applications of various types and sizes
  - Medium and small database systems, cache, and search clusters
  - Data analysis and computing
  - Computing clusters and data processing depending on memory

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.sn2ne.large	2	8.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.sn2ne.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.sn2ne.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	2.0	1,000	4	4
ecs.sn2ne.3xlarge	12	48.0	N/A	2.5	1,300	4	6
ecs.sn2ne.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	3.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.sn2ne.6xlarge	24	96.0	N/A	4.5	2,000	6	8
ecs.sn2ne.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	6.0	2,500	8	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.sn2ne.14xlarge	56	224.0	N/A	10.0	4,500	14	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## ic5, intensive compute instance type family

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:1
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Web front-end servers
  - Data analysis, batch compute, and video coding
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) game frontends

### Instance types

Instance type	Vcpu	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ic5.large	2	2.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2

Instance type	Vcpu	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ic5.xlarge	4	4.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.ic5.2xlarge	8	8.0	N/A	2.5	800	2	4
ecs.ic5.3xlarge	12	12.0	N/A	4.0	900	4	6
ecs.ic5.4xlarge	16	16.0	N/A	5.0	1,000	4	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## c5, compute instance type family

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:2
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Web front-end servers
  - Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) game frontends
  - Data analysis, batch compute, and video coding
  - High-performance science and engineering applications

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.c5.large	2	4.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.c5.xlarge	4	8.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.c5.2xlarge	8	16.0	N/A	2.5	800	2	4
ecs.c5.3xlarge	12	24.0	N/A	4.0	900	4	6
ecs.c5.4xlarge	16	32.0	N/A	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.c5.6xlarge	24	48.0	N/A	7.5	1,500	6	8
ecs.c5.8xlarge	32	64.0	N/A	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.c5.16xlarge	64	128.0	N/A	20.0	4,000	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

sn1ne, compute optimized type family with enhanced network performance

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:2
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) or Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Web front-end servers
  - Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) game frontends
  - Data analysis, batch compute, and video coding
  - High-performance science and engineering applications

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.sn1ne.large	2	4.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.sn1ne.xlarge	4	8.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.sn1ne.2xlarge	8	16.0	N/A	2.0	1,000	4	4
ecs.sn1ne.3xlarge	12	24.0	N/A	2.5	1,300	4	6
ecs.sn1ne.4xlarge	16	32.0	N/A	3.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.sn1ne.6xlarge	24	48.0	N/A	4.5	2,000	6	8
ecs.sn1ne.8xlarge	32	64.0	N/A	6.0	2,500	8	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## r5, memory instance type family

## Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Ultra high packet forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - High-performance databases and high memory databases
  - Data analysis and mining, and distributed memory cache
  - Hadoop, Spark, and other enterprise-level applications with large memory requirements

## Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.r5.large	2	16.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.r5.xlarge	4	32.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.r5.2xlarge	8	64.0	N/A	2.5	800	2	4
ecs.r5.3xlarge	12	96.0	N/A	4.0	900	4	6
ecs.r5.4xlarge	16	128.0	N/A	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.r5.6xlarge	24	192.0	N/A	7.5	1,500	6	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.r5.8xlarge	32	256.0	N/A	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.r5.16xlarge	64	512.0	N/A	20.0	4,000	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

re4, memory optimized instance type family with enhanced performance

#### Features

- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- I/O-optimized
- Optimized for high-performance databases, high memory databases, and other memory-intensive enterprise applications
- 2.2 GHz Intel Xeon E7 8880 v4 (Broadwell) processors, up to 2.4 GHz Turbo Boost
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:12, up to 1920.0 GiB memory
- ecs.re4.20xlarge and ecs.re4.40xlarge have been certified by SAP HANA
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - High-performance databases and high memory databases (for example, SAP HANA)
  - Memory intensive applications
  - Big Data processing engines, such as Apache spark or Presto

#### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.re4.20xlarge	80	960.0	N/A	15.0	2,000	16	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.re4.40xlarge	160	1920.0	N/A	30.0	4,500	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

re4e, memory optimized type family with enhanced performance

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Optimized for high-performance databases, high memory databases, and other memory-intensive enterprise applications
- 2.2 GHz Intel Xeon E7 8880 v4 (Broadwell) processors, up to 2.4 GHz Turbo Boost
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:24, up to 3840.0 GiB memory
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - High-performance databases and high memory databases (for example, SAP HANA)
  - Memory intensive applications
  - Big Data processing engines, such as Apache spark or Presto

#### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.re4e.40xlarge	160	3840.0	N/A	30.0	4,500	16	15

See [other instance type families](#).

se1ne, memory optimized type family with enhanced network performance

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:8
- Ultra high packet receive and forwarding rate
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) or Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - High-performance databases and large memory databases
  - Data analysis and mining, and distributed memory cache
  - Hadoop, Spark, and other enterprise-level applications with large memory requirements

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.se1ne.large	2	16.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.se1ne.xlarge	4	32.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.se1ne.2xlarge	8	64.0	N/A	2.0	1,000	4	4
ecs.se1ne.3xlarge	12	96.0	N/A	2.5	1,300	4	6

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.se1ne.4xlarge	16	128.0	N/A	3.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.se1ne.6xlarge	24	192.0	N/A	4.5	2,000	6	8
ecs.se1ne.8xlarge	32	256.0	N/A	6.0	2,500	8	8
ecs.se1ne.14xlarge	56	480.0	N/A	10.0	4,500	14	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## se1, memory optimized type family

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:8
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - High-performance databases and large memory databases
  - Data analysis and mining, and distributed memory cache
  - Hadoop, Spark, and other enterprise-level applications with large memory requirements

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.se1.large	2	16.0	N/A	0.5	100	1	2
ecs.se1.xlarge	4	32.0	N/A	0.8	200	1	3
ecs.se1.2xlarge	8	64.0	N/A	1.5	400	1	4
ecs.se1.4xlarge	16	128.0	N/A	3.0	500	2	8
ecs.se1.8xlarge	32	256.0	N/A	6.0	800	3	8
ecs.se1.14xlarge	56	480.0	N/A	10.0	1,200	4	8

See [other instance type families](#).

d1ne, big data type family with enhanced network performance

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- High-volume local SATA HDD disks with high I/O throughput and up to 35 Gbit/s of bandwidth for a single instance
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4, designed for big data scenarios
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Hadoop MapReduce, HDFS, Hive, HBase, and so on
  - Spark in-memory computing, MLlib, and so on
  - Enterprises that require big data computing and storage analysis, such as those in the Internet and finance industries, to store and compute massive volumes of data
  - Elasticsearch, logs, and so on

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.d1ne.2xlarge	8	32.0	4 * 5500	6.0	1,000	4	4
ecs.d1ne.4xlarge	16	64.0	8 * 5500	12.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.d1ne.6xlarge	24	96.0	12 * 5500	16.0	2,000	6	8
ecs.d1ne-c8d3.8xlarge	32	128.0	12 * 5500	20.0	2,000	6	8
ecs.d1ne.8xlarge	32	128.0	16 * 5500	20.0	2,500	8	8
ecs.d1ne-c14d3.14xlarge	56	160.0	12 * 5500	35.0	4,500	14	8
ecs.d1ne.14xlarge	56	224.0	28 * 5500	35.0	4,500	14	8



#### Note:

- You cannot change configurations of d1ne instances.
- For more information about d1ne type families, see [FAQ on d1 and d1ne](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## d1, big data type family

## Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- High-volume local SATA HDD disks with high I/O throughput and up to 17 Gbit/s of bandwidth for a single instance
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4, designed for big data scenarios
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Hadoop MapReduce, HDFS, Hive, and HBase
  - Spark in-memory computing and MLlib
  - Enterprises that require big data computing and storage analysis, such as those in the Internet and finance industries, to store and compute massive volumes of data
  - Elasticsearch and logs

## Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.d1.2xlarge	8	32.0	4 * 5500	3.0	300	1	4
ecs.d1.3xlarge	12	48.0	16 * 5500	4.0	400	1	6
ecs.d1.4xlarge	16	64.0	8 * 5500	6.0	600	2	8
ecs.d1.6xlarge	24	96.0	12 * 5500	8.0	800	2	8
ecs.d1-c8d3.8xlarge	32	128.0	12 * 5500	10.0	1,000	4	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.d1.8xlarge	32	128.0	16 * 5500	10.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.d1-c14d3.14xlarge	56	160.0	12 * 5500	17.0	1,800	6	8
ecs.d1.14xlarge	56	224.0	28 * 5500	17.0	1,800	6	8



Note:

For more information about d1 type families, see [FAQ on d1 and d1ne](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## i2, type family with local SSD disks

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- High-performance local NVMe SSD disks with high IOPS, high I/O throughput, and low latency.
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:8, designed for high-performance databases
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - OLTP and high-performance relational databases
  - NoSQL databases, such as Cassandra and MongoDB
  - Search applications, such as Elasticsearch

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.i2.xlarge	4	32.0	1 * 894	1.0	500	2	3
ecs.i2.2xlarge	8	64.0	1 * 1788	2.0	1,000	2	4
ecs.i2.4xlarge	16	128.0	2 * 1788	3.0	1,500	4	8
ecs.i2.8xlarge	32	256.0	4 * 1788	6.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.i2.16xlarge	64	512.0	8 * 1788	10.0	4,000	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## i2g, type family with local SSD disks

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- High-performance local NVMe SSD disks with high IOPS, high I/O throughput, and low latency.
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4, designed for high-performance databases
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - OLTP and high-performance relational databases
  - NoSQL databases, such as Cassandra and MongoDB
  - Search applications, such as Elasticsearch

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.i2g.2xlarge	8	32.0	1 * 894	2.0	1,000	2	4
ecs.i2g.4xlarge	16	64.0	1 * 1788	3.0	1,500	4	8
ecs.i2g.8xlarge	32	128.0	2 * 1788	6.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.i2g.16xlarge	64	256.0	4 * 1788	10.0	4,000	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## i1, type family with local SSD disks

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- High-performance local NVMe SSD disks with high IOPS, high I/O throughput, and low latency
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4, designed for big data scenarios
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - OLTP and high-performance relational databases
  - NoSQL databases, such as Cassandra and MongoDB
  - Search applications, such as Elasticsearch

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.i1.xlarge	4	16.0	2 * 104	0.8	200	1	3
ecs.i1.2xlarge	8	32.0	2 * 208	1.5	400	1	4
ecs.i1.3xlarge	12	48.0	2 * 312	2.0	400	1	6
ecs.i1.4xlarge	16	64.0	2 * 416	3.0	500	2	8
ecs.i1-c5d1.4xlarge	16	64.0	2 * 1456	3.0	400	2	8
ecs.i1.6xlarge	24	96.0	2 * 624	4.5	600	2	8
ecs.i1.8xlarge	32	128.0	2 * 832	6.0	800	3	8
ecs.i1-c10d1.8xlarge	32	128.0	2 * 1456	6.0	800	3	8
ecs.i1.14xlarge	56	224.0	2 * 1456	10.0	1,200	4	8

See [other instance type families](#).

**hfc5**, compute optimized type family with high clock speed

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Stable performance
- 3.1 GHz Intel Xeon Gold 6149 (Skylake) processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:2
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - High-performance Web front-end servers
  - High-performance science and engineering applications
  - Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) games and video coding

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.hfc5.large	2	4.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.hfc5.xlarge	4	8.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.hfc5.2xlarge	8	16.0	N/A	2.0	1,000	2	4
ecs.hfc5.3xlarge	12	24.0	N/A	2.5	1,300	4	6
ecs.hfc5.4xlarge	16	32.0	N/A	3.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.hfc5.6xlarge	24	48.0	N/A	4.5	2,000	6	8
ecs.hfc5.8xlarge	32	64.0	N/A	6.0	2,500	8	8

See [other instance type families](#).

hfg5, general-purpose type family with high clock speed

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Stable performance
- 3.1 GHz Intel Xeon Gold 6149 (Skylake) processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4, except for the 56 vCPU instance type

- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - High-performance Web front-end servers
  - High-performance science and engineering applications
  - Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) games and video coding

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.hfg5.large	2	8.0	N/A	1.0	300	2	2
ecs.hfg5.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	1.5	500	2	3
ecs.hfg5.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	2.0	1,000	2	4
ecs.hfg5.3xlarge	12	48.0	N/A	2.5	1,300	4	6
ecs.hfg5.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	3.0	1,600	4	8
ecs.hfg5.6xlarge	24	96.0	N/A	4.5	2,000	6	8
ecs.hfg5.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	6.0	2,500	8	8
ecs.hfg5.14xlarge	56	160.0	N/A	10.0	4,000	14	8

See [other instance type families](#).

vgn5i, light-weight compute optimized type family with GPU

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Use an NVIDIA P4 GPU computation accelerator

- Contains a virtual GPU (which is the result of partitioned virtualization)
  - Supports the 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, and 1:1 computing capacity of NVIDIA Tesla P4 GPUs
  - Supports 1, 2, 4, and 8 GiB of video memory
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:3
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Real-time online rendering required for cloud gaming and AR/VR applications
  - AI reasoning (including deep and machine learning), used in the elastic deployment of Internet services that use AI reasoning and computing
  - Educational and modeling experiment environments that use deep learning

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GiB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.vgn5i-m1.large	2	6	N/A	P4*1/8	1	1	300	2	2
ecs.vgn5i-m2.xlarge	4	12	N/A	P4*1/4	2	2	500	2	3
ecs.vgn5i-m4.2xlarge	8	24	N/A	P4*1/2	4	3	800	2	4
ecs.vgn5i-m8.4xlarge	16	48	N/A	P4*1	8	5	1,000	4	5



Note:

For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## gn6v, compute optimized type family with GPUs

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Uses NVIDIA V100 GPU processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning, autonomous vehicles, voice recognition, and other AI applications
  - Scientific computing, computational finance, genomics, and environmental analysis

### Instance types

Instance types	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.gn6v-c8g1.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA V100	1 * 16	2.5	800	4	4
ecs.gn6v-c8g1.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	4 * NVIDIA V100	4 * 16	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.gn6v-c8g1.16xlarge	64	256.0	N/A	8 * NVIDIA V100	8 * 16	20.0	2,500	16	8

**Note:**

For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## gn5, compute optimized type family with GPU

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Uses NVIDIA P100 GPU processors
- No fixed ratio of vCPU to memory
- High-performance local NVMe SSD disks
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning
  - Scientific computing, such as computational fluid dynamics, computational finance, genomics, and environmental analysis
  - High-performance computing, rendering, multi-media coding and decoding, and other server-side GPU compute workloads

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	GPU type	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>*</sup>	ENIs <sup>****</sup>
ecs.gn5-c4g1.xlarge	4	30.0	440	1 * NVIDIA P100	1 * 16	3.0	300	1	3
ecs.gn5-c8g1.2xlarge	8	60.0	440	1 * NVIDIA P100	1 * 16	3.0	400	1	4

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.gn5-c4g1.2xlarge	8	60.0	880	2 * NVIDIA P100	2 * 16	5.0	1,000	2	4
ecs.gn5-c8g1.4xlarge	16	120.0	880	2 * NVIDIA P100	2 * 16	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.gn5-c28g1.7xlarge	28	112.0	440	1 * NVIDIA P100	1 * 16	5.0	1,000	8	8
ecs.gn5-c8g1.8xlarge	32	240.0	1760	4 * NVIDIA P100	4 * 16	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.gn5-c28g1.14xlarge	56	224.0	880	2 * NVIDIA P100	2 * 16	10.0	2,000	14	8
ecs.gn5-c8g1.14xlarge	54	480.0	3520	8 * NVIDIA P100	8 * 16	25.0	4,000	14	8



Note:

For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs.](#)

See [other instance type families.](#)

gn5i, compute optimized type family with GPU

Features

- I/O-optimized

- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Uses NVIDIA P4 GPU processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning
  - Multi-media coding and decoding, and other server-side GPU compute workloads

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.gn5i-c2g1.large	2	8.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA P4	1 * 8	1.0	100	2	2
ecs.gn5i-c4g1.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA P4	1 * 8	1.5	200	2	3
ecs.gn5i-c8g1.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA P4	1 * 8	2.0	400	4	4
ecs.gn5i-c16g1.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA P4	1 * 8	3.0	800	4	8
ecs.gn5i-c16g1.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	2 * NVIDIA P4	2 * 8	6.0	1,200	8	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.gn5-c28g1.14xlarge	56	224.0	N/A	2 * NVIDIA P4	2 * 8	10.0	2,000	14	8



Note:

For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs.](#)

See [other instance type families.](#)

gn4, compute optimized type family with GPU

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Uses NVIDIA M40 GPU processors
- No fixed ratio of CPU to memory
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning
  - Scientific computing, such as computational fluid dynamics, computational finance, genomics, and environmental analysis
  - High-performance computing, rendering, multi-media coding and decoding, and other server-side GPU compute workloads

#### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB)*	GPU	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps)***	NIC queues*	ENIs****
ecs.gn4-c4g1.xlarge	4	30.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA M40	1 * 12	3.0	300	1	3
ecs.gn4-c8g1.2xlarge	8	30.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA M40	1 * 12	3.0	400	1	4
ecs.gn4.8xlarge	32	48.0	N/A	1 * NVIDIA M40	1 * 12	6.0	800	3	8
ecs.gn4-c4g1.2xlarge	8	60.0	N/A	2 * NVIDIA M40	2 * 12	5.0	500	1	4
ecs.gn4-c8g1.4xlarge	16	60.0	N/A	2 * NVIDIA M40	2 * 12	5.0	500	1	8
ecs.gn4.14xlarge	56	96.0	N/A	2 * NVIDIA M40	2 * 12	10.0	1,200	4	8



Note:

For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs.](#)

See [other instance type families.](#)

ga1, visualization compute type family with GPU

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- AMD S7150 GPU processors

- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:2.5
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- High-performance local NVMe SSD disks
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Rendering, multimedia coding and decoding
  - Machine learning, high-performance computing, and high-performance databases
  - Other server-end business scenarios that require powerful concurrent floating-point compute capabilities

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	GPU type	GPU memory (GB)	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forward rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>*</sup>	ENIs <sup>****</sup>
ecs.gal.xlarge	4	10.0	1 * 87	0.25 * AMD S7150	2	1.0	200	1	3
ecs.gal.2xlarge	8	20.0	1 * 175	0.5 * AMD S7150	4	1.5	300	1	4
ecs.gal.4xlarge	16	40.0	1 * 350	1 * AMD S7150	8	3.0	500	2	8
ecs.gal.8xlarge	32	80.0	1 * 700	2 * AMD S7150	2 * 8	6.0	800	3	8
ecs.gal.14xlarge	56	160.0	1 * 1400	4 * AMD S7150	4 * 8	10.0	1,200	4	8



#### Note:

For more information, see [Create an instance of ga1](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## f1, compute optimized type family with FPGA

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Intel ARRIA 10 GX 1150 FPGA
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:7.5
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning and reasoning
  - Genomics research
  - Financial analysis
  - Picture transcoding
  - Computational workloads, such as real-time video processing and security

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) *	FPGA	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) **	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) ***	NIC queues **	ENIs ****
ecs.f1-c8f1.2xlarge	8	60.0	N/A	Intel ARRIA 10 GX 1150	3.0	400	4	4
ecs.f1-c8f1.4xlarge	16	120.0	N/A	2 * Intel ARRIA 10 GX 1150	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.f1-c28f1.7xlarge	28	112.0	N/A	Intel ARRIA 10 GX 1150	5.0	2,000	8	8

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) *	FPGA	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) **	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) ***	NIC queues **	ENIs ****
ecs.f1-c28f1.14xlarge	56	224.0	N/A	2 * Intel ARRIA 10 GX 1150	10.0	2,000	14	8

See [other instance type families](#).

### f3, compute optimized type family with FPGA

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Xilinx 16nm Virtex UltraScale + VU9P
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Supports strong network performance through sufficient computing capacity
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Deep learning and reasoning
  - Genomics research
  - Speeding up database access
  - Picture transcoding, such as converting JPEG to WebP
  - Real-time video processing, such as H.265 video compression

#### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) *	FPGA	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) **	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) ***	NIC queues ***	ENIs ****
ecs.f3-c4f1.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	1 * Xilinx VU9P	1.5	300	2	3
ecs.f3-c8f1.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	1 * Xilinx VU9P	2.5	500	4	4
ecs.f3-c16f1.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	1 * Xilinx VU9P	5.0	1,000	4	8
ecs.f3-c16f1.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	2 * Xilinx VU9P	10.0	2,000	8	8
ecs.f3-c16f1.16xlarge	64	256.0	N/A	4 * Xilinx VU9P	20.0	2,500	16	8

See [other instance type families](#).

## ebmhfg5, ECS Bare Metal Instance type family with high clock speed

### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- 3.7 GHz Intel Xeon E3-1240v6 (Skylake) processors, 8-core vCPU, up to 4.1 GHz Turbo Boost
- High network performance: 2 million pps packet forwarding rate
- Supports VPC network only
- Provides dedicated hardware resources and physical isolation
- Supports Intel SGX

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Workloads that require direct access to physical resources, or scenarios where binding a license to the hardware is required
  - Gaming or financial applications featuring high performance
  - High-performance Web servers
  - Enterprise-level applications, such as high-performance databases

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENISs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ebmhfg5.xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	6.0	2,000	8	6



#### Note:

For more information about ECS Bare Metal Instance, see [ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

### ebmc4, computing ECS Bare Metal Instance type family

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:2
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors, up to 2.9 GHz Turbo Boost
- High network performance: 4 million pps packet forwarding rate
- Supports VPC network only
- Provides dedicated hardware resources and physical isolation

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Scenarios where a large volume of packets are received and transmitted, such as the re-transmission of telecommunication information
  - Third-party virtualization (includes but is not limited to Xen and KVM), and AnyStack (includes but is not limited to OpenStack and ZStack)
  - Containers (includes but is not limited to Docker, Clear Container, and Pouch)
  - Enterprise-level applications, such as medium and large databases
  - Video coding

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ebmc4.8xlarge	32	64.0	N/A	10.0	4,000	8	12



#### Note:

For more information about ECS Bare Metal Instance, see [ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

### ebmg5, general-purpose ECS Bare Metal Instance type family

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors, 96-core vCPU, up to 2.7 GHz Turbo Boost
- High network performance: 4 million pps packet forwarding rate
- Supports VPC network only
- Provides dedicated hardware resources and physical isolation

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Workloads that require direct access to physical resources, or scenarios where binding a license to the hardware is required
  - Third-party virtualization (includes but is not limited to Xen and KVM), and AnyStack (includes but is not limited to OpenStack and ZStack)
  - Containers (includes but is not limited to Docker, Clear Container, and Pouch)
  - Enterprise-level applications, such as medium and large databases
  - Video encoding

Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ebmg5.24xlarge	96	384.0	N/A	10.0	4,000	8	32



Note:

For more information about ECS Bare Metal Instance, see [ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

scch5, Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family with high clock speed

Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Supports both RoCE and VPC networks, of which RoCE is dedicated to RDMA communication
- With all features of ECS Bare Metal Instance
- 3.1 GHz Intel Xeon Gold 6149 (Skylake) processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:3

- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Large-scale machine learning applications
  - Large-scale high-performance scientific and engineering applications
  - Large-scale data analysis, batch computing, video encoding

### Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	GPU	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps)***	RoCE (Inbound / Outbound) (Gbit/s)	NIC queues**	ENIs****
ecs.scch5.16xlarge	64	192.0	N/A	10.0	4,500	46	8	32



#### Note:

For more information about SCC, see [ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

### scg5, general-purpose Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family

#### Features

- I/O-optimized
- Supports SSD Cloud Disks and Ultra Disks
- Supports both RoCE and VPC networks, of which RoCE is dedicated to RDMA communication
- With all features of ECS Bare Metal Instance
- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8163 (Skylake) processors
- Equipped with a vCPU to memory ratio of 1:4
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Large-scale machine learning applications
  - Large-scale high-performance scientific and engineering applications
  - Large-scale data analysis, batch computing, video encoding

## Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	GPU	Bandwidth (Gbit/s)**	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps)***	RoCE (Inbound / Outbound) (Gbit/s)	NIC queues***	ENIs****
ecs.sccg5.24xlarge	96	384.0	N/A	10.0	4,500	46	8	32



## Note:

For more information about SCC, see [ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

## t5, burstable instances

## Features

- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon processors
- The latest DDR4 memory
- No fixed ratio of vCPU to memory
- Baseline CPU performance, burstable, but restricted by accumulated CPU credits
- Resource balance among compute, memory, and networks
- Supports VPC network only
- Suitable for the following scenarios:
  - Web application servers
  - Lightweight web servers
  - Development and testing environments

## Instance types

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	CPU credits/hour	Max CPU credit balance	Avg baseline CPU performance	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.t5- lc2m1. nano	1	0.5	6	144	10%	1
ecs.t5- lc1m1. small	1	1.0	6	144	10%	1
ecs.t5- lc1m2. small	1	2.0	6	144	10%	1
ecs.t5- lc1m2. large	2	4.0	12	288	10%	1
ecs.t5- lc1m4. large	2	8.0	12	288	10%	1
ecs.t5- c1m1. large	2	2.0	18	432	15%	1
ecs.t5- c1m2. large	2	4.0	18	432	15%	1
ecs.t5- c1m4. large	2	8.0	18	432	15%	1
ecs.t5- c1m1. xlarge	4	4.0	36	864	15%	2
ecs.t5- c1m2. xlarge	4	8.0	36	864	15%	2
ecs.t5- c1m4. xlarge	4	16.0	36	864	15%	2

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	CPU credits/hour	Max CPU credit balance	Avg baseline CPU performance	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.t5-c1m1.2xlarge	8	8.0	72	1,728	15%	2
ecs.t5-c1m2.2xlarge	8	16.0	72	1,728	15%	2
ecs.t5-c1m4.2xlarge	8	32.0	72	1,728	15%	2
ecs.t5-c1m1.4xlarge	16	16.0	144	3,456	15%	2
ecs.t5-c1m2.4xlarge	16	32.0	144	3,456	15%	2



Note:

For more information about t5, see [Basic concepts](#).

See [other instance type families](#).

xn4/n4/mn4/e4, type families of previous generations for entry-level users, computing on the x86-architecture

#### Features

- Equipped with 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2682 v4 (Broadwell) processors
- The latest DDR4 memory
- No fixed ratio of CPU to memory

Type family	Features	vCPU to memory ratio	Ideal for
xn4	Compact entry-level instances	1:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front ends of Web applications</li> <li>• Light load applications and microservices</li> <li>• Applications for development or testing environments</li> </ul>
n4	General entry-level instances	1:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Websites and Web applications</li> <li>• Development environment, building servers, code repositories, microservices, and testing and staging environment</li> <li>• Lightweight enterprise applications</li> </ul>
mn4	Balanced entry-level instances	1:4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Websites and Web applications</li> <li>• Lightweight databases and caches</li> <li>• Integrated applications and lightweight enterprise services</li> </ul>

Type family	Features	vCPU to memory ratio	Ideal for
e4	Memory entry-level instances	1:8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications that require large volume of memory</li> <li>Lightweight databases and cache</li> </ul>

## xn4

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.xn4.small	1	1.0	N/A	0.5	50	1	1

## n4

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.n4.small	1	2.0	N/A	0.5	50	1	1
ecs.n4.large	2	4.0	N/A	0.5	100	1	1
ecs.n4.xlarge	4	8.0	N/A	0.8	150	1	2
ecs.n4.2xlarge	8	16.0	N/A	1.2	300	1	2
ecs.n4.4xlarge	16	32.0	N/A	2.5	400	1	2

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.n4.8xlarge	32	64.0	N/A	5.0	500	1	2

## mn4

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.mn4.small	1	4.0	N/A	0.5	50	1	1
ecs.mn4.large	2	8.0	N/A	0.5	100	1	1
ecs.mn4.xlarge	4	16.0	N/A	0.8	150	1	2
ecs.mn4.2xlarge	8	32.0	N/A	1.2	300	1	2
ecs.mn4.4xlarge	16	64.0	N/A	2.5	400	1	2
ecs.mn4.8xlarge	32	128.0	N/A	5	500	2	8

## e4

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.e4.small	1	8.0	N/A	0.5	50	1	1

Instance type	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Local disks (GiB) <sup>*</sup>	Bandwidth (Gbit/s) <sup>**</sup>	Packet forwarding rate (Thousands pps) <sup>***</sup>	NIC queues <sup>****</sup>	ENIs <sup>*****</sup>
ecs.ce4.xlarge	2	16.0	N/A	0.5	100	1	1
ecs.ce4.xlarge	4	32.0	N/A	0.8	150	1	2
ecs.e4.2xlarge	8	64.0	N/A	1.2	300	1	3
ecs.ce4.xlarge	16	128.0	N/A	2.5	400	1	8

See [other instance type families](#).

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Cache disks, or Local disks, are the disks located on the physical servers (host machines) that ECS instances are hosted on. They provide temporary block level storage for instances. Block storage capacity is measured in binary units. In some cases, such as when the computing resources of an instance, including CPU and memory, are released, or an instance is inactive while migration occurs, data on the local disks is erased. For more information, see [#unique\\_50](#).

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The maximum bandwidth of inbound and outbound traffic.

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The maximum packet forwarding rate of inbound and outbound traffic. For more information about packet forwarding rate testing, see [Test network performance](#).

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The maximum number of NIC queues that an instance type supports. If your instance is running CentOS 7.3, the maximum number of NIC queues is used by default.

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An enterprise-level instance with two or more vCPU cores supports elastic network interfaces. An entry-level instance with four or more vCPU cores supports elastic network interfaces. For more information about elastic network interfaces, see [#unique\\_51](#).

## 2.2 Burstable instances

### 2.2.1 Basic concepts

Burstable instances (also called t5 instances) provide a baseline level of CPU performance with the ability to burst above the baseline. Each t5 instance provides a baseline CPU performance and earns CPU credits at a specified rate based on instance types. A t5 instance consumes CPU credits to meet service requirements once it is started. When the required performance is higher than the baseline, the instance consumes more CPU credits to seamlessly increase CPU performance without affecting the environment or applications on the instance.

t5 instances come with two running modes: *Standard* and *Unlimited*.

#### Concepts

- **Baseline CPU performance**

Each t5 instance type provides a baseline level of CPU performance,

- which means that each vCPU core has a usage limit under normal workloads. For example, when the `ecs.t5-1c1m2.small` standard instance runs under normal workloads, the maximum CPU usage is 10%. More credits will be consumed to burst above that baseline. After the credits are used up, the maximum CPU usage is 10%.
- By contrast, t5 unlimited instances are not restricted by the baseline and can maintain high CPU performance for any time period. However, fees are charged for excess credits.

- **CPU credits**

Each t5 instance earns CPU credits at a fixed rate based on the baseline CPU performance. One CPU credit represents the computing performance, which is related to the number of vCPU cores, CPU usage, and running time. For example:

- One CPU credit = One vCPU core running at 100% usage for 1 minute
- One CPU credit = One vCPU core running at 50% usage for 2 minutes
- One CPU credit = Two vCPU cores running at 25% usage for 2 minutes

To support a vCPU core running at 100% usage for an hour, 60 CPU credits are required.

- Initial CPU credits

Every time you create a t5 instance, each vCPU core of the instance is immediately allocated 30 CPU credits, which are called initial CPU credits. Initial CPU credits are allocated only upon instance creation. Additionally, they are consumed first when the instance starts to spend credits.

- CPU credit acquisition rate

t5 instances acquire CPU credits on a per-minute basis. The CPU credit acquisition rate indicates CPU credits acquired by a t5 instance per unit time (minute). It is determined by the baseline CPU performance. The calculation formula is as follows:

$$\text{CPU credit acquisition rate} = \text{Baseline CPU performance} \times \text{number of vCPUs}$$

**Example:** Use the ecs.t5-c1m2.xlarge instance as an example. Its average baseline CPU performance is 15%, so the CPU credit acquisition rate is 0.6 CPU credit per minute, that is, 36 CPU credits per hour.

- CPU credit consumption

A t5 instance consumes CPU credits once it is started. Initial CPU credits are consumed first. The formula for calculating the consumed CPU credits per minute is as follows:

$$\text{CPU credits consumed per minute} = \text{One CPU credit} \times \text{actual CPU performance}$$

**Example:** Use the ecs.t5-1c1m2.small instance as an example. It consumes 0.2 CPU credit when it runs at 20% CPU usage for one minute.

- Accrued CPU credits

When the CPU usage of a t5 instance is lower than the baseline CPU performance, the instance accrues CPU credits because the CPU credit consumption rate is lower than the CPU credit acquisition rate. Otherwise, the instance consumes CPU credits overall. The CPU credit accrual rate is determined by the difference between the actual CPU load and the baseline performance. It can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{CPU credits accrued per minute} = \text{One CPU credit} \times (\text{baseline CPU performance} - \text{actual CPU performance})$$

You can [view the accrued and consumed CPU credits](#) on the ECS console.

- Max. CPU credit balance

CPU credits increase when the CPU credit acquisition rate is higher than the CPU credit consumption rate. The accrued credits do not expire on a running instance. However, there is an upper limit for the credits that can be accrued by an instance, namely, the maximum CPU credit balance. The upper limit varies with instance types.

Taking `ecs.t5-1c2m1.nano` as an example, the maximum CPU credit balance is 144. When the CPU credit balance reaches 144, accrual pauses. When the balance is lower than 144, accrual restarts.

#### How stopping an instance impacts CPU credits

After you stop a t5 through the [view CPU utilization and CPU credits](#) feature or the [StopInstance API](#), CPU credits change according to the billing method and network type, as shown in the following table.

Network type	Billing method	How CPU credits change after the instance is stopped
Classic network	Subscription or Pay-As-You-Go	The existing CPU credits are valid, and the credit accrual continues.
VPC	Subscription	
	Pay-As-You-Go (with the <a href="#">no fees for stopped VPC instances</a> function disabled)	CPU credits accrued before the stoppage become invalid. The instance acquires initial CPU credits again after it is restarted.
Pay-As-You-Go (with <a href="#">no fees for stopped VPC instances</a> function enabled)		

The instance continues to accrue CPU credits after it is restarted.

If a Pay-As-You-Go instance has overdue payment or a Subscription instance expires, its CPU credits remain valid, but no new CPU credits will be accrued. After you [reactivate](#) or [renew](#) the instance, it automatically accrues CPU credits.

## Instance types

t5 instances use Intel Xeon processors. The following table lists instance types. In this table:

- CPU credits/hour indicates the total CPU credits allocated to all vCPU cores of a t5 instance per hour.
- Average baseline CPU performance indicates the average baseline CPU performance of each vCPU core of a t5 instance.

Instance type	vCPU	Average baseline CPU performance	Initial CPU credits	CPU credits/hour	Max. CPU credit balance	Memory (GiB)
ecs.t5- lc2m1. nano	1	10%	30	6	144	0.5
ecs.t5- lc1m1. small	1	10%	30	6	144	1.0
ecs.t5- lc1m2. small	1	10%	30	6	144	2.0
ecs.t5- lc1m2. large	2	10%	60	12	288	4.0
ecs.t5- lc1m4. large	2	10%	60	12	288	8.0
ecs.t5- c1m1. large	2	15%	60	18	432	2.0
ecs.t5- c1m2. large	2	15%	60	18	432	4.0
ecs.t5- c1m4. large	2	15%	60	18	432	8.0

Instance type	vCPU	Average baseline CPU performance	Initial CPU credits	CPU credits/hour	Max. CPU credit balance	Memory (GiB)
ecs.t5-c1m1.xlarge	4	15%	120	36	864	4.0
ecs.t5-c1m2.xlarge	4	15%	120	36	864	8.0
ecs.t5-c1m4.xlarge	4	15%	120	36	864	16.0
ecs.t5-c1m1.2xlarge	8	15%	240	72	1,728	8.0
ecs.t5-c1m2.2xlarge	8	15%	240	72	1,728	16.0
ecs.t5-c1m4.2xlarge	8	15%	240	72	1,728	32.0
ecs.t5-c1m1.4xlarge	16	15%	480	144	3,456	16.0
ecs.t5-c1m2.4xlarge	16	15%	480	144	3,456	32.0

### Examples

- The following uses the `ecs.t5-c1m1.xlarge` instance as an example.
  - For each vCPU core, the average baseline performance is 15%. Therefore, the total baseline performance of the instance is 60% (4 vCPU x 15%). Details are as follows:
    - When the instance uses only one vCPU core, this core provides the baseline performance of 60%.
    - When the instance uses two vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 30%.
    - When the instance uses three vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 20%.
    - When the instance uses all four vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 15%.

**Note:**

When the business needs arise, CPU credits are consumed to improve the CPU performance. The performance of each vCPU core can increase to 100%.

- An instance acquires 36 CPU credits per hour, which means that each vCPU core acquires nine CPU credits per hour.
- The following uses the `ecs.t5-c1m2.4xlarge` instance as an example.
  - For each vCPU core, the average baseline performance is 15%. Therefore, the total baseline computing performance of the instance is 240% (16 vCPU x 15%). Details are as follows:
    - When the instance uses only one vCPU core, this core provides the baseline performance of 100%.
    - When the instance uses two vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 100%.
    - When the instance uses three vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 80%.
    - When the instance uses all 16 vCPU cores, each core is allocated the baseline performance of 15%.

**Note:**

When the business needs arise, CPU credits are consumed to improve the CPU performance. The performance of each vCPU core can increase to 100%.

- An instance acquires 144 CPU credits per hour, which means that each vCPU core acquires nine CPU credits per hour.

### Billing methods

t5 instances support both the Pay-As-You-Go and Subscription billing methods. For differences between the billing methods, see [billing method comparison](#).

## 2.2.2 t5 standard instances

t5 standard instances are ideal for scenarios where you do not usually, but occasionally require high CPU performance, such as lightweight Web servers, development and testing environments, and low or mid-performance databases.

If the instance has accrued few credits, its performance gradually declines to the baseline level within 15 minutes, so that the instance performance does not drop dramatically when the accrued CPU credits are used up. When the accrued CPU credits are used up, the actual CPU performance of the t5 instance cannot be higher than the baseline CPU performance.

### Fees

There is no additional fee except the cost of creating an instance.

### Examples

Take a t5 standard instance of the `ecs.t5-1c1m2.small` type as an example. The following describes how its CPU credits change:

1. When the instance is created, 30 initial CPU credits are allocated to it. That is, the total CPU credits are 30 before it is started. After it is started, CPU credits accrue at the rate of 0.1 credits per minute. Meanwhile, the credits are consumed during its running.
2. During the first minute, if the CPU usage is 5%, 0.05 initial CPU credits are consumed, while 0.1 CPU credits are allocated. Therefore, 0.05 CPU credits are accrued.
3. After the instance has started for N minutes, if the CPU usage is 50%, 0.5 CPU credits are consumed while 0.1 CPU credits are allocated within one minute. Therefore, 0.4 CPU credits are consumed during this one minute.
4. When the accrued CPU credits are used up, the maximum CPU usage is 10%.

## 2.2.3 t5 unlimited instances

t5 unlimited instances can maintain high CPU performance for any period of time, without being limited to the baseline CPU performance.

### Concepts

In addition to the [basic concepts](#), you also need to understand the following concepts before using t5 unlimited instances:

- **Advance credits**

The credits that are used in advance but should be obtained within the next 24 hours.

- **Excess credits**

After the credits for the next 24 hours are used up, additional credits incur fees that are billed by the hour.

When a t5 unlimited instance runs out of its CPU credit balance, advance credits are used first to address the requirement of high CPU performance. When the CPU usage is lower than the baseline, the earned CPU credits are used to pay down (offset) the advance credits.

### Billing rules

- Fees are not charged in the following cases:
  - The hourly t5 instance price automatically covers all interim spikes in usage if the average CPU utilization of the instance is at or below the baseline over a 24-hour period or the instance lifetime, whichever is shorter. You do not have to pay additional fees.
  - An instance earns a maximum number of credits in a 24-hour period. For example, a t5-1c1m1.small instance can earn a maximum of 144 credits in a 24-hour period. When the advance credits are less than that maximum, no additional fees are charged.

- Fees are charged in the following cases:
  - If the consumed advance credits exceed the maximum credits (that is, excess credits generated), fees are charged at the end of the time period.
  - If advance credits are used and the instance is stopped or released before the advance credits are cleared, a one-off fee is charged for the advance credits.
  - If excess credits are used after advance credits are used up, additional fees are charged.
  - If a t5 instance is changed from unlimited mode to standard mode, the fees for advance credits are charged immediately, and the accrued credits remain unchanged.

The fees charged are shown in the following table:

Region	Windows instance (USD/credit)	Linux instance (USD/credit)
Mainland China	0.0008	0.0008
Other regions	0.0016	0.0008

### Examples

Use a t5-1c1m1.small unlimited instance (purchased in US West 1 region) as an example. The following describes how its CPU credits change.

1. After a Linux instance is created, it is allocated 30 initial CPU credits. When the instance starts, it is able to spend 144 credits in advance, which are the maximum of CPU credits for the next 24 hours. Therefore, there are 174 CPU credits when the instance starts.
2. After the instance starts, assuming the CPU utilization is 50%, the instance consumes 0.5 initial CPU credits per minute, while 0.1 CPU credits are allocated in the meantime. As a result, CPU credits continue to decrease.
3. After the instance has been running for N minutes, assuming the accrued CPU credits are used up, the advance credits are spent to maintain high CPU performance.
4. After the instance has been running for N + X minutes, assuming the 144 advance credits are used up, excess credits are used to maintain high CPU performance.
5. After the instance has been running for N + X + Y minutes, assuming 50 excess credits are used and the CPU utilization drops to 5% (below the baseline), the

instance begins to earn 0.1 credits per minute, which are used to pay down (offset ) the consumed advance credits. When the advance credits are restored to 144, credits begin to accrue to the instance (0.1 credits per minute).

### Consumption details

At the end of the  $N + X + Y$  minutes, if excess credits are no longer used, fees are charged.

During the above time period, the Linux instance uses 50 excess credits. The additional fee is:  $0.0016 \text{ USD/credit} \times 50 \text{ credits} = 0.08 \text{ USD}$ .

## 2.2.4 Manage t5 instances

You can create t5 instances and change their running modes through the console or APIs.

### Create an instance

You can create a t5 instance by referring to [Create an instance by using the wizard](#). When creating a t5 instance, note the following:

- Network type: Only VPC is supported.
- Image: 512 MiB is the minimum memory size for a t5 instance. The OS can only be a Linux variant or Windows Server 1709. Operating systems that require a minimum memory of 1 GiB, such as Windows Server 2016, are not supported. For more information about selecting images, see [How to select a system image](#).
- Running mode of t5 instances: Select the Enable Unlimited Mode for t5 Instances check box to create a t5 instance without performance constraints. If it is not selected, a t5 standard instance (with performance constraints) is created. You can change the mode after creating a t5 instance.

### Change the running mode of a t5 instance

Within the lifecycle of a t5 instance, you can change its running mode through the console or the API [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#).



Note:

A t5 instance must be in a Running state ( `Running` ) status before you can change its mode.

Follow the steps below to change the running mode in the console:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. In the list of instances, find the target instance, and click the instance ID.
5. In the Basic Information part of the Instance details page, click More, and then select Enable Unlimited Mode. You can also select Disable Unlimited Mode to return to the standard mode.

The following table describes how the running mode of a t5 instance changes according to the operations or its payment status.

Operation/status	Results
Stop an instance	After restart, t5 instances that are not charged after being stopped will run in the standard mode (with performance constraints), while t5 instances that are still charged after being stopped will run in the same mode as before.
Restart an instance	After restart, the running mode remains unchanged.
Payment failed	The running mode changes to the standard mode. The original mode is restored after the payment is made successfully.

#### View CPU utilization and CPU credits

In the ECS console, you can view the CPU information about an instance, such as CPU utilization, consumed CPU credits, accrued CPU credits, excess CPU credits, and advance CPU credits.

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. In the instance list, find the target instance and click the instance ID. Alternatively, you can click Manage in the Actions column.
5. View the metrics in the Monitoring Information area of the Instance Details page.

You can also view the CPU utilization after connecting to an instance remotely:

- Windows: [Connect to an instance](#), and then view the CPU utilization in the Task Manager.

- **Linux:** [Connect to an instance](#), and then run the `top` command to view the CPU utilization.

### Change an instance type

In the ECS console, if you find that the CPU utilization remains at the baseline performance level for a long period of time or rarely exceeds the baseline level, your instance type may not meet your needs or may exceed your needs. In either case, you may consider changing the instance type.

You can change the instance type based on the billing method:

- **Subscription instances:** You can change the instance type by [upgrading or downgrading instance configurations](#).
- **Pay-As-You-Go instances:** You can change the configurations by [changing the instance type](#).

For information about supported instance type families, see [Instance type families that support upgrading instance types](#).

## 2.3 Compute optimized type family with GPU

### 2.3.1 Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs

This topic describes how to create a compute optimized instance with GPUs (known as GPU instances in this topic). GPU instances are available in the gn4, gn5, gn5i, and gn6v instance type families.

#### Create an instance

To create a GPU instance, complete the following settings. For more information, see [Create an ECS instance](#).

- **Region:** Each instance type family is available only in the corresponding regions.
  - gn4: North China 2 (Zone A), East China 2 (Zone B), South China 1 (Zone C)
  - gn5: North China 2 (Zone C and Zone E), North China 5 (Zone A), East China 1 (Zone F and Zone G), East China 2 (Zone B, Zone D, and Zone E), South China 1 (Zone D), Hong Kong (Zone B and Zone C), Asia Pacific SE 1 (Zone A and Zone B), Asia Pacific SE 2 (Zone A), Asia Pacific SE 3 (Zone A), Asia Pacific SE 5 (Zone A),

US West 1 (Zone A and Zone B), US East 1 (Zone A and Zone B), and EU Central 1 (Zone A)



Note:

If you want to deploy NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC) on a gn5 instance, the region availability differs. For more information, see [Deploy an NGC on gn5 instances](#).

- gn5i: North China 2 (Zone A, Zone C, and Zone E), East China 1 (Zone B), East China 2 (Zone B and Zone D), and South China 1 (Zone A)
- gn6v: East China 2 (Zone F)

The preceding regions and zones are for reference only. The actual regions and zones are displayed on the page when you create an ECS instance.

- Instance Type: Select Heterogeneous Computing > GPU Compute, and then select an instance type as needed.
- Image: To install a GPU driver and a CUDA library, use one of the following methods:
  - Method 1: Select Public Image. From the drop-down list, select a CentOS 64-bit image (any version), the Ubuntu 16.04 64-bit image, or the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2 64-bit image. Then, select Auto-install GPU Driver, and select a CUDA library and a GPU driver as needed.



Note:

- If Auto-install GPU Driver is selected, User Data will be automatically generated. You can view User Data in the Advanced area on the System Configurations page.
- User Data is a shell script that can automatically download and install the CUDA library and the GPU driver. The installation takes about 5 to 10 minutes, depending on your intranet bandwidth and the number of your instance vCPU cores.
- After the instance is created and started successfully for the first time, the cloud-init tool runs the script to install the GPU driver.

■ If you create a GPU instance by using [RunInstances](#), you need to write the shell script to the `UserData` parameter in Base64 format.

- Method 2: Select Marketplace Image, search for `NVIDIA`, and then select an image. Currently, only CentOS 7.3 is supported.

To use the GPU instance for deep learning, you can select an image pre-installed with the deep learning framework. Select Marketplace Image, search for `Deep Learning`, and then select the target image (only CentOS 7.3 is available).

- Method 3: For other images, [Download and install a GPU driver](#) after the instance is created.
- Network: Select VPC.
- Network Billing Method: Select a bandwidth as needed.



Note:

- If Windows 2008 R2 or an earlier OS is used, the GPU instance cannot be accessed by using the [Management Terminal](#) in the ECS console after the GPU driver becomes effective. Therefore, you must select Assign Public IP, or [Bind EIP](#) after creating the instance.
- If the GPU instance can access the Internet, you can log on to the GPU instance by using other protocols, such as the Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) developed by Microsoft. RDP does not support DirectX or OpenGL. Therefore, you must install the VNC server and client, or use protocols that support DirectX or OpenGL, such as PCOIP and XenDesktop HDX 3D.
- Log on Credentials: Set a logon credential as needed.



Note:

We recommend that you do not select Set Later. Otherwise, you will need to reset your password (or associate an SSH key pair) and restart the instance if you want to log on to the instance after it is created and before the GPU driver is installed. The restart will result in GPU driver installation failure.

- User Data: If you select Auto-install GPU Driver, the corresponding shell script is displayed in this area.

## Install the GPU driver automatically

If you select Auto-install GPU Driver, you can [connect to the instance](#) and read the log file `/root/nvidia_installer.log` to check:

- The installation progress after the instance is created.
- The cause if the installation fails.



### Warning:

Do not operate GPU or install any GPU-related software before the GPU driver is successfully installed. Otherwise, the installation will fail.



### Note:

- After the GPU driver is successfully installed, the instance automatically restarts and the driver becomes effective.
- The shell script enables the Persistence Mode of the driver and add this setup to the automatic startup script of the instance. This mode is then enabled by default whenever the instance is restarted. The GPU driver works more reliably in this mode.
- When you [change the operating system](#), note the following:
  - If you replace Ubuntu 16.04 64-bit or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2 64-bit with other versions, the GPU driver cannot be installed automatically.
  - If you replace your CentOS version, the GPU driver can still be installed automatically.
  - If you replace your OS with another OS that does not support the automatic installation script, the GPU driver cannot be installed automatically.

## Install the GPU driver manually

If you select an image without a pre-installed GPU driver, you need to install the GPU driver manually.

1. Download the GPU driver package as follows:

- a. Go to the [NVIDIA official website](#).
- b. Set the filter conditions that meet your instance, and then click Search. The filter conditions are described in the following table.

Item	gn4	gn5	gn5i	gn6v
Product Type	Tesla	Tesla	Tesla	Tesla
Product Series	M-Class	P-Series	P-Series	V-Series
Product	M40	Tesla P100	Tesla P4	Tesla V100
Operating System	Select an OS version based on the image of your instance. If your server operating system is not displayed in the drop-down list, click Show all Operating Systems at the bottom of the drop-down list.			

- c. Confirm your settings and click DOWNLOAD.

2. Install the GPU driver as follows:

- For a Windows instance: Double-click the installation package.
- For a Linux instance, follow these steps:
  - a. Download and install the appropriate kernel-devel package and kernel-header package.
  - b. Run the following command to verify that the packages are successfully installed.

```
sudo rpm -qa | grep $(uname -r)
```

Take CentOS 7.3 as an example. If the following message is displayed, the packages are installed successfully.

```
kernel - 3 . 10 . 0 - 514 . 26 . 2 . el7 . x86_64
kernel - headers - 3 . 10 . 0 - 514 . 26 . 2 . el7 . x86_64
kernel - tools - libs - 3 . 10 . 0 - 514 . 26 . 2 . el7 .
x86_64
python - perf - 3 . 10 . 0 - 514 . 26 . 2 . el7 . x86_64
kernel - tools - 3 . 10 . 0 - 514 . 26 . 2 . el7 . x86_64
```

- c. Go to the download page of the driver, click the ADDITIONAL INFORMATION tab, and follow the instructions to install the driver.

Take Linux 64-bit Ubuntu 14.04 as an example.

## Install a GRID driver

If your gn5, gn5i, or gn6v instance requires OpenGL, you must install a GRID driver. For more information, see [Install a GRID driver on a gn5/gn5i/gn6v instance](#).

### 2.3.2 Install a GRID driver on a gn5/gn5i/gn6v instance

If your GPU instance (available in the gn5, gn5i and gn6v families) requires OpenGL, you must install the GRID driver on the instance. The NVIDIA GRID license granted to the NVIDIA GPU (such as P100, P4 and V100) of gn5, gn5i and gn6v instances cannot meet the graphics requirements of OpenGL. However, you can use the trial version of the GRID driver to meet the requirements.

This article explains how to install the GRID driver and deploy a desktop environment on a Linux GPU instance running Ubuntu 16.04 or CentOS 7.3.

#### Ubuntu 16.04

This section describes how to install the GRID driver on a GPU instance running Ubuntu 16.04 64-bit.

#### Prerequisites

- You have created a gn5, gn5i or gn6v instance. For more information, see [create a compute optimized instance with GPUs](#). Make sure that the instance can access the Internet.



#### Note:

We recommend that you use a public image rather than an image from the marketplace that is pre-installed with a NVIDIA driver. Otherwise, you have to disable the Nouveau driver after the instance is created. To disable the Nouveau driver, create a file named `nouveau.conf` in the directory of `/etc/modprobe.d` and add `blacklist nouveau` into the file.

- You have installed a VNC application on your local machine. In this example, VNC Viewer is used.

#### Install a GRID driver

To install the GRID driver, follow these steps:

1. [Connect to the Linux instance](#).

2. Run the following commands in sequence to upgrade the system and install the KDE.

```
apt - get update
apt - get upgrade
apt - get install kubuntu - desktop
```

3. Run `reboot` to restart the system.
4. [Connect to the Linux instance](#) again, and then run the following commands to download and decompress the NVIDIA GRID driver package.

The NVIDIA GRID driver package contains the drivers for various operating systems. For Linux OS, select NVIDIA-Linux-x86\_64-390.57-grid.run.

```
wget https://nvidia-driver.oss-cn-huhehaote.aliyuncs.com/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
```

5. Run the following commands in sequence, then follow the prompts to install the NVIDIA GRID driver.

```
chmod 777 NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
./NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
```

6. Run `nvidia-smi` to verify the installation.

If the following message appears, the driver is installed successfully.

7. Add License Server to activate the License:

- a. Switch to the `/etc/nvidia` directory: `cd /etc/nvidia`.

- b. Create a file named `gridd.conf`: `cp gridd.conf.template gridd.conf`.

- c. Add the following lines about License Server to the `gridd.conf` file.

```
ServerAddr ess = 116 . 62 . 19 . 179
ServerPort = 7070
FeatureType e = 2
EnableUI = TRUE
```

8. Run the command to install `x11vnc`.

```
apt - get install x11vnc
```

9. Run `lspci | grep NVIDIA` to check GPU BusID.

In this example, the GPU BusID is `00 : 07 . 0`.

## 10. Configure the X Server environment and restart the system:

- a. Run `nvidia - xconfig -- enable - all - gpus -- separate - x - screens .`
- b. Edit `/etc/X11/xorg.conf`: Add your GPU BusID to the `Section " Device "`. In this example, `BusID " PCI : 0 : 7 : 0 "` is added .
- c. Run `reboot` to restart the system.

### Verify installation

To verify the installation of the GRID driver, follow these steps:

1. Run the following command to install the GLX application.

```
apt - get install mesa - utils
```

2. Run `startx` to start X Server.



#### Note:

- If the `startx` command cannot be found, run `apt - get install xinit` to install it.
- Running `startx` may result in the `hostname : Name or service not known` error. This error has no effect on starting X Server. Run `hostname` to obtain the host name of the instance, and then modify the `/etc/hosts` file by replacing the `hostname`, which is preceded by `127 . 0 . 0 . 1`, with the actual host name of your instance.

3. Start a new terminal session of the SSH client and run the following command to start `x11vnc`.

```
x11vnc - display : 1
```

If the following message appears, `x11vnc` has been restarted successfully. Now you can connect to the instance by using a VNC application. In this example, VNC Viewer is used.

4. Log on to the ECS console, and [add security group rules](#) in the security group to allow inbound traffic from the Internet on the TCP 5900 port.

5. On the local machine, start VNC Viewer and type in `Public IP address` of the instance : 5900 to connect to the instance and enter the KDE desktop.
6. Run `glxinfo` to view the configurations supported by the current GRID driver:
  - a. Start a new terminal session of the SSH client.
  - b. Run `export DISPLAY =: 1 .`
  - c. Run `glxinfo - t` to list the configurations supported by the current GRID driver.
7. Run `glxgears` to test the GRID driver:
  - a. On the KDE desktop, right-click the desktop and select Run Command.
  - b. Run `glxgears` to start the testing application. If the following figure appears, the GRID driver works normally.

## CentOS 7

This section describes how to install the GRID driver on a GPU instance running CentOS 7.3 64-bit.

### Prerequisites

- You have created a gn5, gn5i or gn6v instance. For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs](#). Make sure that the instance can access the Internet.
- You have installed a VNC application on your local machine. In this example, VNC Viewer is used.

### Install a GRID driver

To install the GRID driver, follow these steps:

1. [Connect to the Linux instance](#).
2. Run the following commands in sequence to upgrade the system and install the KDE.

```
yum update
yum install kernel - devel
yum groupinstall " KDE Plasma Workspaces "
```

3. Run `reboot` to restart the system.

4. [Connect to the Linux instance](#) again, and then run the following commands to download and decompress the NVIDIA GRID driver package.

The NVIDIA GRID driver package contains the drivers for various operating systems. For Linux OS, select `NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run`.

```
wget https://nvidia-driver.oss-cn-huhehaote.aliyuncs.com/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
```

5. **Disable the nouveau driver:**

- a. Run `vim /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist.conf`, and add `blacklist nouveau` to the file.
- b. Run `vim /lib/modprobe.d/dist-blacklist.conf` and add the following lines.

```
blacklist nouveau
options nouveau modeset = 0
```

- c. Run `mv /boot/initramfs-$(uname -r).img /boot/initramfs-$(uname -r)-nouveau.img`.
  - d. Run `dracut /boot/initramfs-$(uname -r).img $(uname -r)`.
6. Run `reboot` to restart the system.

7. Run the following commands in sequence, then follow the prompts to install the NVIDIA GRID driver.

```
chmod 777 NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
./NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-390.57-grid.run
```

8. Run `nvidia-smi` to verify the installation.

If the following message appears, the driver is installed successfully.

9. **Add License Server to activate the License:**

- a. Run `cd /etc/nvidia` to switch to the `/etc/nvidia` directory.
- b. Run `cp gridd.conf.template gridd.conf` to create a file named `gridd.conf`.
- c. Add the following lines about License Server to the `gridd.conf` file.

```
ServerAddr  ess = 116 . 62 . 19 . 179
ServerPort  = 7070
FeatureTyp  e = 2
```

```
EnableUI = TRUE
```

10. Run the following command to install x11vnc.

```
yum install x11vnc
```

11. Run `lspci | grep NVIDIA` to check GPU BusID.

In this example, the GPU BusID is `00 : 07 : 00`.

12. Configure the X Server environment:

a. Run `nvidia -xconfig -- enable - all - gpus -- separate - x - screens`.

b. Edit `/etc/X11/xorg.conf`: Add your GPU BusID to the `Section "Device"`. In this example, `BusID "PCI : 0 : 7 : 0"` is added

13. Run `reboot` to restart the system.

## Verify installation

To verify the installation of the GRID driver, follow these steps:

1. Run `startx` to start X Server.
2. Start a new terminal session of the SSH client and run the command to start x11vnc.

```
x11vnc - display : 0
```

If the following message appears, x11vnc has been restarted successfully. Now you can connect to the instance by using a VNC application. In this example, VNC Viewer is used.

3. Log on to the ECS console, and [add security group rules](#) in the security group to allow inbound traffic from the Internet on TCP 5900 port.
4. On the local machine, start VNC Viewer and type in `Public IP address` of the instance `: 5900` to connect to the instance and enter the KDE desktop.

5. Run `glxinfo` to view the configurations supported by the current GRID driver:
  - a. Start a new terminal session of the SSH client.
  - b. Run `export DISPLAY =: 0`.
  - c. Run `glxinfo - t` to list the configurations supported by the current GRID driver.
6. Run `glxgears` to test the GRID driver:
  - a. On the VNC Viewer, right-click the desktop and select Run Command.
  - b. Run `glxgears` to start the testing application. If the following image appears, the GRID driver works normally.

### 2.3.3 Deploy an NGC on gn5 instances

As a deep learning ecosystem from NVIDIA, NVIDIA GPU CLOUD (NGC) allows developers to access the deep learning software stack free of charge and is fit for creating a deep learning development environment.

At present, NGC has been fully deployed in the gn5 instances. Moreover, the image market also provides NGC container images optimized for NVIDIA Pascal GPU. By deploying NGC container images from the image market, developers can build an NGC container environment conveniently, and access optimized deep learning frameworks instantly, thus reducing the product development and business deployment time considerably. Other benefits include pre-installation of the development environment, support for optimized algorithm frameworks, and continuous updates.

The [NGC website](#) provides images of different versions of the current mainstream deep learning frameworks (such as Caffe, Caffe2, CNTK, MxNet, TensorFlow, Theano, and Torch). You can select the desired image to build the environment. By taking the TensorFlow deep learning framework for example, this article describes how to build an NGC environment on gn5 instances.

Before building a TensorFlow environment, you must do the following:

- Sign up with Alibaba Cloud and finish real-name registration.
- Log on to the [NGC website](#) and create your NGC account.
- Log on to the [NGC website](#), get the NGC API Key and save it locally. The NGC API Key will be verified when you log on to the NGC container environment.

## Procedure

1. Create a gn5 instance by referring to [create an ECS instance](#). Pay attention to the following configurations:

- **Region:** Only China North 1, China North 2, China North 5, China East 1, China East 2, China South 1, Hong Kong, Asia Pacific SE 1 (Singapore), Asia Pacific SE 2 (Sydney), US West 1 (Silicon Valley), US East 1 (Virginia), and Germany 1 (Frankfurt) are available.
- **Instance:** Select a gn5 instance type.
- **Image:** Select Marketplace Image. In the displayed dialog box, search for NVIDIA GPU Cloud VM Image, and then click Continue.
- **Network Billing Method:** Select Assign Public IP.



### Note:

If you do not assign a public IP address here, you can bind an EIP address after the instance is created successfully.

- **Security Group:** Select a security group. Access to TCP port 22 must be allowed in the security group. If your instance needs to support HTTPS or [DIGITS 6](#), access to TCP port 443 (for HTTPS) or TCP port 5000 (for DIGITS 6) must be allowed.

After the ECS instance is created successfully, [log on to the ECS console](#) and note down the public IP address of the instance.

2. **Connect to the ECS instance:** Based on the logon credentials selected during instance creation, you can [connect to an ECS instance by using a password](#) or [connect to an ECS instance by using an SSH key pair](#).
3. Enter the NGC API Key obtained from the NGC website, and then press the Enter key to log on to the NGC container environment.
4. Run `nvidia - smi`. You can view the information about the current GPU, including the GPU model, the driver version, and more, as shown below.

## 5. Follow the steps below to build the TensorFlow environment:

- a. Log on to the [NGC website](#), go to the TensorFlow image page, and then get the

```
docker pull command.
```

- b. Download the TensorFlow image.

```
docker pull nvcr.io/nvidia/tensorflow:18.03-py3
```

- c. View the downloaded image.

```
docker image ls
```

- d. Run the container to deploy the TensorFlow development environment.

```
nvidia-docker run --rm -it nvcr.io/nvidia/tensorflow:18.03-py3
```

## 6. Test TensorFlow by using one of the following methods:

- Simple test of TensorFlow.

```
$ python
```

```
>>> import tensorflow as tf
>>> hello = tf.constant('Hello, TensorFlow!')
>>> sess = tf.Session()
>>> sess.run(hello)
```

If TensorFlow loads the GPU device correctly, the result is as shown below.

- Download the TensorFlow model and test TensorFlow.

```
git clone https://github.com/tensorflow/models.git
cd models/tutorials/image/alexnet
python alexnet_benchmark.py --batch_size 128 --
num_batches 100
```

The running status is as shown below.

7. Save the changes made to the TensorFlow image. Otherwise, the configuration will be lost the next time you log on.

## 2.4 Visualization compute type family with GPU

### 2.4.1 Create a ga1 instance

#### Image description

GPU visualization computing ga1 instances use the AMD S7150 series GPU. Alibaba Cloud and AMD work together to optimize GPU drivers, so you can select the following images with preinstalled drivers from Image Marketplace:

- Ubuntu16.04 with AMD GPU driver preinstalled
- Windows Server 2016 English version with AMD GPU driver preinstalled
- Ubuntu16.04 with AMD GPU driver and KDE preinstalled

#### Procedure

You can create a ga1 instance by following the instructions provided in [creating an instance](#). Use the following configurations when configuring an instance:

- **Network:** Select VPC. The current GPU-rendered ga1 instances only support VPCs.
- **Instance:** Select Heterogeneous Computing > GPU Visualization Compute > GPU Rendering Type ga1.
- **Image:** Click Marketplace Image, and then click Select from image market (including operating system). Enter GPU or AMD in the search box to search images.



#### Note:

It is recommended that you purchase or subscribe to these images because you can select images later for another instance directly from Purchased Images or Subscribed Images.

#### Precautions

- The driver used for GPU visualization computing ga1 instances is optimized jointly by Alibaba Cloud and AMD. It is currently available only in images provided by Alibaba Cloud. No driver download link is provided, so you cannot install the driver on your own.

- If the driver does not work due to uninstallation or deletion of GPU driver-related components, [change a system disk](#) to restore the GPU functions.



**Warning:**

Changing a system disk may cause data loss.

- If you use an unspecified image when creating a GPU visualization computing ga1 instance, the instance driver will not work. In this case, [change a system disk](#) to use the image with an AMD GPU driver preinstalled.
- For Windows, after the GPU driver takes effect, the Connect function cannot be used, and the Management Terminal page displays a black screen or the startup page. In this case, use another protocol to enter the OS, for example, Windows embedded Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP).
- RDP does not support DirectX, OpenGL, or other related applications. You need to install the VNC service and client or use other protocols, such as XenDesktop HDX 3D and PCOIP.

## 2.5 Compute optimized type family with FPGA

### 2.5.1 Create an f1 instance

This article describes how to create an f1 instance.

#### Prerequisites

You must use an image that is pre-installed with the Intel development environment to create an f1 instance. To obtain the image, [open a ticket](#).

#### Procedure

Follow the steps described in [create an ECS instance](#). The following configurations must be selected:

- **Region:** Select China East 1 (Hangzhou) > China East 1 Zone F.
- **Instance Type:** Select Heterogeneous Computing > FPGA > Compute, and then select the appropriate f1 instance type.
- **Image:** Select Shared Image, and then select the shared image.



**Note:**

You must use an image that is pre-installed with the Intel development environment to create an f1 instance. This image is not available in the Alibaba Cloud Marketplace directly. To obtain the image, please find `quartus17.0`, `vcs2017.3`, `dcp sdk` in the `opt` directory.

- **Network:** Select VPC, and select a created VPC and VSwitch.

After an f1 instance is created, [connect to the instance](#) and run the following command to check whether the licence is configured.

```
echo $ LM_LICENSE _FILE # Check whether the variable is set .
```

### Best practices

See best practices of f1 instances:

- [Use OpenCL on an f1 instance](#)
- [Use f1 RTL \(Register Transfer Level\)](#)

## 2.5.2 Create an f3 instance

This article describes how to create an f3 instance.

### Procedure

For more information about how to create an f3 instance, see [create an instance by using the wizard](#). However, the following configurations are recommended:

- **Billing Method:** Select Pay-As-You-Go or Subscription.



Note:

f3 instances are not available as preemptible instances.

- **Region:** Select China East 2 (Shanghai).
- **Instance Type:** Select Heterogeneous Computing > FPGA Compute, and then select your required instance type.
- **Image:** Click Shared Image, and then select the specified image.



Note:

A Xilinx image is available for use (recommended). The image is only available as a Shared image. To obtain the image, open a ticket.

- **System Disk:** Allocate a 200 GiB Ultra Disk for the system image.

- **Network:** Select VPC.

## Best practices

[Best practices for OpenCL on an f3 instance](#)

[Best practices for RTL design on an f3 instance](#)

## 2.6 ECS bare metal instance type family

### 2.6.1 ECS Bare Metal Instance and Super Computing Clusters

ECS Bare Metal (EBM) Instance is a new type of computing product that features the elasticity of virtual machines and the performance and characteristics of physical machines. As a product completely and independently developed by Alibaba Cloud, EBM Instance is based on the next-generation of virtualization technology. Compared with the previous generation, not only is the common virtual cloud server supported, but also is nested virtualization. The resource elasticity of common cloud servers is retained, while nested virtualization technology creates a user experience comparable to physical machines.

Super Computing Clusters (SCCs) are based on EBM Instances. With the help of the high-speed interconnectivity of RDMA (Remote Direct Memory Access) technology, SCCs greatly enhance network performance and increase the acceleration ratio of large-scale clusters. SCCs have all the advantages of EBM Instances and offer high-quality network performance featuring high bandwidth and low latency.

#### Advantages

##### EBM Instances

EBM Instances create value for customers through technological innovation. EBM Instances have the following advantages:

- **Exclusive computing resources**

As a cloud-based elastic computing product, the EBM Instances exceed the performance and isolation of contemporary physical machines and enable exclusive computing resources without virtualization performance overheads and feature loss. EBM Instances support 8, 32, and 96 CPU cores and ultrahigh frequency. An EBM Instance with 8 cores, for example, supports an ultrahigh frequency of up to 3.7 to 4.1 GHz, providing better performance and responsiveness for gaming and financial industries than similar products.

- Encrypted compute

For security, the EBM Instances use a chip-level trusted execution environment (Intel® SGX) in addition to physical server isolation. This allows the instances to compute only the encrypted data in a safe and trusted environment, and provides improved security for the customer data on the cloud. This chip-level hardware security protection provides a safe box for the data of cloud users and allows users to control all the data encryption and key protection procedures. For more information, see [Intel SGX](#).

- Any Stack on Alibaba Cloud

EBM Instances combine the performance strengths and features of physical machines and *the ease-of-use and cost-effectiveness of cloud servers*. They can effectively meet your demands for high-performance computing and help you build new hybrid clouds. Due to their flexibility, elasticity, and other strengths, EBM Instances allow you to deploy any stack on them, such as Xen, KVM, and VMWare. As a result, offline private clouds can be seamlessly migrated to Alibaba Cloud without the performance overhead issues that may arise because of nested virtualization. This facilitates a new approach for you to move businesses onto the cloud.

- Heterogeneous instruction set processor support

The virtualization 2.0 technology used by EBM Instances is independently developed by Alibaba Cloud. It can zero-cost support ARM and other instruction set processors.

## SCC

SCCs are based on EBM Instance, and were released by Alibaba Cloud to meet the demands of applications such as high performance computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning, scientific or engineering computing, data analysis, and audio and video processing. In the clusters, nodes are connected by Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA) networks featuring high bandwidth and low latency, guaranteeing the highly parallel efficiency demanded by applications that require high-performance computing. Meanwhile, the RoCE (RDMA over Convergent Ethernet) rivals an Infiniband network in terms of connection speed, and supports more extensive Ethernet-based applications. The combination of SCCs built on EBM Instance and other Alibaba Cloud computing products such as ECS and GPU servers provides

[the Alibaba Cloud elastic high-performance computing \(E-HPC\) platform](#) with ultimate high performance parallel computing resources, making supercomputing on the cloud a reality.

## Features

EBM Instances and SCC have the following features:

- CPU specifications:
  - EBM Instances: Supports 8 cores, 32 cores, and 96 cores, and supports high clock speed.
  - SCC: Supports 64 cores and 96 cores, and provides support for high clock speed.
- Memory specifications:
  - EBM Instances: Supports 32 GiB to 768 GiB memory. For better computing performance, the ratio of CPU to memory is 1:2 or 1:4.
  - SCC: The ratio of CPU to memory is 1:3 or 1:4.
- Storage specifications: Supports starting from the virtual machine image and cloud disk to deliver instances in minutes.
- Network configurations:
  - Supports Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) networks, maintaining interoperability with ECS, GPU cloud servers, and other cloud products. Delivers performance and stability comparable to physical machine networks.
  - (Only for SCC) Supports RDMA communication through high-speed RoCE networks.
- Images: Supports images of Alibaba Cloud ECS.
- Security settings: Maintains the same security policies and flexibility as existing cloud server ECS instances.

The following table compares EBM Instance or SCC, physical servers, and virtual servers.

Feature type	Features	EBM Instances /SCC	Physical servers	Virtual servers
Automated O&M	Delivery in minutes	Y	N	Y

Feature type	Features	EBM Instances /SCC	Physical servers	Virtual servers
Computing	Zero performance loss	Y	Y	N
	Zero feature loss	Y	Y	N
	Zero resource competition	Y	Y	N
Storage	Fully compatible with ECS cloud disks	Y	N	Y
	Start from cloud disks ( system disks)	Y	N	Y
	System disk can be quickly reset	Y	N	Y
	Uses ECS images	Y	N	Y
	Supports cold migration between physical and virtual servers	Y	N	Y
	Requires no installation of operating system	Y	N	Y
	Discards local RAID, and provides stronger protection of data on cloud disks	Y	N	Y

Feature type	Features	EBM Instances /SCC	Physical servers	Virtual servers
Network	Fully compatible with the ECS VPC networks	Y	N	Y
	Fully compatible with the ECS classic networks	Y	N	Y
	Free of bottlenecks for communications between physical and virtual server clusters in the VPC	Y	N	Y
Management	Fully compatible with the existing ECS management system	Y	N	Y
	Consistent user experience on VNC and other features with that of virtual servers	Y	N	Y
	Guaranteed OOB network security	Y	N	N/A

### Instance type families

The type families of EBM Instances include:

- ebmg5, general purpose EBM Instance type family
- ebmhfg5, high frequency EBM Instance type family

- ebmc4, compute EBM Instance type family

The type families of SCC include:

- scch5, Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family with high clock speed
- sccg5, geneneral-purpose Super Computing Cluster (SCC) instance type family

For more information, see [EBM Instance type families](#) and [SCC Instance type families](#).

### Billing methods

EBM Instances and SCC instances support Subscription and Pay-As-You-Go. For more information about billing methods, see [Billing method comparison](#).

### Related operations

You can [create an EBM instance](#) or [create an SCC server instance](#) in the console.

For more information, see [FAQs about EBM Instances](#) and [SCC FAQ](#).

## 2.6.2 Create an EBM instance

Follow the steps in [creating an instance by using the wizard](#) to create an EBM instance.

However, the following configurations are recommended:

- **Region:** Currently, EBM instances are available in the following regions and zones: China East 2 (Shanghai), Zone D, China North 2 (Beijing), Zone C, China East 1 (Hangzhou), Zone G, and China South 1 (Shenzhen), Zone D.
- **Instance Type:** In ebmhfg5, ebmc4, and ebmg5 type families are available. For more information about instance types, see [instance type families](#).
- **Image:** The following public images are supported.

Operating system	Image
Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CentOS 7.2/7.3/7.4/6.9/6.8 64-bit</li> <li>- Ubuntu 14.04/16.04 64-bit</li> <li>- Debian 8.9/9.2 64-bit</li> <li>- OpenSUE 42.3 64-bit</li> <li>- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2 64-bit</li> <li>- Aliyun Linux 17.1 64-bit</li> </ul>

Operating system	Image
Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2016 Data Center Edition 64-bit Chinese Edition</li> <li>- 2016 Data Center Edition 64-bit English Edition</li> <li>- 2012 R2 Data Center Edition 64-bit Chinese Edition</li> <li>- 2012 R2 Data Center Edition 64-bit English Edition</li> </ul>

- **Storage:** EBM instances support up to 16 data disks. You can add a data disk during or after instance creation, and then [mount the data disk](#).
- **Network:** Only VPC is supported.

## 2.7 Super Computing Cluster instance type family

### 2.7.1 Create an SCC server instance

Super Computing Cluster (SCC) is based on the ECS Bare Metal (EBM) instance product. Utilizing the high-speed interconnectivity of RDMA (Remote Direct Memory Access) technology, SCC greatly improves network performance and increases the acceleration ratio of large-scale clusters. SCC has all the advantages of EBM instances, and provides high-quality network performance featuring high bandwidth and low latency. For more information, see [ECS Bare Metal instance and Super Computing Clusters](#).

This article describes how to create an SCC instance. For more information about instance creation, see [create an image by using the wizard](#).

The following configurations are recommended for SCC instances:

- **Region:** Currently, only China East 2 (Shanghai) Zone D and Zone B support SCC instances.
- **Instance Type:** Instance type families scch5 and sccg5 are available. For more information about instance types, see [instance type families](#).
- **Image:** Select Public Image. Currently, only a custom Linux CentOS 7.5 image for SCC is supported.
- **Storage:** SCC support up to 16 data disks. You can add a data disk during or after instance creation, and then [mount the data disk](#).

- **Network: Only VPC is supported.**

## 3 Instance purchasing options

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### 3.1 Subscription

For the Subscription billing method, you can use resources only after you have paid for them.

#### Applicable resources

Currently, Subscription billing is used for the following ECS resources:

- ECS instances, including CPU configuration and memory capacity
- Images
- System disks and/or data disks

If you create an ECS instance that uses Subscription billing, the Instance Cost displayed in the lower right of the instance creation page is the total cost of the three resources listed.

#### Payment methods

You can pay for resources in Subscription mode using either of the following methods :

- Credit card or PayPal account bound to your Alibaba Cloud account. See [Configure your account](#) in *Account Management* to bind a credit card or PayPal account to your account.
- Coupons for Subscription products.



Note:

Log on to the ECS console and select Billing Management > Coupon Management to view the Applicable Scenarios of your coupons and check whether the coupons are applicable to Subscription products.

#### Billing period

Resources in Subscription mode are billed on a monthly basis. The billing period is based on the UTC+8 time zone. It starts from the resource activation time and ends at 00:00:00 on the second day after one month or one year.

For example, if you activate an ECS instance in Monthly Subscription mode at 13:23:56 March 12, 2017, the first billing cycle for the instance ends at 00:00:00 April 13, 2017.

The price unit varies depending on the resource. The following table lists the price units for various resources.

Resource	Price unit
ECS instance	USD/month
Image	USD/month
System disk	USD/(GiB*month)
Data disk	USD/(GiB*month)

To continue using a resource after the billing period has ended, you can renew your ECS instance at the end of a billing period. For more information about the renewal procedure, see [Manual renewal](#) or [Auto-renewal](#).

#### Status changes after expiration

The status of a Subscription instance after it expires will change depending on whether the auto-renewal feature is enabled.

- Auto-renewal disabled

If auto-renewal is disabled, and a Subscription instance is not renewed at the end of the billing period, it goes out of service within the 24 hours from 00:00:00 on the

expiration day to 00:00:00 the next day. The status changes of related resources are shown in the following table.

Period	ECS instances and images	System disks	Data disks	Internet IP addresses	Snapshots
On the expiration day	Out of service*, and images are disabled .	Out of service, but data is retained.	Out of service, but data on cloud disks , local disks , or shared block storage devices is retained.	For an instance of the Classic network type: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is retained. For a VPC-Connected ECS instance: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is retained . If an EIP address is bound, it is retained.	Retained.

Period	ECS instances and images	System disks	Data disks	Internet IP addresses	Snapshots
15 days after expiration	Released automatically	Released along with the instance, and data cannot be recovered.	By default, cloud disks are released along with the instance and data on them cannot be recovered. If you have set the cloud disks not to be released along with the instance, the disks stop working. Local disks are released along with the instance and data on them cannot be recovered. Shared block storage is detached automatically from the instance.	For an instance of the Classic network type: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is released. For a VPC-Connected ECS instance: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is retained. If an EIP address is bound, it is unbound from the instance.	Automatic snapshots are automatically deleted, but those manually created are retained. Manual snapshots are not affected.

\* When an instance is Out of service, you cannot connect to it, the website deployed on the instance cannot be accessed, and your business operations may be affected.



**Note:**

You cannot enable the auto-renewal feature for an instance after it expires.

- **Auto-renewal enabled**

If auto-renewal is enabled for an instance, but it fails to be renewed in the specified period, the status changes of the related resources are shown in the following table.

Period	ECS instances and images	System disks	Data disks	Internet IP addresses	Snapshots
Within 15 days of expiration	Running properly*.	Running properly.	Running properly.	Retained.	Retained.
15 days after expiration	The instance goes out of service** at any time within the 24 hours from 00:00:00 on the 15th day after expiration to 00:00:00 the next day .	Out of service, but data is retained.	Out of service, but data is retained.	For an instance of the Classic network type: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is released. For a VPC-Connected ECS instance: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is retained . If an EIP address is bound, it is retained.	Retained.

Period	ECS instances and images	System disks	Data disks	Internet IP addresses	Snapshots
30 days after expiration	Automatically released.	Released along with the instance, and data cannot be recovered.	By default, the cloud disks are released along with the instance. If you set them not to be released along with the instance, they stop working. Local disks are released along with the instance. Shared block storage is automatically detached.	For an instance of the Classic network type: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is released. For a VPC-Connected ECS instance: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is released. If an EIP address is bound, it is unbound from the instance.	Automatic snapshots are automatically deleted, but those that are manually created are retained.

\* Running properly means you can start and stop the instance properly and connect to the instance by using the Management Terminal in the console or other remote connection methods.

\*\* When an instance is Out of service, you cannot connect to it, the website deployed on the instance cannot be accessed, and your business operations may be affected.

## 3.2 Pay-As-You-Go

With the Pay-As-You-Go billing method, you are charged based on the amount of resources you actually use. Pay-As-You-Go allows you to activate and release resources at any time to meet your requirements. You can purchase resources on

demand, and scale up as your business grows. Costs can be reduced by 30% to 80% compared to a traditional host investment, with which many resources may be wasted at times.

### Applicable resources

Currently, the Pay-As-You-Go billing method is applicable to the following ECS resources:

- ECS instances, including CPU configuration and memory capacity
- Images
- System disks and/or data disks

If you create an ECS instance that uses the Pay-As-You-Go billing method, the Instance Cost displayed in the bottom of the instance creation page is the total fee for the preceding three types of resources.

You can make following changes after activating Pay-As-You-Go resources:

- Resource configuration change:

You can change the instance types, including CPU configuration and memory capacity, after you create an instance. For more information, see [Change configurations of Pay-As-You-Go instances](#).

- Billing method change:

Instances, system disks, and data disks support switching from Pay-As-You-Go billing to Subscription billing. For more information, see [Switch from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription billing](#).

### Payment methods

You can use a credit card or a PayPal account linked to your Alibaba Cloud account to pay for Pay-As-You-Go resources. For more information, see [Add a payment method](#).



#### Note:

If you are using PayPal as the payment method after activating a Pay-As-You-Go resource and place an order, Alibaba Cloud preauthorizes on your PayPal account.

### Billing period

A Pay-As-You-Go resource is billed by the second after it is created, and billing stops after it is released.

For a VPC instance, you can enable the *no fees for stopped instances feature*. When the feature is enabled, a VPC instance is not billed when it is in a Stopped status. This feature is only available for instances, and not for other ECS resources.

The billing cycle varies depending on the resource types. The minimum charge for the lifecycle of an ECS instance (from creation to release) is USD 0.01.

Item	Instances + Images	System disks	Data disks
Billing cycle	One second	One second	One second
Price unit	USD/hour	USD/(GiB * hours)	USD/(GiB * hours)

### Settlement cycle

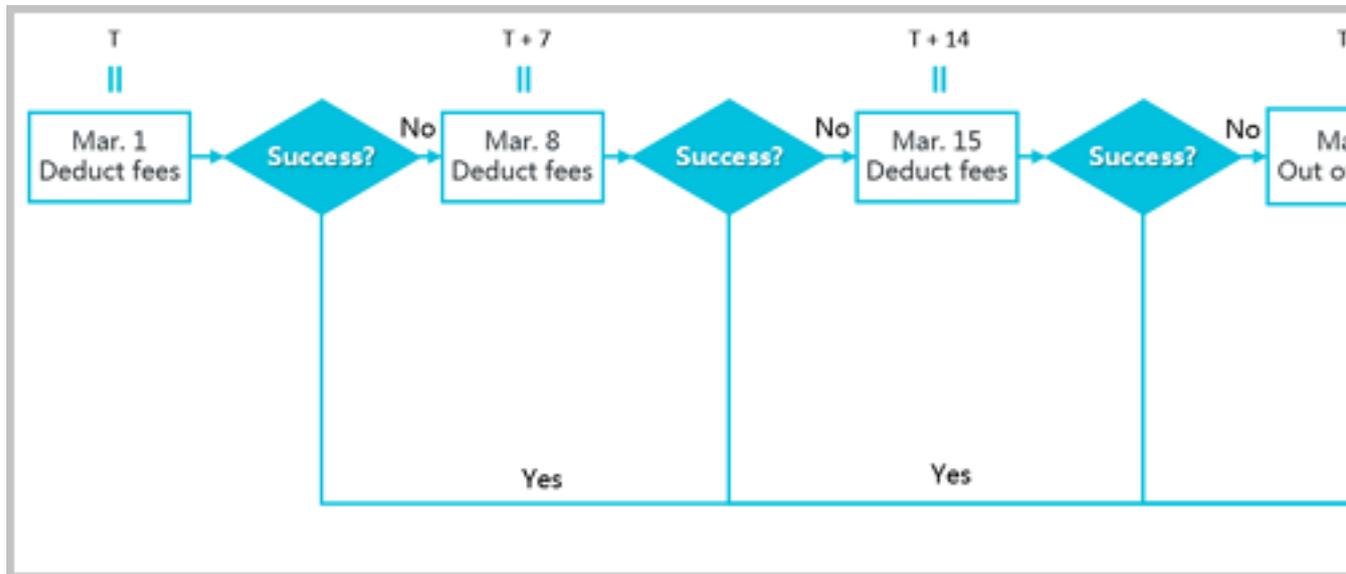
Pay-As-You-Go resources are billed by the second, but settled by the hour. Note the following:

- Payments for Pay-As-You-Go resources are settled together with other products under your account that are billed after you use them.
- Generally, if the cumulative monthly consumption amount of your account is less than 1,000 USD, fees are deducted on the first day of the following month.

- **If you have a quota agreement with Alibaba Cloud, fees are deducted when the cumulative consumption amount of your account exceeds the quota.**

Cumulative consumption amount	Due date (T)	Fee deduction day	Description
Cumulative monthly consumption amount less than 1,000 USD.	The first day of the following month.	T, T+7, and T+14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the event of deduction failure on the due date (T), the system attempts to deduct fees again on the day T+7 and the day T+14.</li> </ul>
Agreed quota	On the day when the quota is exceeded		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If fee deduction fails three times, the instance goes out of service on the day T+15. In this case, the instance stops running but data is retained. Billing stops when the instance is out of service.</li> <li>- When your instance is out of service, you must open a ticket to clear the overdue payment. After the overdue payment is cleared, you must <i>reactivate the instance</i> before the day T+30. Otherwise, the instance is released automatically.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the overdue payment fails to be cleared before the</li> </ul>

- **Example:** The following flowchart shows the settlement process for a Pay-As-You-Go ECS instance. Assume that the due date is March 1.



#### Instructions for settlement

- **Settlement period**
  - For ECS instances: The active duration is the time during which the ECS instance runs properly, starting from when the ECS instance is activated to when it is released or expires. If the instance is out of service during the active duration due to an overdue payment, billing stops until the payment is cleared.
  - For system disks and/or data disks: The active duration is the time during which the disks run properly, starting from when the disks are activated to when they are released.
- **Release rules**
  - If payment for an ECS instance is overdue, usage of Pay-As-You-Go cloud disks is restricted, and the cloud disks cannot process I/O read and write requests properly, affecting the normal running of the ECS instance. The impact includes but is not limited to the reduced performance of application read/write, serious time-out of some operations, and power-off or restart failure for some operating system versions.
  - ECS instances configured with the automatic release time are automatically released at a specified time.
  - Notification of release: In the event of service expiration or overdue payment, the system notifies you by email.

## Resource status when an instance is out of service

If you fail to pay for the Pay-As-You-Go resources fees three times in one settlement period, the instance is out of service on the day T+15. When your instance is out of service, you cannot use the resources normally until you clear the overdue payment. Once the payment is cleared, you must [reactivate the instance](#) within the specified period. The following table lists the status of the related resources once the instance is out of service.

Period	ECS instance and image	System disk + data disks	Internet IP address	Snapshots
Within 15 days of the instance going out of service (T+15 to T+30)	Both stop working.	When the instance is out of service*, the capability of the cloud disks and the local disks is limited. But the data on them is retained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· For instances of the Classic network type: The assigned Internet IP address is retained.</li> <li>· For VPC instances: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is retained. If an elastic IP (EIP) address is bound to the instance, it is retained.</li> </ul>	Retained.

Period	ECS instance and image	System disk + data disks	Internet IP address	Snapshots
15 days after the instance goes out of service (T+30)	Released automatically. You are notified in advance by emails when the resources will be released .	All cloud disks , including system disks and data disks that are created separately or together with the instance , or that are attached to the instance or not , are released automatically. The data cannot be recovered. The local disks are released automatically, and the data on them cannot be recovered. If shared block storage is attached to the instance, it is detached automatically, and the data on it is retained.	For instances of the Classic network type : The assigned Internet IP address is released. For VPC instances: If an Internet IP address is assigned, it is released. If an EIP address is bound to the instance, it is unbound automatically.	The automatic snapshots are deleted automatically. The snapshots that are manually created are retained.

\* When a Pay-As-You-Go instance is out of service, the instance is in an Expired status. During the period it is out of service, no fees are incurred.

#### FAQs

If a Pay-As-You-Go ECS instance is out of service or has stopped running, are fees still incurred?

An instance stops working and is rendered out-of-service when a payment is overdue. When a Pay-As-You-Go instance is out of service, it is in an Expired status, and no fees are incurred.

A stopped instance is in a Stopped status and has been stopped *in the ECS console* or by using the *StopInstance* interface. Billing of a stopped instance varies according to the network type of the instance:

- VPC: You can enable the *No fees for stopped instances (VPC-Connected)* feature. When this feature is enabled, an instance is not billed when it is in a Stopped status. This feature is only available for instances, and not for other resources.
- Classic: An instance continues to be billed even after it is in a Stopped status.

## 3.3 Preemptible instances

### 3.3.1 Preemptible instances

Preemptible instances are a type of on-demand instances.

When you create a preemptible instance, you can set a maximum price per hour to bid for a specified instance type. If your bid is higher than or equal to the current market price, your instance is created and billed according to the current market price. You can hold a preemptible instance without interruption for at least one hour. After one hour, your bid is compared with the market price. When the market price exceeds your bid or the resource stock is insufficient, the instance is automatically released.



#### Note:

After an instance is released, its data cannot be recovered. We recommend that you *create a snapshot* for an instance to back up its data before releasing it.

#### Scenarios

Preemptible instances are ideal for stateless applications, such as scalable Web services, figure rendering, big data analysis, and massively parallel computing. Furthermore, applications that require a higher level of distribution, scalability, and fault tolerance capabilities, benefit from preemptible instances in terms of costs and throughput.

You can use preemptible instances for the following scenarios:

- Real-time analysis
- Big data
- Geological surveys

- Image coding and media coding
- Scientific computing
- Scalable Web sites and Web crawlers
- Image and media coding
- Testing

Preemptible instances are not suitable for stateful applications, such as databases, because it is difficult to store application states if the instance is released because of a failed bid or other reasons.

### Life cycle

The following figure shows the life cycle of a preemptible instance.

### Bidding modes

You can bid for a preemptible instance only once. Moreover, you can bid in either of the following bidding modes:

- SpotAsPriceGo

This mode means you always set the real-time market price as the bidding price. Moreover, there is an upper limit for your bidding price, namely the price of the corresponding Pay-As-You-Go instance type.

If you use the [ECS purchase page](#) to create an instance, select Use Automatic Bid. If you use the [RunInstances](#) interface to create an instance, set the `SpotStrategy` parameter to `SpotAsPriceGo`.

- SpotWithPriceLimit

This mode means you must set the highest price you are willing to pay for a specified instance type.

If you use the [ECS purchase page](#) to create an instance, select Set Custom Maximum Price (Per Instance/Hour). If you use the [RunInstances](#) interface to create an instance, set the `SpotStrategy` parameter to `SpotWithPriceLimit`.

Currently, the maximum bid of a preemptible instance is the price of a Pay-As-You-Go instance of the same configuration. When creating a preemptible instance, you can set a price according to the displayed price range, business features, and the estimated future price fluctuation. When the market price is lower than or equal

to your bid, and the resource stock is sufficient, the instance can be created. If your bid takes into account the estimated future price fluctuation, you can hold the instance even after the one-hour [guaranteed duration](#). Otherwise, your instance may be automatically released at any time after that duration.

### Guaranteed duration

When a preemptible instance is created, it has a guaranteed duration of one hour, namely, the first hour after it is created. During this period, the instance will not be released because of stock shortage, and you can run services on the instance as normal. Beyond the guaranteed duration, the market price and stock is checked every five minutes. If the market price at any given point of time is higher than your bid or the instance type stock is insufficient, your preemptible instance will be automatically released.

### Price and billing

Preemptible instance price and billing considerations:

- Price

The preemptible instance price applies to the instance type only, including vCPUs and memory, but does not include system disks, data disks, or network bandwidth.

Instead, system disks and data disks are billed according to the [Pay-As-You-Go](#) billing method. Network bandwidth is billed according to the bandwidth billing rules of Pay-As-You-Go instances. For more information, see [Billing of Internet bandwidth](#).

- Billing method

Preemptible instances are billed by the second. When a preemptible instance is created successfully, the market price is an hourly rate and you only need to divide it by 3,600 to get the price per second.

The cost incurred from creating a preemptible instance to releasing it is accurate to two decimal places. An accrued cost of less than USD 0.01 is not charged.

- Billing duration

Instances are billed according to the actual period of use. The actual period of use is the duration from instance creation to instance release. After an instance is released, it is no longer billed. If you stop an instance by using [StopInstance](#) or in the [ECS console](#), the instance continues to be billed.

- **Market price**

During creation of a preemptible instance, it runs when your bid is higher than the current market price and the resource stock is sufficient.

In the first hour of its running, the instance is billed according to the initial market price. After that, it is billed according to the real-time market price.

The market price of a preemptible instance fluctuates according to the changes in the demand and supply of a given instance type. Therefore, we recommend that you pay attention to and evaluate the market price fluctuations to ensure you can take advantage of lower computing costs and increased throughput when purchasing preemptible instances.

#### Quota

For more information about the preemptible instance quota, see [Limits](#).

#### Create a preemptible instance

You can purchase a preemptible instance by using the [RunInstances](#) interface.

After a preemptible instance is created, it can be used in the same way as a Pay-As-You-Go instance. You can also use it with other cloud products, such as cloud disks or EIP addresses.

#### Stop a preemptible instance

You can stop a preemptible instance in the [ECS console](#) or by using the [StopInstance](#) interface. VPC preemptible instances support the [No fees for stopped VPC instances](#) feature.

The network type and the bidding mode of a preemptible instance determine whether it can start after it is stopped, as shown in the following table.

Network type + bidding mode	Stop instance	Restart instance
VPC + SpotWithPriceLimit	Select two options: Stop and Keep Stopped Instances and Continue Billing	During the guaranteed duration, the instance can be restarted successfully. After the guaranteed duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· If your bid is not lower than the market price and the resource stock is sufficient, the instance can be restarted successfully.</li> <li>· If your bid is lower than the market price or the resource stock is insufficient, the instance cannot be restarted.</li> </ul>
Classic network + SpotWithPriceLimit	N/A	
VPC + SpotAsPriceGo	Select two options: Stop and Keep Stopped Instances and Continue Billing	During the guaranteed duration, the instance can be restarted successfully. After the guaranteed duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· If the resource stock is sufficient, the instance can be restarted successfully.</li> <li>· If the resource stock is insufficient, the instance cannot be restarted.</li> </ul>
Classic network + SpotAsPriceGo	N/A	

Network type + bidding mode	Stop instance	Restart instance
VPC + SpotWithPriceLimit	Select one option only: Stop	<p>During the guaranteed duration, the instance can be restarted successfully only if the resource stock is sufficient. After the guaranteed duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· If your bid is not lower than the market price and the resource stock is sufficient, the instance can be restarted successfully.</li> <li>· If your bid is lower than the market price or the resource stock is insufficient, the instance cannot be restarted successfully.</li> </ul>
VPC + SpotAsPriceGo	Select one option only: Stop	<p>During the guaranteed duration, the instance can be restarted successfully only if the resource stock is sufficient. After the guaranteed duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· If the resource stock is sufficient, the instance can be restarted successfully.</li> <li>· If the resource stock is insufficient, the instance cannot be restarted.</li> </ul>

### Release a preemptible instance

When the guaranteed period ends, the instance is automatically released according to market price changes or if there is insufficient stock. Additionally, you can independently [release the instance](#).

When a preemptible instance is released because of market price changes or insufficient stock, the instance enters the Pending Release status. Then, the instance is released in about five minutes. You can use [instance metadata](#) or the `OperationLocks` information returned by calling the [DescribeInstances](#) interface to check if an instance is in the Pending Release status.

**Note:**

Although you can check if a preemptible instance is in the Pending Release status by using the API and save a small amount of data while the instance is in this status, we recommend that you design your applications in such a way that your services can continue even if the preemptible instance is immediately released. You can release a preemptible instance manually so as to test whether your applications run normally if an instance is automatically released.

Generally, preemptible instances are released in the order of bidding price, from low to high. If multiple preemptible instances have the same bidding price, they are randomly released.

**Best practices**

When using a preemptible instance, consider the following:

- Set a proper bidding price. That is, we recommend that you evaluate and submit a competitive price and take into account the estimated market price fluctuations. By doing so, your request can be accepted and your created preemptible instances will not be released easily due to price fluctuations. Additionally, we recommend that you take into account your pricing expectations based on your own business assessment.
- The image must have all the software configurations that your applications need, making sure that you can run your business immediately after the instance is created. Additionally, you can use [User data](#) to run commands upon startup.
- Store your business data on storage products that are independent from preemptible instances, such as cloud disks that are not set to release together with instances, OSS, or RDS.
- Split your tasks by using grids, Hadoop, queue-based architecture, or check points, thus making it easy to store computing results frequently.

- Use release notifications to monitor the status of a preemptible instance. You can use [instance metadata](#) to check the instance status every minute. The metadata of a preemptible instance is updated five minutes before it is released automatically.
- Test your applications to make sure that they can handle the accidental release of instances. You can test your applications as follows: run the applications on a Pay-As-You-Go instance, release the instance, and then check how the applications handle the release.

For more information, see [FAQ about preemptible instances](#).

For more information about using APIs to create preemptible instances, see [Use APIs to manage preemptible instances](#).

### 3.3.2 Create a preemptible instance

You can create a preemptible instance in the ECS console. This document describes the steps and relevant operations.

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, select Instances.
3. Click Create Instance.
4. Select Preemptible Instance for Billing Method.
5. Set the Single instance price limit.

You need to enter the maximum price you are willing to pay. When your bid is higher than the current market transaction price, the instance starts to run. Eventually, the market transaction price is charged for the instance.

6. Select or enter the number of instances to purchase.
7. Complete other settings. For more information, see [create an instance by using the wizard](#).
8. After the order is confirmed, click Create Instance.

After a preemptible instance is created, you can view its information in the instance list. A preemptible instance is marked as a Pay-As-You-Go-Preemptible Instance. After opening the instance details page, you can view the bidding policy set during instance creation in the Payment Information area.

## 3.4 Reserved Instances

### 3.4.1 Reserved Instances

A Reserved Instance (RI) is a discount coupon with specific attributes. It can automatically match one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances (excluding preemptible instances) in your account to provide a billing discount. Compared with Subscription instances, the combination of RIs and Pay-As-You-Go instances provides higher flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

Comparison of RIs against Subscription and Pay-As-You-Go instances

The following table compares RIs with Subscription and Pay-As-You-Go instances.

Item	RI	Pay-As-You-Go instance	Subscription instance
Definition	A type of discount coupon.	An instance with the <i>Pay-As-You-Go</i> billing method, equivalent to a virtual machine.	An instance with the <i>Subscription</i> billing method, equivalent to a virtual machine.
Usage	RIs cannot be used alone. Instead, they must match instances with specific attributes to generate a billing discount.	Pay-As-You-Go instances can be managed independently. They can be used as simple Web servers , or be combined with other Alibaba Cloud products to deliver powerful solutions.	Subscription instances can be managed independently. They can be used as simple Web servers , or be combined with other Alibaba Cloud products to deliver powerful solutions.

Payment methods, term, and instance count

When you purchase an RI, you can specify the payment method, term, and instance count based on your budget.

- Three payment methods are available:

All Upfront, Partial Upfront, and No Upfront. For more information, see [Reserved Instance billing](#).



Note:

Your Alibaba Cloud account needs to reach a certain level before you can select No Upfront.

- Two terms are available:

1 year and 3 years.



Note:

After an RI expires, the matched Pay-As-You-Go instances will still operate normally, but they will be billed without a discount.

- Instance count:

The instance count refers to the number of Pay-As-You-Go instances that can be matched by an RI at the same time.

## Attributes

An RI has specific attributes that automatically match the corresponding Pay-As-You-Go instances. You can also split an RI, merge multiple RIs, or change the scope of an RI. In this way, your RIs can flexibly match your Pay-As-You-Go instances. The attributes include:

- **Operating system:** Currently, RIs can only match Pay-As-You-Go Linux instances.
- **Instance type:** The type of an RI, which indicates the instance type family and the instance size. This attribute is used to match the corresponding Pay-As-You-Go instances.
- **Scope:** This attribute indicates the matching scope of an RI. Depending on the matching scope, RIs can be classified into regional RIs and zonal RIs.



Note:

We recommend that you purchase both zonal RIs and regional RIs to meet all of your requirements. In detail, zonal RIs apply when you are certain of the zone in which you want to use it. If you are uncertain about the specific use of your RI, we recommend that you use a regional RI to meet your wider needs.

- **Computational power:** This attribute indicates the upper limit of computational resources that an RI matches. The computational power is determined by the instance type and the instance count.

## Limits

Currently, RIs have the following limits:

- **Number of RIs**
  - **Number of regional RIs:** Each account can have up to 20 regional RIs in all regions.
  - **Number of zonal RIs:** Each account can have up to 20 zonal RIs in each zone.

For example, in China East 1 (Hangzhou) and China North 1 (Qingdao), you can purchase 10 regional RIs respectively because the upper limit of regional RIs is 20 per account. In zones B and H of China East 1 (Hangzhou), you can purchase up to 20 zonal RIs respectively. If you need more RIs, you can [open a ticket](#).

- **Matchable instances:** RIs only match Pay-As-You-Go instances (excluding [preemptible instances](#)).
- **Instance type family:** Currently, RIs support the following instance type families: sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, ic5, c5, g5, r5, hfc5, hfg5, and t5. For more information, see [Instance type families](#).



### Note:

The RIs of [t5 burstable instances](#) (t5) are only available at the zonal level. Additionally, they do not support merging, splitting, or scope changing.

## Fees

For more information about RI billing, see [Reserved Instance billing](#).

## References

For the matching rules, see [Matching rules of Reserved Instances](#).

For purchasing operations, see [Purchase a Reserved Instance](#).

For managing operations, see [Manage Reserved Instances flexibly](#).

For information on how to use an API to purchase an RI, see [PurchaseReservedInstancesOffering](#).

For information on how to use an API to query RIs, see [DescribeReservedInstances](#).

For information on how to use an API to manage RIs, see [ModifyReservedInstances](#).

### 3.4.2 Matching rules of Reserved Instances

Reserved Instances (RIs) provide a billing benefit only when they match Pay-As-You-Go instances. This topic describes the matching rules of RIs and provides some examples.

#### Matching rules of RIs

The matching status between an RI and a Pay-As-You-Go instance cannot be manually managed. After you purchase an RI, the RI automatically matches one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances that have certain attributes within its term. The matching elements include operating system, instance type, and scope.

If you do not have any Pay-As-You-Go instances under your account, the RI will be idle while continuing to incur fees. After you purchase one or more applicable Pay-As-You-Go instances, the RI will automatically match with the instances immediately. Successful matching leads to an immediate billing discount to your Pay-As-You-Go instances. For more information, see [Reserved Instance billing](#).

An RI takes effect and is billed on the hour upon successful purchase. It expires at 00:00:00 the day after the term end date. For example, you purchased an RI on February 26, 2019 13:45:00 PM, with a term of one year. The RI took effect on 2019-02-26 13:00:00, and its billing also started from that time. It will expire on 2020-02-27 00:00:00. If you had matchable instances when you purchased the RI, the billing discount first applied to the bill generated from 13:00 to 14:00 on February 26, 2019 till the expiration of the RI.

We recommend that you purchase RIs in advance according to your business needs. You can also manage your RIs flexibly to maximize your billing discount.

The following table describes the features of regional RIs and zonal RIs.

Feature	Regional RI	Zonal RI	Example
Instance size flexibility	Supported . A regional RI can match different sizes of Pay-As-You-Go instances that are of the same instance type family in the same region.	Not supported . A zonal RI must match one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances of a specified size.	You have the following running Pay-As-You-Go instances: Two ecs.c5.xlarge Linux instances in China North 1 (Qingdao). The instance names are C5PAYG-1 and C5PAYG-2 respectively. You purchase the following RI: One regional ecs.c5.2xlarge RI in China North 1 (Qingdao). The RI name is C5RI. After the purchase, C5RI matches C5PAYG1 and C5PAYG2 simultaneously to provide a billing discount.
Zone flexibility	Supported . A regional RI can match all Pay-As-You-Go instances in the same region.	Not supported . A zonal RI must match one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances in a specified zone.	You have the following running Pay-As-You-Go instance: One ecs.c5.xlarge Linux instance in zone B of China North 1 (Qingdao). The instance name is C5PAYG-b. You purchase the following RI: One regional ecs.c5.xlarge RI in China North 1 (Qingdao). The RI name is C5RI. After the purchase, C5RI matches C5PAYG-b to provide a billing discount. You release C5PAYG-b, and then start another Linux instance named C5PAYG-c, which is of the same instance type as C5PAYG-b, in zone C. C5RI then matches C5PAYG-c to provide the same billing discount.
Resource Reservation	Not supported . If there is a shortage of available instances, you may need to wait for instances to become available.	Supported. A specified number of Pay-As-You-Go instances are reserved so that these instances can be created successfully.	You purchase the following RIs: Five zonal ecs.c5.xlarge RIs in zone B of China North 1 (Qingdao). The term is 1 year and the instance count is 2. Ten ecs.c5.xlarge instances will be reserved in zone B of China North 1 (Qingdao) for one year.

### 3.4.3 Purchase a Reserved Instance

This topic describes how to purchase a Reserved Instance (RI).

Before you begin:

- Before purchasing an RI, make sure that the Pay-As-You-Go instances to be matched do not exceed the [Limitations](#).
- The matching status between an RI and a Pay-As-You-Go instance cannot be manually managed. We recommend that you read the [Matching rules of RIs](#) to fully understand the matching rule requirements.

Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Reserved Instances. If you have not tried this feature, click Apply to apply for testing.
3. On the Reserved Instances page, click Purchase Reserved Instance.
4. Set the region-related parameters.
  - a. Select a region.
  - b. Set Resource Reservation.



Note:

Only zonal RIs support resource reservation. However, regional RIs can apply to Pay-As-You-Go instances of different sizes or in different zones.

5. Configure the RI.
  - a. Select an Instance Type.



Note:

You must select an instance size when you purchase a regional RI, but you do not need to specify the instance size for the RI to match Pay-As-You-Go instances.

- b. Select Payment Option.

The options are All Upfront, Partial Upfront, and No Upfront. For more information, see [Reserved Instance billing](#).

6. Set the purchase parameters.

- a. (Optional) Enter a Name.
- b. Enter a Term.

The options are 1 Year(s) and 3 Year(s).

- c. Enter an Instance Count.

The Reserved Instance can match the specified count of Pay-As-You-Go instances with the specified instance type. For example, if the instance type is `ecs.g5.large` and instance count is 3, the Reserved Instance can match 3 Pay-As-You-Go instances with instance type as `ecs.g5.large`.

7. Read and confirm that you agree to the *ECS Service Level Agreement and Product Terms of Service*, and then click Purchase.
8. In the confirmation dialog box, confirm the parameters, and then click Create Order.
9. Confirm the payment information, and then click Pay.

#### What to do next

After you have successfully purchased an RI, you can immediately benefit from the billing discount when the RI matches one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances. You can also [Manage Reserved Instances](#) to quickly adjust to any changes made to your Pay-As-You-Go instances.

### 3.4.4 Manage Reserved Instances

This topic describes how to split, merge, and modify the scope of your Reserved Instances (RIs). Such actions allow you to benefit from billing discounts of more Pay-As-You-Go instance types.

#### Before you begin:

To make this topic easier to understand, RIs to be split, merged, or modified are hereinafter referred to as *original RIs*, while split, merged, or modified RIs are hereinafter referred to as *target RIs*.

Before you split, merge, or modify RIs, make sure that the following conditions are met:

- You have successfully purchased original RIs and they are within a valid term.
- There is no ongoing splitting, merging, or modification request.

- The RI to be modified only requires its size to be adjusted. The instance type family of an RI cannot be modified.

After you submit a splitting, merging, or modification request:

- The original RI changes to changing status, which will be automatically refreshed after the request is processed.
- A request in progress cannot be changed or canceled. If you want to roll back your changes, you must submit another request.

After an RI is split, merged, or modified:

- The target RI becomes valid immediately. If it matches one or more new Pay-As-You-Go instances, the billing discount is applied within the same hour.
- The original RI becomes invalid immediately. The price is updated to 0 USD.
- If the target RI is a zonal RI, the type of resource reservation is also updated automatically.

If the original RI fails to be split, merged, or modified, it will remain valid.

### Split an RI

You can split an RI into multiple RIs of less computing power. The smaller RIs can then match applicable Pay-As-You-Go instances to better distribute your service traffic.

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Reserved Instances.
3. On the Reserved Instances page, click Split in the Actions column of the original RI.
4. On the Split Reserved Instance page, set the name, instance type, and instance quantity of the target RIs.



**Note:**

The total computing power of the target RIs must be equal to that of the original RI.

5. Click OK.

### Merge RIs

If traffic to your instances increases, you can merge multiple RIs into one RI that has greater computing power to match larger Pay-As-You-Go instances.

**Notice:**

Before merging RIs, you must verify that the following conditions are met:

- The expiration date of the original RIs must be the same.
- The original RIs have been purchased using the same currency.
- If the original RIs are regional RIs, they must be in the same region. If the original RIs are zonal RIs, they must be in the same zone.

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Reserved Instances.
3. On the Reserved Instances page, click Merge in the Actions column of the original RI.
4. On the Merge Reserved Instances page, select the original RIs, and then set the name, instance type, and instance quantity of the target RI.

**Note:**

The computing power of the target RI must be equal to that of all selected original RIs, and the target RI must be of an existing instance type. For example, two ecs.g5.2xlarge RIs can be merged into one ecs.g5.4xlarge RI, but one ecs.g5.xlarge RI and two ecs.g5.2xlarge RIs cannot be merged into one ecs.g5.5xlarge RI.

5. Click OK.

### Modify the scope of an RI

If your service requirements change, you can modify the scope of your RIs.

Specifically, you can:

- Modify a regional RI to a zonal RI.
- Modify a zonal RI to a regional RI.
- Modify the zone of an RI in the same region.

You cannot modify the scope of an RI across regions. For example, if you have a zonal RI in zone B of China East 1 (Hangzhou), you can modify it as a zonal RI in another zone of China East 1 (Hangzhou), or as a regional RI in China East 1 (Hangzhou).

However, you cannot modify it as a regional or zonal RI in another region.

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Reserved Instances.

3. On the Reserved Instances page, click **Modify** in the **Actions** column of the original RI.
4. On the **Modify Reserved Instance Page**, modify the parameters as needed.
5. Click **OK**.

## 4 ECS instance life cycle

### 4.1 ECS instance life cycle

The life cycle of an ECS instance begins when the instance is created and ends when the instance is released.

#### Instance status

During its life cycle, an ECS instance may undergo several status changes, as described in the following table.

Status	Status attribute	Description	API status	Visible in the console?
Preparing	Intermediate	After an instance is created, it is in this status before it enters the Running status. If the instance is in this status for a long time, it means that an exception has occurred.	Pending	No
Starting	Intermediate	After an instance is started or restarted in the console or through an API, the instance is in this status before it enters the Running status. If the instance is in this status for a long time, it means that an exception has occurred.	Starting	Yes
Running	Stable	The instance is operating normally, and you can run your services.	Running	Yes
Expiring	Stable	A Subscription instance is in this status for 15 days before it expires. We recommend that you <a href="#">Renew the instance</a> .	Running	Yes
Stopping	Intermediate	After an instance is stopped in the console or through an API, the instance is in this status before it enters the Stopped status. If the instance is in this status for a long time, it means that an exception has occurred.	Stopping	Yes

Status	Status attribute	Description	API status	Visible in the console?
Stopped	Stable	An instance is in this status after it has been created but has not been started yet, or when it has been stopped due to normal operations. An instance in this status cannot provide external services.	Stopped	Yes
Expired	Stable	A Subscription instance enters the Expired status when it expires. A Pay-As-You-Go instance enters this status if you have an overdue payment under your account. An instance in this status cannot provide external services. For information about resource status changes, see <a href="#">Subscription</a> and <a href="#">Pay-As-You-Go</a> .	Stopped	Yes
Expired and Being Recycled	Stable	<p>Within 15 days after a VPC Subscription instance expires or is stopped due to an overdue payment, the instance stays in the Expired status for a period of time, and then enters the Expired and Being Recycled status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can renew the instance before it enters the Expired and Being Recycled status. If the renewal is successful, all resources will be retained without being affected.</li> <li>After the instance enters the Expired and Being Recycled status, its computing resources (vCPU + Memory) will no longer be retained, but its cloud disks, local disks, and assigned Internet IP address will be retained. You can renew the instance. If the renewal is successful, the block storage (including the local disks) and the assigned Internet IP address will remain the same.</li> </ul>		

Status	Status attribute	Description	API status	Visible in the console?
Overdue and Being Recycled	Stable	<p>Within 15 days after a VPC Pay-As-You-Go instance expires or is stopped due to an overdue payment, the instance stays in the Expired status for a period of time, and then enters the Overdue and Being Recycled status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can add funds to your account and <a href="#">Restart</a> the instance before the instance enters the Overdue and Being Recycled status. If the restart is successful, all resources will be retained without being affected.</li> <li>After the instance enters the Expired and Being Recycled status, its computing resources (vCPU + Memory) will no longer be retained, but its cloud disks, local disks, and assigned Internet IP address will be retained. You can add funds to your account and restart the instance. If the instance fails to be restarted, try again later or open a ticket. When you restart the instance successfully, the block storage (including local disks) and the assigned Internet IP address of the instance are retained.</li> </ul>	Stopped	Yes
Locked	Stable	An instance is in this status if you have an overdue payment under your account or your account is insecure. You can open a ticket to unlock the instance.	Stopped	Yes
Release pending	Stable	A Subscription instance is in this status after you apply for a refund before the instance expires.	Stopped	Yes

#### API status

You can call [DescribeInstanceStatus](#) or [DescribeInstances](#) to view the API status of an instance. The following figure shows the status conversions described in this topic.

## 4.2 Create an instance

### 4.2.1 Create an instance by using the wizard

This topic describes how to create an instance by using the ECS console wizard. If you want to create a custom image from a snapshot of your system disk, and then use the custom image to create an ECS instance, see how to create an instance from a custom image.

#### Prerequisites

- Before creating an ECS instance, you must complete the [preparation work](#).
- To specify an SSH key pair when creating a Linux instance, you must [create an SSH key pair](#) in the target region.
- To set the user-defined data, you must prepare the [User Data](#).
- To authorize an instance to assume a role, you must [create an instance RAM role and grant it permissions](#).

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click instances.
3. On the Instances list page, click Create Instance.
4. Complete the Basic Configurations as follows:
  - a) Select a Billing Method: Subscription, Pay-As-You-Go or [Preemptible Instance](#).

**Note:**

For how to create preemptible instances, see [Create preemptible instances](#).

- b) Select a region and zone. By default, a zone is assigned randomly. You can select a zone that better meets your needs. For more information about regions and zones, see [Regions and zones](#).

**Note:**

- After an instance is created, you cannot change its region and zone.

- Note that some instance type families are not supported in all regions. For more information, see [Create a compute optimized instance with GPUs](#), [Create an f1 instance](#), [Create an SCC server instance](#), and [Create an EBM instance](#).

c) Select an instance type and specify the quantity of instances. The availability of an instance type family is determined by the selected region. For the scenarios of each instance type, see [Instance type families](#).



Note:

- The quota of Pay-As-You-Go or preemptible instances for your account is shown on the page.
- To use Elastic Network Interfaces (ENIs), select an enterprise-level instance type with at least two vCPU cores or an entry-level instance type with at least four vCPU cores. For more information about the maximum number of ENIs that can be attached to one instance, see [Instance type families](#).
- To use an SSD Cloud Disk, select an I/O-optimized instance.

d) Select an image. You can select a public image, custom image, shared image, or Marketplace image.



Note:

- To use an SSH key pair, select a Linux image.
- To set User Data, select an image as instructed in [User data](#).
- Public images only include the initial system environment, and more images are available in the image Marketplace.

e) Select storage devices:

- **System Disk: Required.** A system disk is required for installing the operating system. Specify the cloud disk category and size for the system disk:
  - **Cloud disk category:** The available categories are determined by the selected region.
  - **Size:** The default size is 40 GiB, with a maximum size of 500 GiB. If the selected image file is greater than 40 GiB, the size is defaulted to the image

file size. The available size range varies with the selected image, as shown in the following table.

Image	Available size range
Linux (excluding CoreOS) FreeBSD	[max{20, ImageSize}, 500] GiB. Where, the public image size is 40 GiB for Ubuntu 14.04 32-bit, Ubuntu 16.04 32-bit, and CentOS 6.8 32-bit.
CoreOS	[max{30, ImageSize}, 500] GiB
Windows	[max{40, ImageSize}, 500] GiB

- **Data Disk: Optional.** If you create a cloud disk as a data disk at this time, you must select the disk type, size, and quantity, and set whether to *encrypt* it. You can create an empty data disk or create a data disk from a snapshot. Up to 16 data disks can be added.



Note:

The data disks added here have the following features:

- The billing method is the same as that of the instance.
  - A Subscription data disk must be released at the same time as its corresponding instance, while a Pay-As-You-Go data disk can be released separately or at the same time as the corresponding instance.
- If you have selected an instance type family that has local disks (such as i1, d1, or d1ne), the local disk information is displayed. You cannot specify the quantity or category of local disks, which are determined by the selected instance type. For information about the local disks corresponding to various instance types with local disk, see [Instance type families](#).

#### 5. Click Next: Networking to finish the network and security group configuration:

##### a) Select a network:

- **VPC:** You must select a VPC and a VSwitch. If you do not have a VPC and a VSwitch, you can use the default ones.
- **Classic network:** If you purchased the ECS instance for the first time after June 16, 2016, 12:00 (UTC + 8), you can no longer select a classic network.

##### b) Configure the Network Billing Method:

- To assign a public IP address to the instance, select Assign public IP. Then, select Pay-By-Traffic as the network billing method and specify the

bandwidth. For public IP addresses assigned in this way, you cannot detach them from the instance. For more information about network billing, see [Billing of Internet bandwidth](#).

- If your instances do not need to access the Internet or your VPC instances [use an Elastic IP \(EIP\) address to access the Internet](#), you do not need to assign a public IP address. You can detach an EIP address from an instance.
- c) Select a security group. If you have not created a security group, you can use the default security group. For the rules of the default security group, see [Default security group rules](#).
- d) Add an Elastic Network Interface (ENI). If your selected instance type supports ENIs, you can add one and specify a VSwitch for it.



**Note:**

By default, the ENI is released along with the instance. You can detach it from the instance in the [ECS console](#) or by using the [DetachNetworkInterface](#) interface.

6. (Optional) Click Next: System Configurations to finish the following configuration:
  - Select and set logon credentials. You can choose [Set Later](#) or set it now. Select a credential based on the image:
    - Linux: You can select a password or SSH key pair as a logon credential.
    - Windows: You can only select a password as a logon credential.
  - Specify the instance name, which is displayed in the ECS console, and the host name, which is displayed inside the guest operating system.
  - Set the advanced options:
    - Instance RAM role: Assign a RAM role to the instance.
    - User Data: Customize the startup behaviors of an instance or pass data into an instance.
7. (Optional) Click Next: Grouping to manage instances by group. You can add tags to instances to simplify future management.

## 8. Confirm the order:

- In the Configurations Selected area, confirm all the configurations. You can also click the edit icon to re-edit the configuration.
  - (Optional) Click Save as launch template to save your configuration as a launch template for future use. For more information, see [Instance launch template](#).
  - (Optional) Click View Open API to acquire the API best practices about how to create instances. At the left side, API Workflow explains the related APIs and request parameter values for the current operation. At the right side, the programming language-specific samples are given for you to use. Currently, Java and Python samples are provided. For more information, see [ECS API Reference Overview](#).
- (Optional) If the billing method is Pay-As-You-Go, you can set the Auto Release Schedule.
- (Optional) If the billing method is Subscription, you can set the duration and select whether to enable Auto renewal.
- Confirm the configuration costs. The billing methods for an instance and its Internet bandwidth determine the displayed cost information, as shown in the following table.

Instance billing method	Estimated fee
Pay-As-You-Go or preemptible instance	Internet traffic fee + configuration fee. The configuration fees include: the instance type (vCPU and memory), the system disk, data disks (if any), and local disks (if any).
Subscription	Internet traffic fee + configuration fee. Configuration fees include: the instance type (vCPU and memory), the system disk, data disks (if any), and local disks (if any).

- Read and confirm you agree to the ECS Service Level Agreement.

## 9. Click Create Instance.

### Result

After the instance is activated, click Console to view the instance details in the console. In the Instances list of the relevant region, you can view the information

of the new instance, including the instance name, the Internet IP address, and the private IP address.

#### What's next

- You can create an FTP site on the instance for transferring files. For more information, see [Build an FTP site on an ECS instance](#).
- To secure your instance after creation, we recommend that you perform security compliance inspection and configuration:
  - Linux instances: See [Harden operating system security for Linux](#) in *Security Advisories*.
  - Windows instances: See [Harden operating system security for Windows](#) in *Security Advisories*.
- If a data disk is created along with the instance, you must partition and format the disk before use. For more information, see [Format a data disk for Windows instances](#) or [Format a data disk of a Linux instance](#).

### 4.2.2 Create an instance by using a custom image

If you want to create an ECS instance that has the same operating system, software applications, and data as an existing instance, you can create a custom image and use it to create the new ECS instance. This method improves the deployment efficiency.

#### Context

- If the image and the instance are in the same region, create a custom image by using one of the following methods:
  - [Import an image](#)
  - [#unique\\_169](#)
  - [#unique\\_170](#)
- If the custom image and the instance are in different regions, copy the custom image to the target region. For more information, see [#unique\\_171](#).
- If the image to be used is owned by another account, it must be shared with you. For more information, see [share images](#).

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).

2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.

Alternatively, you can click Images to find the target image, and then click Create Instance in the Actions column.

3. In the upper-right corner of the Instances page, click Create Instance.

4. Follow the steps when you [create an instance by using the wizard](#). When creating an ECS instance, note the following:

- Region: Select the region where the image is located.
- Image: Select Custom Image or Shared Image, and then select an image from the drop-down list.



**Note:**

If the selected custom image contains more than one data disk snapshot, an equal number of cloud disks are automatically created to function as data disks. By default, the size of each data disk is equal to that of the source snapshot. You can only increase the size of a data disk. You cannot decrease it.

5. Confirm the order.

### 4.2.3 Create an instance of the same configuration

To duplicate ECS instances of the same configurations, use the Buy Same Type feature.

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. Select the target region.
3. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
4. Find your ECS instance and, in the Actions column, select More > Buy Same Type.
5. On the Buy the Same Configuration page, confirm the selected configurations in the Overview section. If you want to modify any configurations, select View More to change the billing method, security group, network billing method, bandwidth, logon credential, or instance name.
6. To purchase a Subscription ECS instance, you can change the Purchase Time.
7. Set the Amount.
8. Read and confirm you agree to the ECS Service Terms and Product Terms of Service.

9. Confirm the order.

## 4.2.4 Use a launch template

### Prerequisites

You have [created a template](#) or [created a version](#).

### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, select Launch Templates.
3. Locate the template or version that you want to use, and then click Create Instance in the Actions column.
4. On the ECS buy page, select the required template and version.



Note:

You can click the edit icon next to the target launch template to modify its configurations.

5. If you want to create an instance using the Subscription billing method, select a subscription duration, read and confirm you agree to the Terms of Service, and then click Create Order. After you complete the payment, you can view the newly created instance in the ECS console.

If you want to create an instance using the Pay-As-You-Go billing method, read and confirm you agree to the Terms of Service, and then click Create Instance. After the instance is created successfully, you can view its details in the ECS console.

## 4.3 Connect to instances

### 4.3.1 Overview

Based on the network type and operating system of your ECS instance, and the operating system of your local machine, use one of the following methods to connect to an ECS instance.

#### Connect to a Linux instance

The following table details different methods by which to remotely connect to a Linux instance.

Is Internet access required?	Operating system of the local machine	Connection method
Yes/No	Windows or Unix-like OS	<a href="#">Connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal.</a>
Yes	Windows	<p>Use a remote connection tool to create remote connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use an SSH key pair as the credential. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Linux instance by using an SSH key pair.</a></li> <li>• Use a password as the credential. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Linux instance by using a password.</a></li> </ul>
Yes	Linux, Mac OS, or other Unix-like OS	<p>Use commands to create remote connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use an SSH key pair as the credential. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Linux instance by using an SSH key pair.</a></li> <li>• Use a password as the credential. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Linux instance by using a password.</a></li> </ul>
Yes	iOS or Android	<p>User apps, such as SSH Control Lite or JuiceSSH, to create remote connection. For details, see <a href="#">connect to an instance on a mobile device.</a></p>

## Connect to a Windows instance

The following table details different methods by which to remotely connect to a Windows instance.

Is Internet access required ?	Operating system of the local machine	Connection method
Yes/No	Windows or Unix-like OS	<a href="#">Connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal.</a>
Yes	Windows	Use mstsc to create remote connection. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Windows instance.</a>
Yes	Linux	Use a remote connection tool, such as rdesktop, to create remote connection. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Windows instance.</a>
Yes	Mac OS	Use Microsoft Remote Desktop Connection for Mac to create remote connection. For details, see <a href="#">connect to a Windows instance.</a>
Yes	iOS or Android	Use Microsoft Remote Desktop to create a remote connection. For details, see <a href="#">connect to an instance on a mobile device.</a>

### 4.3.2 Connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal

You can use the Management Terminal, also known as VNC, to connect to an ECS instance. This method is suitable for when other remote access software programs such as PuTTY, Xshell, or SecureCRT, do not work.

#### Scenarios

The Management Terminal can be used to:

- Check the status of an ECS instance.
- Reconfigure the firewall if a remote connection fails due to software error within the ECS instance.
- End abnormal processes that consume excessive CPU usage or bandwidth.

**Note:**

The Management Terminal can be used to connect to an instance even if no public IP address is assigned to your instance.

**Prerequisites**

- You have an ECS instance. For more information, see [create an ECS instance](#).
- You have set the logon password of the ECS instance. If not, you can use the [reset password](#) function.

**Procedure**

The following figure illustrates how to use the Management Terminal to connect to an ECS instance.

To connect to the ECS instance by using the Management Terminal, follow these steps :

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. In the instance list, find your instance and then, in the Actions column, click Connect.
5. In the Management Terminal page, follow the instructions to connect to the Management Terminal:
  - If you log on as an Alibaba Cloud account to connect to the Management Terminal for the first time, follow these steps:
    - a. In the VNC Connection Password dialog box, copy the password and click Close.

**Note:**

- The VNC password appears only once. You must save the password immediately and store it securely for future use. If you need to change the VNC password, see [change the VNC connection password](#).
- If you log on as a RAM user to connect to the Management Terminal for the first time, you will not see this dialog box.

b. In the Enter VNC Password dialog box, paste the VNC connection password that you have copied, and click OK.

- If you log on as a RAM user to connect to the Management Terminal for the first time, or if you have forgotten your VNC connection password, follow these steps:

- [Change the VNC connection password](#).
- In the upper-left corner of the Management Terminal page, select Send Remote Command > Connect to Management Terminal.
- In the Enter VNC Password dialog box, enter the new password and click OK.
- If this is not your first connection to the Management Terminal, enter the VNC connection password in the Enter VNC Password dialog box and click OK.

6. To log on to the ECS instance, follow these steps according to the operating system:

- For a Linux instance: Enter the user name ( `root` ) and the logon password.



Note:

- If you do not know the logon password of your instance, [reset the password](#).
- The logon password input is invisible.
- If you want to perform additional operations within the instance, in the upper-left corner of the Management Terminal page, select Send Remote Command > CTRL + ALT + Fx, of which Fx can be any key from F1 to F10, to switch the interfaces for different operations.
- If see a black screen, the Linux instance may be in sleep mode. To exit sleep mode, click your mouse or press any key.

- For a Windows instance: In the upper-left corner of the Management Terminal page, select Send Remote Command > CTRL+ALT+DELETE. The Windows logon interface is displayed. Enter the user name ( `Administrator` ) and the logon password.



Note:

If you do not know the logon password of your instance, [reset the password](#).

## Other Operations

### Change the VNC connection password

If you do not know your VNC connection password, follow these steps to change the password.



#### Note:

If the instance that you are connecting to is not I/O optimized, you must restart your instance in the ECS console to apply the new VNC password. The restart operation stops your instance and interrupts your business operations. Therefore, proceed with caution.

1. Open the Management Terminal page.
2. Close any dialog box that displays.
3. In the upper-right corner of the Management Terminal page, click **Modify Management Terminal Password**.
4. Enter a new password. The password must be at least six characters in length and can contain letters and numbers only.
5. Depending on the instance, the new password takes effect as follows:
  - For an I/O-optimized instance, the new password takes effect immediately.
  - For a non-I/O-optimized instance, [restart the instance](#) in the ECS console.



#### Note:

Restarting the operating system does not apply the new password.

### Input commands

If you are connecting to a Linux instance, use the Input Commands feature to type long text, such as a complex command or a URL.

To use Input Commandes, follow these steps:

1. Open the Management Terminal page.
2. In the upper-right corner of the Management Terminal page, click **Input Commands**.
3. Enter the commands and click **OK**.
4. Press the Enter key to run the commands.

## FAQ

- Can multiple users simultaneously connect to the Management Terminal?

No. Only one user can connect to the Management Terminal at a time.

- Why am I unable to connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal even after changing the password?

Make sure that you enter the correct VNC password. If the instance that you are connecting to is not I/O optimized, you must restart the instance in the ECS console. This action helps the new VNC password to take effect.

- Why do I see a black screen after logging on to my instance?

A black screen indicates that the instance is in sleep mode.

For a Linux instance, click your mouse or press any key to activate the screen.

For a Windows instance, click Send remote command > CTRL+ALT+DELETE to view the logon interface.

- Why am I unable to access the Management Terminal?

Open your browser, connect to the Management Terminal, and press F12 to open the developer tool. You can then go to the Console tab to analyze the Management Terminal information and locate errors under.

- Can I use IE or Firefox to access the Management Terminal?

IE version 10 and later support the Management Terminal. Only certain versions of Firefox are supported.

**Note:**

We recommend that you use Google Chrome as it offers the best support for Management Terminal.

### 4.3.3 Connect to a Linux instance by using an SSH key pair

This document describes how to use an SSH key pair to log on to a Linux instance in the following OSs:

- [Local Windows OS](#)
- [Local Linux OS or other OSs supporting SSH commands](#)

**Note:**

You can also use your account and password to connect to a Linux instance. For detailed operations, see [connect to a Linux instance by using a password](#) and [connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal](#).

## Local Windows OS

The following uses PuTTY and PuTTYgen as an example to describe how to use a key pair generated by Alibaba Cloud to log on to a Linux instance through the SSH remote access tool on a Windows OS.

### Prerequisites

- You have downloaded and installed PuTTY and PuTTYgen. The download links are as follows:
  - PuTTY: <https://the.earth.li/~sgtatham/putty/latest/w64/putty.exe>
  - PuTTYgen: <https://the.earth.li/~sgtatham/putty/latest/w64/puttygen.exe>
- You have a Linux instance allocated with a key pair. You can allocate a key pair when creating an instance or [bind a key pair](#) for the instance.
- The following security group rules must be added to the security group where the instance resides. For detailed operations, see [add security group rules](#).

Network type	Network card type	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
VPC	Not required	Inbound	Allow	SSH (22)	22/22	IP address segment-based access	0.0.0.0/0	1
Classic network	Internet							

### Procedure

1. (Optional) If you are using a .pem private key file generated by Alibaba Cloud, you must do the following to convert it to a .ppk key file: If you are using a .ppk private key file, skip this step.



Note:

You can download the `.pem` private key file when you [create an SSH key pair](#).

- a. Start PuTTYgen. PuTTYgen 0.68 is used in this example.
- b. In the Parameters area, select `RSA` for Type of key to generate.



**Note:**

You do not need to set Number of bits in a generated key. PuTTYgen will automatically updates the parameter value according to the information about the imported private key.

- c. Click Load, select All Files (\*.\*) from the drop-down list after the file name field, and then locate your `.pem` file.



**Note:**

By default, only `.ppk` files are displayed.

- d. Select the `.pem` private key file you have downloaded from Alibaba Cloud and click Open.
  - e. Click OK to close the confirmation dialog box.
  - f. Click Save private key. In the PuTTYgen Warning dialog box indicating saving the key without a passphrase to protect it, click Yes.
  - g. Set the private key name to the key pair name and save the name. PuTTY will automatically add the `.ppk` extension to the file.
2. Start PuTTY.
  3. Choose Connection > SSH > Auth from the left navigation pane, click Browse... in the right pane, and then select the generated `.ppk` file.
  4. In the left navigation pane, click Session.
    - In the right pane, enter your account and the Internet IP address of the instance to be connected in the Host Name ( or IP address ) text box in `root @ IP address` format.
    - In the Port text box, enter the port number `22`.
    - Select SSH for Connection type.

5. Click **Open** to start connecting to your Linux instance.

When **Connection established** is displayed, you have successfully logged on to the instance by using the key pair.

#### Local Linux OS or other OSs supporting SSH commands

This section describes how to use an SSH key pair to log on to a Linux instance on a Linux OS or an OS supporting SSH commands, for example, Windows MobaXterm.

#### Prerequisites

You have a Linux instance with a key pair allocated. You can [allocate a key pair when creating an instance](#) or [bind a key pair](#) for the instance.

The following security group rules must be added to the security group where the instance resides. For detailed operations, see [add security group rules](#).

Network type	Network card type	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
VPC	Not required	Inbound	Allow	SSH (22)	22/22	IP address	0.0.0.0/0	1
Classic network	Internet							

#### Procedure

##### · Method 1

1. Locate the directory for saving the .pem private key file on your local PC, for example, `/ root / xxx . pem .`



Note:

You can download the `.pem` private key file when you [create an SSH key pair](#). `xxx.pem` is your private key file.

2. Run `chmod 400 [ Directory for saving the .pem private key file on your local PC ]` to modify the attributes of the private key file, for example, `chmod 400 / root / xxx . pem .`
3. Run `ssh -i [ Directory for saving the .pem private key file on your local PC ] root @[ Internet IP address ]` to connect to the instance, for example, `ssh -i / root / xxx . pem root @ 10 . 10 . 10 . 100 .`

#### • Method 2

You can simplify the connection commands through SSH configurations.

1. Enter the `ssh` directory in the root directory and do the following to modify the `config` file:

```
Host ecs // Set the name of your ECS instance
.
HostName 192 . *. *. * // Enter the Internet IP
address of your ECS instance .
Port 22 / Enter the port number , which is 22
by default .
User Root // Enter your logon account .
IdentityFile ~/.ssh / ecs . pem // Enter the directory
for saving the .pem private key file on your
local PC .
```

2. Save the `config` file.
3. Restart SSH.
4. Run `ssh [ ECS name ]` to connect to your ECS instance, for example, `ssh ecs .`

### 4.3.4 Connect to a Linux instance by using a password

You can connect to a Linux instance by using different authentication methods:

- If you are using an SSH key pair, see [connect to a Linux instance by using an SSH key pair](#).
- If you are using a password, you can [connect to an instance by using the Management Terminal](#) or by using software applications or command lines.

#### Prerequisites

- The instance must be in the Running status. If not, [start it](#).

- You have set a logon password for the instance. If the password is lost, you can [reset the password](#).
- The instance can access the Internet:
  - In a VPC, a public IP address is assigned to the instance or [an EIP address is bound to the instance](#).
  - In the classic network, a public IP address is assigned to the instance by using either of the following methods:
    - For a Subscription or a Pay-As-You-Go instance, you can select Assign public IP when creating the instance.
    - For a Subscription instance without a public IP address, you can assign one by [upgrading the bandwidth](#).
- The following security group rules must be added to the security group that the instance joins. For more information, see [add security group rules](#).

Network type	NIC	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
VPC	N/A	Inbound	Allow	SSH (22)	22/22	Address Field Access	0.0.0.0/0	1
Classic	Internet							

## Procedure

Based on the operating system of your local machine, use one of the following methods to connect to a Linux instance by using the SSH protocol:

- [Windows OS](#)
- [Linux or Mac OS X](#)
- [Android or iOS](#)

## Windows OS

If your local machine is running Windows OS, you can use a remote connection tool, such as PuTTY, to connect to a Linux instance. In this article, we use PuTTY as an example to describe how to connect to a Linux instance by using the password authentication method. Before you start, download [PuTTY](#).

Follow these steps to connect to a Linux instance:

1. Start `putty.exe`.
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click `Session` , and configure the following parameters:
  - `Host Name` : Type the public IP address or EIP address of the instance.
  - `Port` : Type `22` .
  - `Connection Type` : Select `SSH` .
  - (Optional) `Saved Session` : If you do not want to repeat the configurations during the next logon, add a name for the session, and click `Save`.
3. Click `Open` to connect, and in the PuTTY Security Alert dialog box, click `Yes`.

**Note:**

For the first connection to an ECS instance, you have the PuTTY Security Alert as follows, which means PuTTY cannot guarantee the instance is the one that you think it is, so it can only provide the public key fingerprint of the instance for you to decide to trust the instance or not. If you select `Yes`, the public key will be added to the PuTTY' s cache and you will not be alerted again during your next connection. If you select `Yes` but are alerted again, a *man-in-the-middle attack (MITM)* may occur. For more information, see [PuTTY User Manual](#).

4. Enter the user name and password for the Linux instance, and then press `Enter`.

**Note:**

The password is not displayed on screen.

If you are successfully connected to the instance, the following message is displayed.

```
Welcome to Alibaba Cloud Elastic Compute Service !
```

## Linux or Mac OS X

If your local machine is running Linux OS or Mac OS X, follow these steps:

1. Run the command `ssh root @[ Public IP address or EIP address of the instance ]`.
2. Type the password and then press `Enter`.

If you are successfully connected to the instance, the following message is displayed.

```
Welcome to Alibaba Cloud Elastic Compute Service !
```

#### Android or iOS

If your local machine is running Android OS or iOS, see [connect to an instance on a mobile device](#).

#### Reference

You can run a script to install a graphical desktop on an instance running CentOS. For more information, see [automatic installation tool for Linux instance](#).

### 4.3.5 Connect to an instance on a mobile device

This article describes how to connect to an ECS instance on a mobile device.

Depending on the operating system of your instance, select the required method as follows.

- [Connect to a Linux instance](#): This example uses SSH Control Lite to describe how to connect to a Linux instance on an iOS device, and JuiceSSH to describe how to connect to a Linux instance on an Android device.
- [Connect to Windows instances](#): This example uses Microsoft Remote Desktop to describe how to connect to a Windows instance on an iOS or Android device.

#### Connect to a Linux instance

##### Prerequisites

- The instance is Running .
- The instance has a public IP address and is accessible from the Internet.
- You have set the logon password for the instance. If the password is lost, you can [reset the instance password](#).
- The security group of the instance has the [the following security group rules](#):

Network type	NIC	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
VPC	No configuration required	Inbound	Allow	SSH(22)	22/22	Address Field Access	0.0.0.0/0	1

Network type	NIC	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
Classic	Internet							

- You have downloaded and installed the appropriate app:
  - For an iOS device, install SSH Control Lite.
  - For an Android device, install JuiceSSH.

### Procedure

For iOS devices, see [use SSH Control Lite to connect to a Linux instance](#). In this example, a user name and password are used for authentication.

For Android devices, see [use JuiceSSH to connect to a Linux instance](#). In this example, a user name and password are used for authentication.

#### Use SSH Control Lite to connect to a Linux instance

1. Start SSH Control Lite, and tap Hosts.
2. Tap the + icon in the upper left corner of the Hosts page.
3. In the action sheet, tap Connection.
4. On the Connection page, set the connection information and tap . The following connection information is required:
  - Name : Specify the Host name. DocTest is used in this example. .
  - Protocol : Use the default value SSH.
  - Host : Type the public IP address of the Linux instance to connect to.
  - Port : Type the port number for SSH protocol. 22 is used in this example.
  - Username : Type root for the user name.
  - Password : Type the logon password of the instance.
5. In the tool bar, tap Remote Controls.
6. On the Remote Controls page, tap the + icon in the upper left corner to create a remote connection session. New remote is used in this example.

The following figure shows Steps 1 through 6.

7. On the New remote page, tap Host1.
8. In the action sheet, tap Bind.

9. Select the new Linux instance. In this example, select `DocTest` .
10. On the New remote page, tap Done to switch it to the Edit mode, and then tap `DocTest`.
11. In the action sheet, tap Connect.

The following figure shows Steps 7 through 11.

12. In the action sheet, select Yes, Once or Yes, Permanently. Once the connection is successful, the indicator in front of `DocTest` turns green.
13. On the New remote page, tap `DocTest`.
14. In the action sheet, tap Console to open Linux instance console.

The following figure shows Steps 12 through 14:

Use JuiceSSH to connect to a Linux instance

1. Start JuiceSSH, and tap Connections.
2. Under the Connections tab, tap the + icon.

3. On the New Connection page, add the connection information and then tap the 

icon. The following connection information is required:

- **Nickname** : Specify the name of the connection session. DocTest is used in this example.
- **Type** : Use the default value SSH.
- **Address** : Type the public IP address of the Linux instance to connect to.
- **To set Identity** , follow these steps:

a. Tap **Identity**, and tap **New** in the drop-down list.

b. On the New Identity page, add the connection information and then tap the



icon. The following connection information is required:

- **Nickname** : Optional. DocTest is used in this example.
  - **Username** : Type `root` for the user name.
  - **Password** : Tap **SET(OPTIONAL)**, and type the logon password of the instance.
- **Port** : Type the port number for SSH protocol. In this example, 22 is used.

4. Confirm the message, and tap **ACCEPT**.

5. (Optional) For a first-time connection, the app will show a prompt of helpful tips.

Tap **OK - I'VE GOT IT!**.

If you are successfully connected to the Linux instance, the following screen is displayed.

## Connect to Windows instances

In this section, Microsoft Remote Desktop is used as an example to describe how to use an app to connect to a Windows instance on a mobile device.

### Prerequisites

- The instance is Running.

- The instance has a public IP address and is accessible from the Internet.
- You have set the logon password for the instance. If the password is lost, you must [reset the instance password](#).
- The security group of the instance has [the following security group rules](#):

Network type	NIC	Rule direction	Authorization policy	Protocol type	Port range	Authorization type	Authorization object	Priority
VPC	No configuration required	Inbound	Allow	RDP(3389)	3389/3389	Address field access	0.0.0.0/0	1
Classic	Internet							

- You have downloaded and installed Microsoft Remote Desktop.
  - For iOS devices, download the app from iTunes.
  - For Android devices, download the app from Google Play.

#### Procedure

To connect to a Windows instance by using Microsoft Remote Desktop, follow these steps:

1. Start RD Client. In the navigation bar, tap the + icon.
2. On the Add New page, select Desktop.
3. On the Edit Desktop page, type the connection information and tap Save. The following connection information is required:
  - PC Name : Type the public IP address of the Windows instance to connect to.
  - User Account : Type the account name administrator and the logon password of the Windows instance.
4. On the Remote Desktop page, tap the icon of a Windows instance.
5. On the confirmation page, confirm the message and tap Accept.

If you are successfully connected to the Windows instance, the following screen is displayed.

### 4.3.6 Connect to a Windows instance

If your Windows instance can access the Internet, you can use remote connection tools to connect to it. Otherwise, you can use the [Management Terminal](#).

#### Prerequisites

- The instance is in the Running status. If not, [start it](#).
- You have set a logon password for the instance. If the password is lost, you can [reset the password](#).
- The instance can access the Internet:
  - In a VPC, a public IP address is assigned to the instance or [an EIP address is bound to the instance](#).
  - In the classic network, a public IP address is assigned to the instance by using either of the following methods:
    - For a Subscription or a Pay-As-You-Go instance, you can select Assign public IP when creating the instance.
    - For a Subscription instance without a public IP address, you can assign one by [upgrading bandwidth](#).
- The following security group rules must be added to the security group that the instance joins. For more information, see [add security group rules](#).

Network Type	NIC	Rule Direction	Authorization Policy	Protocol Type	Port Range	Authorization Type	Authorization Object	Priority
VPC	N/A	Inbound	Allow	RDP(3389)	3389/3389	Address Field Access	0.0.0.0/0	1
Classic	Internet							

#### Procedure

Based on the operating system of your local machine, use one of the following methods to connect to a Windows instance:

- [Windows OS](#)

- [Linux](#)
- [Mac OS](#)
- [Android or iOS](#)

## Windows OS

If the local machine is running Windows OS, you can use the mstsc to create a remote connection to a Windows instance.

1. Use any one of the following methods to start mstsc:

- Select Start > icon > Remote Desktop Connection.
- Click the Start icon and search for mstsc.
- Press the Windows key + R to open the Run window, type `mstsc` , and then press Enter.

2. In the Remote Desktop Connection dialog box, follow these steps:

- a. Click the Show Options drop-down box.
- b. Type the public IP address or EIP address of the instance.
- c. Type the user name. The default user name is `Administrator`



### Note:

If you want to log on to the instance next time using the same credentials, select **Allow me to save credentials**.

- d. Optional. If you want to copy text or files from the local machine to the instance, click the Local Resources tab to see options for sharing local computer resources.
- If you want to copy text only, select Clipboard.
  - If you also want to copy files, select More and select the drive letters from which you want to copy files to your instance and click OK.
- e. Optional. Click the Display tab to resize the remote desktop window. Full Screen is recommended.
- f. Click Connect.

## Linux

If the local machine is running Linux OS, you can use a remote connection tool to create a remote connection to a Windows instance. This article takes rdesktop as an example to describe how to connect a Windows instance from a local machine running Linux.

1. Download and start rdesktop.
2. Run the command to connect to a Windows instance. Replace the parameter values with your own configurations.

```
rdesktop -u administra tor -p password -f -g 1024 *
720 192 . 168 . 1 . 1 - r clipboard : PRIMARYCLI PBOARD - r
disk : sunray =/ home / yz16184
```

The following table describes the parameters involved.

Parameters	Description
-u	The user name. The default user name for a Windows instance is Administrator.
-p	The password used to log on to the windows instance.
-f	Full screen by default. Use Ctrl+Alt+Enter to switched the mode.

Parameters	Description
<code>-g</code>	Resolution. Asterisks (*) are used for separation. If omitted, full-screen display is used by default.
<code>192.168.1.1</code>	The IP address of the server that requires remote connection. Replace it with the public IP or EIP address of your Windows instance.
<code>-d</code>	Domain name. For example, if the domain name is INC, then the parameter is <code>-d inc</code> .
<code>-r</code>	Multimedia reorientation. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turn on the sound: <code>-- r sound</code>.</li> <li>• Use a local sound card: <code>-r sound: -r sound : local</code>.</li> <li>• Open the U Disk: <code>-r disk : usb =/mnt / usbdevice</code>.</li> </ul>
<code>-r clipboard:PRIMARYCLIPBOARD</code>	Realizes direct word copying and pasting between Linux and Windows instances of local devices. Supports Chinese words copying and pasteing.
<code>-r disk:sunray=/home/yz16184</code>	Specifies that a directory on the Linux system of a local device maps to a hard disk on a Windows instance. If this is configured, Samba and FTP are not recommended for file transfers.

For more information about parameters of the `rdesktop` command, see [rdesktop documentation](#).

## Mac OS

To connect to a Windows instance from a local machine running Mac OS, see [get started with Remote Desktop on Mac](#).

## Android or iOS

If your local machine is running Android OS or iOS, see [connect to an instance on a mobile device](#).

## 4.4 Start or stop an instance

This article describes how to start or stop an ECS instance.

### Start an instance

You can start an instance in the ECS console. When an instance starts successfully, it is in the Running status.

#### Prerequisite

The instance must be in the Stopped status.

#### Procedure

To start an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS Management console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. Find the instance to be started and, in the Actions column, select More > Instance Status > Start. If you want to start multiple Stopped instances, select the required instances and then, under the instance list, click Start.
5. Read and confirm you agree to the note displayed in the dialog box by clicking OK.

The instance is in the Running status after it is started.

### Stop an instance

To stop an instance is to shut it down. You can stop an ECS instance in the ECS console. When an instance stops successfully, it is in the Stopped status.



#### Note:

Stopping an instance disrupts services. Exercise caution when performing this action.

If you stop a (Subscription) instance before its billing cycle is completed, the bill for that cycle is not affected. If the auto-renewal service is activated, you are still billed for the stopped instance at the start of each new billing period.

For a Pay-As-You-Go instance, its network type and the No Fees for Stopped Instances (VPC-Connected) feature determine billing:

- **VPC:** If the No Fees for Stopped Instances (VPC-Connected) feature is enabled, you can decide whether to continue being billed for the instance. However, you are still billed for other ECS-related resources. For more information, see [no fees for stopped instances \(VPC-Connected\)](#). If this feature is not enabled, billing continues after the instance is stopped.
- **Classic network:** A stopped instance still incurs fees. Billing stops only after you [release the instance](#).

### Prerequisite

The instance is in the Running status.

### Procedure

To stop an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. Find the instance to be stopped and, in the Actions column, select More > Instance Status > Stop. If you want to stop multiple Running instances, select the required instances and then, under the instance list, click Stop.
5. According to the billing method and network type of the instance, complete the required actions:
  - **Subscription instance or classic network pay per volume instance:** In the Stop Instance dialog box, select Stop or Force Stop, and then click OK.
  - **A VPC-Connected Subscription instance:**
    - If the No Fees for Stopped Instances (VPC-Connected) feature is enabled, read the Notice, select Stop or Force Stop in the Stop Instance dialog box, select a mode (whether to keep the instance after stopping and continue charging), and then click OK.
    - If the No Fees for Stopped Instances (VPC-Connected) feature is disabled, in the Stop Instance dialog box, select Stop or Force Stop.



Note:

To disable the No Fees for Stopped Instances (VPC-Connected) feature, see [no fees for stopped instances](#).

Once the instance is successfully stopped, the instance enters the Stopped status. For a VPC-Connected Pay-As-You-Go instance, if you select not to keep the instance, Stop Instance, No Fees is shown in the instance list. Otherwise, Keep Instance, Fees Apply is shown. For other ECS instances, no information is shown.

#### Related APIs

Start instance: [StartInstance](#)

Stop instance: [StopInstance](#)

## 4.5 Restart an instance

You can restart your instances through the ECS console.



#### Note:

- Only instances in the Running status can be restarted.
- Restarting an instance may disrupt services. Exercise caution when performing this action.

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. Select one or multiple instances as needed. All selected instances must be in the Running status.
5. Click Restart, and then click OK.

## 4.6 Release an instance

You can release a Pay-As-You-Go instance when you no longer need it to avoid excess charges.

For a Pay-As-You-Go instance, if the [No fees for stopped VPC instances](#) feature is not enabled, charges continue to incur until the instance is released.

For a Subscription instance, the instance is automatically released after the billing cycle expires.

To release a Pay-As-You-Go instance, you can choose either of the following options:

- Release immediately, which releases the pay-per-order instance at once.
- Scheduled Release, which customizes the relesetime of your Pay-As-You-Go instance. The time to release the instance must be at least 30 minutes from the current time. Applying new schedules overwrites the previous ones.



**Note:**

After an instance is released, its data cannot be recovered. We recommend that you [create a snapshot](#) to back up data before releasing an instance.

### Release an instance immediately

To release an instance immediately, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. Set release:
  - If you want to release only one instance, find the instance that you want to release and then, in the Actions column, select Manage > Release.
  - If you want to release multiple instances, find the Pay-As-You-Go instances according to the Billing Method, select multiple instances to release, and click Release Setting at the bottom of the list.
5. In the dialog box, select Release Now.
6. Click Next, and then click OK.

### Enable automatic release

To enable automatic release, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.

#### 4. Set the release:

- If you want to release only one instance, find the instance that you want to release, and in the Actions column, select Manage > Release.
- If you want to release multiple instances, find the Pay-As-You-Go instances according to the Billing Method, select multiple instances to release, and click Release Setting at the bottom of the list.

#### 5. In the dialog box, select Scheduled Release.

#### 6. Turn on the Automatic Release switch, and specify the release date and time.

The earliest setting can only be set to automatically release an instance after 30 minutes.

#### 7. Click Next, and then click OK.

### Disable automatic release

If you want to cancel the automatic release schedule of a Pay-As-You-Go instance, you can disable the feature.

To disable the automatic release feature, follow these steps:

#### 1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).

#### 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.

#### 3. Select the target region.

#### 4. Set the release:

- If you want to disable automatic release for an instance, find the instance and then, in the Actions column, select Manage > Release.
- If you want to disable automatic release for multiple instances, find the Pay-As-You-Go instances according to the Billing Method, select the target instances, and click Release Setting at the bottom of the list.

#### 5. In the dialog box, select Scheduled Release.

#### 6. Turn off the Automatic Release switch.

#### 7. Click Next, and then click OK.

### Related API

[DeleteInstance](#)

## 4.7 Restart an instance

After paying the overdue bill of a Pay-As-You-Go instance, you must restart the instance. Otherwise, the instance will be released.

For a Pay-As-You-Go instance, if fee deduction fails within 15 days (T+15) after payment becomes overdue (day T), the instance stops and enters the Expired status. You must open a ticket to pay the bill and restart the instance within 30 days (T+30) after payment becomes overdue (day T). Otherwise, the instance is released and all the data cannot be restored.



### Note:

If you fail to restart the instance within 30 days (T+30) after payment becomes overdue (day T), the instance is automatically released 30 days after payment becomes overdue and the data cannot be restored.

### Prerequisites

The Pay-As-You-Go instance is in the Expired or Expired and Being Recycled status.

[Open a ticket](#) to pay the bill.

### Procedure

To restart an instance on the ECS console, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Select the target instance. In the Actions column, select More > Instance Status > Restart.
5. Select immediate restart or set a restart time.

If you select immediate restart, the selected instance returns to normal operation in about 10 minutes.

You can also call the ECS API [Reactivateinstances](#) to restart an instance.

## 5 Manage instances

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### 5.1 Launch template

#### 5.1.1 Launch templates

A launch template helps you quickly create an ECS instance. A template contains configurations that you can use to create instances for various scenarios with specific requirements.

A template can include any configurations except passwords. It can include key pairs, RAM roles, instance type, and network configurations.

You can create multiple versions of each template. Each version can contain different configurations. You can then create an instance using any version of the template.

#### Console operations

- [Create a template](#)
- [Create multiple versions in one template](#)
- [Change the default version](#)
- [Use a launch template](#)
- [Delete a template or version](#)

#### API operations

- [CreateLaunchTemplate](#)
- [CreateLaunchTemplateVersion](#)
- [DescribeLaunchTemplates](#)
- [DescribeLaunchTemplateVersions](#)
- [ModifyLaunchTemplateDefaultVersion](#)
- [DeleteLaunchTemplate](#)
- [DeleteLaunchTemplateVersion](#)

#### 5.1.2 Create a template

You can create a launch template using the following methods:

- [Create a launch template in the ECS console](#) if you want to create launch templates first, and then create instances using a specific launch template in one click.
- [Create a launch template on the ECS buy page](#) to create an instance and save its configuration information as a launch template.

**Note:**

- Each account can create a maximum of 30 launch templates per region.
- All parameters are optional when you create a template using the ECS console. However, if the template that you want to use to create an instance does not have all required parameters (such as an image), then you must specify the required parameters at instance creation.
- A template cannot be modified after it is created.

### Create a template in the ECS console

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, select Launch Templates, and then click Create Template.
3. Go to the Launch Template page and complete the basic configurations and advanced configurations.

**Note:**

During your first template creation, the Clone Template area is unavailable. If you have already created templates, you can select an existing template, and version, and then modify its configurations.

4. On the Confirm Configuration page, enter a template name and description, and then click Create Launch Template.

**Note:**

All parameters are optional when you create a template. However, on the Confirm Configuration page, we recommend that you configure the required parameters so that you can create instances in one click as needed.

Click **View Template** in the Activated dialog box to view the template you have created.

Create a template on the ECS buy page

1. Go to the [ECS product details page](#), and then click **Buy Now**.
2. Configure the required parameters, and then click **Save as launch template**.
3. In the dialog box that appears, select **Create Template**, enter a template name and description, and then click **Save**.

Click **View Template** in the Activated dialog box to view the template you have created.

### 5.1.3 Create a template version

One template can have multiple versions. The default version number of a newly created template is 1, and you can create additional versions based on this template. The version number increments automatically as you create a new version. You cannot customize the version number, but you can set any of the template versions as the default version.



Note:

- Each template can have a maximum of 30 versions.
- All parameters are optional when you create a template version.
- A template version cannot be modified once you have created it.

You can create a template version using the following methods:

- [Create an instance using the ECS console](#) to create versions of a template for future use.
- [Create an instance on the ECS buy page](#) to create an instance, save its configurations, and create versions of a template.

Prerequisite

You have already [created a template](#).

Create an instance using the ECS console

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, select **Launch Template**.

3. Select a template ID to view its configurations, and then click **New Version**. You can also click **New Version** in the **Actions** column.
4. On the **Launch Template** page, set the parameters.



**Note:**

You can also go to the **Clone Template** area, select an existing template and version, and then set the parameters.

5. On the **Confirm Configuration** page, select **Create New Version**, and then select a template to save the version.
6. Click **Create Launch Template**.
7. In the dialog box that appears, click **View New Version** to view the version you have created.

#### Create an instance on the ECS buy page

1. Go to the [ECS product details page](#), and then click **Buy Now**.
2. On the ECS buy page, configure the parameters.
3. On the **Preview** page, click **Save as launch template**.
4. In the dialog box that appears, click **Create New Version**, and then select a template to save the version.
5. In the **Activated** dialog box, click **View New Version** to view the version you have created.

#### Change the default version

1. In the ECS console, select a template ID that has multiple versions.
2. Locate the version you want to set as default, and then click **Set as Default** in the **Actions** column.

### 5.1.4 Delete a template or version

You can delete templates and versions through the ECS console. Once you delete a template, all associated versions of that template are also deleted.

#### Delete a version

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).

2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Launch Templates.
3. Select the target template ID.
4. In the Version Information area, locate the version you want to delete and, in Actions column, click Delete.

**Note:**

You cannot delete the default template version. If the version you want to delete is the default version, change it to a non-default version, and then delete it. If you no longer need any versions of a single template, delete the template.

5. Click OK.

#### Delete a template

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Launch Templates.
3. Locate the version you want to delete, and click Delete in the Actions column.
4. Click OK.

**Note:**

When you delete a template, all versions of the template are also deleted.

## 5.2 Check instance information

Through the console, you can:

- [View all ECS instances under your account on the Overview page.](#)
- [View details of an ECS instance on the Instance Details page.](#)
- [View details of an ECS instance on Instance Details page](#)

#### View all ECS instances under your account on the Overview page

You can view information of all the ECS instances created by your account on the ECS Overview page, including:

- Total number of ECS instance, and numbers of instances under each status.
- Number of resources in different regions and numbers of ECS instances under each status.

The homepage of the ECS console is the Overview page by default.

View the information of ECS instances on the Instance List page

To navigate to the Instance List page, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. On the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.

Here, you can see information of all the existing ECS instances in the selected region, including ECS instance ID/name, zone, IP addresses, status, network type, billing method, and actions. You can show or hide the displayed information of an instance by using the Column Filter feature.

1. In the upper-right corner of the Instance List, click the  icon.
2. Select the instance information to be displayed and then click OK.

View details of an ECS instance on Instance Details page

The Instance Details displays detailed information of a selected ECS instance.

To navigate to the Instance Details page, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Find the ECS instance you want to view the details of, and then click its instance ID.

On the Instance Details page, you can view the following information:

- **Basic Information**, including the ECS instance ID, instance name, region, zone, instance type, instance type family, image ID, key pair name (applies to Linux instances only), instance RAM role, and tags.
- **Configuration Information**, including CPU, memory, I/O optimization, operating system, IP addresses, billing method for bandwidth, current bandwidth, and VPC network information (applies to VPC instances only).
- **Payment Information**, including billing method, the mode to stop an instance, creation time, and automatic release schedule (applies to Pay-As-You-Go instances only).

- Monitoring Information, including CPU and network usage.

You can also switch from the Instance Details page to the Disks, Instance Snapshots, or Security Groups page to view resources related to this instance.

## 5.3 Reset an instance password

This article describes how to use the Reset Password feature to specify a new logon password for an instance.



### Note:

You must restart an instance after its password is reset, which may disrupt services. Exercise caution when performing this action.

### Prerequisite

The instance must be in a stable status, such as Stopped and Running. For more information, see [ECS instance life cycle](#).

### Procedure

To reset a password for one or multiple ECS instances, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. According to the number of instances to be operated, do the following:
  - To reset the password for one instance, find the target instance and, in the Actions column, select More > Password/Key Pair > Reset Password.
  - To reset the passwords for multiple instances, select the target instances and, under the instance list, click Reset Password.
5. Specify a new valid password, and click Submit.
6. To make the password change take effect, change the instance status to one of the following:
  - Running: [Restart an instance](#) in the console.
  - Stopped: Start the instance in the console.

## Related operations

To modify the password: follow [Step 3: Connect to an instance](#), then [change the password in the ECS instance](#).

## 5.4 Enable instance release protection

If your ECS instances provide critical services, you can enable release protection for these ECS instances to prevent irreversible data loss resulting from accidental or incorrect operations during a manual release. This topic describes how to enable and disable instance release protection and view the instance release protection status.

### Limits

- Instance release protection applies only to Pay-As-You-Go instances.
- An automatic release of an instance due to normal circumstances take precedence. These circumstances include, but are not limited to:
  - A payment under your account is overdue for more than 15 days.
  - The automatic release time that you set for the instance is reached.
  - The instance does not comply with the applicable security compliance policies.
  - The instance was automatically created by Auto Scaling and consequently is removed from the scaling group when the scaling group scales in.

### Enable instance release protection when you create an instance



#### Note:

This procedure describes the instance release protection settings. For information about other settings, see [Create an instance by using the wizard](#).

To enable instance release protection when you create an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. On the Instances page, click Create Instance.
4. On the Basic Configurations page, set the Billing Method to Pay-As-You-Go, set other parameters as needed, and then click Next: Networking.
5. On the Networking page, set the parameters as needed, and then click Next: System Configurations.

6. On the System Configurations page, select Prevent users from releasing the instance inadvertently by using the console or API, set the parameters as needed, and then click Next: Grouping.
7. On the Grouping page, set the parameters as needed, and then click Next: Preview and confirm your settings.

When you create an instance through [RunInstances](#) or [CreateInstance](#), you can use the `DeletionProtection` parameter to enable or disable instance release protection.

#### Enable or disable instance release protection by modifying instance information

To enable or disable instance release protection by modifying the information of an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. On the Instances page, select More > Instance Settings > Modify Information in the Actions column of the instance to be modified.
4. In the Modify Information dialog box, select Enable instance release protection.



#### Note:

To disable the instance release protection, clear Enable instance release protection.

5. Click OK.

When you modify instance information through [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#), you can use the `DeletionProtection` parameter to enable or disable instance release protection.

#### View the instance release protection status

To view the release protection status of an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. On the Instances page, click the target instance in the Instance ID/Name column, or click Manage in the Actions column of the instance.

4. On the Instance Details page, view the status of Enable release protection in the Payment Information area.

#### Example of protection effect

After you enable release protection for an instance, a warning message will be displayed if you try to manually release the instance. If you want to manually release the instance, you must [disable instance release protection](#).

After you enable release protection for an instance, the error code `InvalidOperation . DeletionProtection` is returned if you try to use [DeleteInstance](#) to delete the instance.

## 6 Configure instances

### 6.1 Configure time

#### 6.1.1 Time setting: NTP servers and other public services

Alibaba Cloud ECS provides standard intranet NTP servers, which you can access from your instances. We also provide external NTP services for instances that need the Internet access.

##### Intranet and Internet NTP servers

To counterbalance the leap seconds in our world, ECS provides free of charge, highly accurate, and reliable NTP service for both classic network- and VPC-Connected instances. Among the NTP servers, the `ntp.cloud.aliyuncs.com` achieves nearly zero difference of atomic reference by synchronizing with satellite services. See the following table for the NTP servers provided by Alibaba Cloud ECS.

Classic network intranet	VPC intranet	Internet
ntp.cloud.aliyuncs.com		ntp1.aliyun.com
ntp1.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp7.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp2.aliyun.com
ntp2.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp8.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp3.aliyun.com
ntp3.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp9.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp4.aliyun.com
ntp4.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp10.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp5.aliyun.com
ntp5.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp11.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp6.aliyun.com
ntp6.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp12.cloud.aliyuncs.com	ntp7.aliyun.com

##### Other public services of Alibaba Cloud ECS

See the following list for some public services provided by Alibaba Cloud ECS.

Public service	Description
Public DNS: 223.5.5.5 / 223.6.6.6	Domain name: <code>http://www.alidns.com</code>

Public service	Description
Open source images: <code>http://mirrors.aliyun.com</code>	Update frequency: The image files are updated at everyday 02:00–04:00 (UTC+8:00), including a lot of Linux distributions and open source applications.

## 6.1.2 Time setting: Synchronize NTP servers for Windows instances

Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a networking protocol for clock synchronization between computer systems over networks. For highly time-sensitive applications (such as those in the communication industry), clock variation between different computers may lead to serious data inconsistencies. You can use the NTP service to synchronize clocks of all servers within the network. The current default time zone for Alibaba Cloud ECS instances across all regions is CST (China Standard Time).

This article describes how use the NTP service to synchronize the clock of a Windows ECS instance running Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise Edition x64.

Windows Time service is enabled by default on Windows Server. You must enable the NTP service in the instance to make sure that the NTP service can normally synchronize time after successful NTP service configuration. To check and enable the NTP service, follow these steps:

1. [Connect to a Windows instance](#). Select Start > All Programs > Accessories > Run to open the Run dialog box, and run `services.msc`.
2. In the Services window, double click the Windows Time service.
3. In the Windows Time Properties (Local Computer) dialog box, follow these steps:
  - a. Set Startup type to Automatic.
  - b. Check if the Service status is Started. If not, click Start.

After completing the settings, click Apply, and then click OK.

### Modify the default NTP server address

time.windows.com is used as the default NTP server in Windows Server, but synchronization errors may frequently occur due to network issues. When using a Windows instance, you can replace the default NTP server with the intranet NTP

server provided by Alibaba Cloud. For more information, see [Internet and intranet NTP servers](#). To modify the default NTP server address, follow these steps:

1. [Connect to a Windows instance](#).
2. In the notification area of the task bar, click Date and Time, and then click Change date and time settings.
3. In the Date and Time dialog box, click the Internet Time tab, and then click Change settings.
4. In the Internet Time Settings dialog box, select Synchronize with an Internet time server, type an Alibaba Cloud intranet NTP server address (for detailed list, see [Internet and intranet NTP servers](#)), and then click Update now.

You are prompted if the synchronization is successful.

#### Modify NTP synchronization interval

The default NTP synchronization interval is 5 minutes. To modify the NTP synchronization interval, follow these steps:

1. [Connect to a Windows instance](#).
2. Select Start > All Programs > Accessories > Run to open the Run dialog box, and run `regedit`.
3. On the left-side navigation pane of the Registry Editor, find `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE / SYSTEM / CurrentControlSet / services / W32Time / TimeProviders / NtpClient`, and then double click `SpecialPollInterval`.
4. In the Edit DWORD (32-bit) Value dialog box, select Decimal as the Base, and then type the Value data as needed. The number you typed is the synchronization interval you need. Unit: seconds.

### 6.1.3 Time setting: Synchronize NTP servers and change time zone for Linux instances

The current default time zone for Alibaba Cloud ECS instances across all regions is CST (China Standard Time). In addition, the NTP (Network Time Protocol) service guarantees that your instances are synchronized with the standard time. Follow these steps in this topic to change the time zone for your ECS instances and configure your NTP service.

#### Context

Synchronizing time and the time zone is crucial for Elastic Compute Service (ECS) instances, for example, an inaccurate time may have a significant impact on business when updating your database. To avoid both business disruptions running on your instances and networking request errors, you must configure one or more instances in the same time zone, such as `Asia / Shanghai` or `America / Los Angeles`. Take CentOS 6.5 as an example to demonstrate how to change the time zone by modifying configuration file.

**Note:**

After you change the time zone for an instance, always run `hwclock -w` to update the real-time clock (RTC) of the instance.

### Procedure

1. [Connect](#) to the Linux instance.

**Note:**

Only a root user can open and edit time zone configuration files, so we use the `sudo` command here.

2. Run `sudo rm /etc/localtime` to delete the local time in the instance.
3. Run `sudo vi /etc/sysconfig/clock` to edit the configuration file `/etc/sysconfig/clock`.
4. Enter `i` to add the time zone and city. For example, add `Zone = Asia / Shanghai`. Press Esc to exit the edit and enter `: wq` to save and exit.  
  
Optional. Run `ls /usr/share/zoneinfo` to query the list of available time zones. For example, `Shanghai` is one of them.
5. Run `sudo ln -sf /usr/share/zoneinfo/XXXX/XXXXXXX /etc/localtime` to update the time zone change, for example, run `sudo ln -sf /usr/share/zoneinfo/Asia/Shanghai /etc/localtime`.
6. Run `hwclock -w` to update the RTC.
7. Run `sudo reboot` to restart the instance.
8. Run `date -R` to check whether the new time zone is effective or not. If not, repeat the preceding steps.

### What's next

The Linux instance offers the `ntpddate` and the `ntpd` two approaches of synchronizing the NTP service. The `ntpddate` can be used to force an immediate update and the `ntpd` offers a systematic approach. The `ntpddate` service can be used for new instances, whereas `ntpd` is recommended for instances that run your business. Both standard and custom NTP service configurations are provided in this section. For more information about the NTP service, see [internal and public NTP server](#).

### Prerequisites

The communication port of the NTP service is UDP 123. Before configuring the service, make sure that you enabled the UDP port 123. You can use `netstat - nupl` in the Linux instance to make sure whether the UDP port 123 is enabled or not. For more information, see [add a security group rule](#).

### Set up standard NTP service

1. [Connect](#) to the Linux instance.
2. Run `sudo service ntpd start` to enable the NTP service.
3. Run `chkconfig ntpd on` to enable the NTP service.
4. Run `ntpstat` to check whether the NTP service is enabled or not.
5. Optional. Run `ntpq - p` to view a list of NTP service peers. Run `sudo chkconfig -- list ntpd` to view the NTP service running level.

### Set up custom NTP service

1. [Connect](#) to the Linux instance.
2. Run `sudo vi / etc / ntp . conf` to edit the NTP service configuration files.
3. After finding the information about `ntp server XXXX iburst`, enter `i` and start editing the file. NTP servers that are not currently needed can be hidden by adding a pound (#) at the beginning of the lines.
4. Add a new line of NTP server information in the format of `server XXXX iburst`, and the XXXX is the custom NTP endpoint. For more information, see [Internet and intranet NTP servers](#). After editing, press Esc and enter `: wq` to save and exit.
5. Run `sudo service ntpd start` to enable the customized NTP service.
6. Run `chkconfig ntpd on` to enable the NTP service.

7. Run `ntpstat` to check whether the NTP service is enabled or not.

## 6.2 User-defined data and metadata

### 6.2.1 Metadata

The metadata of an instance is the basic information of the ECS instance, including the Instance ID, IP Address, OS, and other related information. You can use an instance's metadata to better manage and configure an instance.



#### Note:

If you manually change some instance information, this change will not be reflected in the instance metadata.

#### Limits

The metadata is only applicable for VPC-Connected instances.

#### Get the metadata

##### Linux instance

1. [Connect to a Linux instance by using a password.](#)
2. Run `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/` to access the root directory of the metadata.
3. Add the specific metadata name to the preceding command to access the specified metadata. For example:
  - Run `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/instance-id` to get the ID of an ECS instance.
  - Run `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/image-id` to get the image ID of an ECS instance.

##### Windows instance

1. [Connect to a Windows instance.](#)
2. Use PowerShell to run `Invoke-WebRequest http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/` to get the metadata.

3. Add the specific metadata name to the preceding command to access the specified metadata. For example:

- **Run** `Invoke - RestMethod http :// 100 . 100 . 100 . 200 / latest / meta - data / instance - id` to get the ID of an ECS instance.
- **Run** `Invoke - RestMethod http :// 100 . 100 . 100 . 200 / latest / meta - data / image - id` to get the image ID of an ECS instance.

List of instance metadata

Metadata name	Description	Version
dns-conf/nameservers	DNS configurations for an instance.	2016-01-01
eipv4	EIP address	2016-01-01
hostname	The OS name of an instance.	2016-01-01
image-id	ID of the image that is selected at the time of instance creation.	2016-01-01
image/market-place/product-code	Product code of the image in the Alibaba Cloud Marketplace.	2016-01-01
image/market-place/charge-type	Billing method of the image in the Alibaba Cloud Marketplace.	2016-01-01
instance-id	The instance ID	2016-01-01
mac	The MAC address of the instance. If multiple network interface cards exist in an instance, this metadata indicates the MAC address of eth0.	2016-01-01
network-type	Network type (only applicable for VPC network).	2016-01-01
ntp-conf/ntp-servers	The address of a NTP server.	2016-01-01
owner-account-id	The aliuid of the instance owner.	2016-01-01
private-ipv4	Private IP address.	2016-01-01
public-ipv4	Public network IP address.	2016-01-01
public-keys	A list of all public keys of the current instance.	2016-01-01
region-id	The region where the instance is located.	2016-01-01
zone-id	Zone ID of the zone where the ECS instance is located.	2016-01-01

Metadata name	Description	Version
dns-conf/nameservers	DNS configurations for an instance.	2016-01-01
serial-number	The serial number of an instance.	2016-01-01
source-address	The source of YUM/APT (only applicable for a Linux instance).	2016-01-01
kms-server	Activate the server (only applicable for a Windows instance).	2016-01-01
wsus-server/wu-server	Update the server (only applicable for a Windows instance).	2016-01-01
wsus-server/wu-status-server	The server that monitors the update status of an instance (only applicable for a Windows instance).	2016-01-01
vpc-id	ID of the VPC that an instance is in.	2016-01-01
vpc-cidr-block	The CIDR block of the VPC that an instance is in.	2016-01-01
vswitch-cidr-block	The CIDR block of the VSwitch that an instance is in.	2016-01-01
vswitch-id	ID of the VSwitch that an instance is in.	2016-01-01
ram/security-credential s/[role-name]	<p>The temporary STS credential is generated according to the policy of a RAM role. Only available when you specify a RAM role to an ECS instance. When you use this metadata to get the STS credential, [ role - name ] must be replaced with the actual RAM role name you create or you have created.</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">  <b>Note:</b>  A new STS credential is available 30 minutes prior to the expiration of the old one. </div>	2016-01-01
instance/spot/ termination-time	The spot instance release time is based on the instance operating system time zone. It is specified in UTC format. For example, YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ For example, 2018-04-07T17:03:00Z.	2016-01-01
network/interfaces/ macs	The MAC address list of Network Interface Controllers (NICs).	2016-01-01

Metadata name	Description	Version
dns-conf/nameservers	DNS configurations for an instance.	2016-01-01
network/interfaces/mac/[mac]/network-interface-id	The unique ID of the NIC, [ mac ] must be replaced with the actual MAC address.	2016-01-01
instance/virtualization-solution	The virtualization solution, which is ECS Virt 1.0 / 2.0	2016-01-01
instance/virtualization-solution-version	The internal build version.	2016-01-01
instance/last-host-landing-time	The latest update time of the physical server to which your instance is hosted on.	2016-01-01
instance-identity/document	<i>Instance identity</i> Instance identity document.	2016-01-01
instance-identity/pkcs7	Instance identity signature.	2016-01-01

#### Other data exposing to instance metadata

- **Maintenance:** For on-going [system events](#), run the following command to get the latest data:

```
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/maintenance/active-system-events
```

- **Signature:** For the [instance identity](#) document, run the following command to get the latest data:

```
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document
```

- **Boot behavior configuration:** For an [instance's user data](#), run the following command to get the latest data:

```
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/user-data
```

## 6.3 User-defined data

### 6.3.1 User data

You can use user data of an ECS instance to customize its startup behavior and to pass data into the instance. You can specify user data when creating an instance ([RunInstances](#)) and customize startup behavior such as automatically update software

packages, enable services, print logs, install dependencies, initialize web services, and more. User data of an ECS instance is implemented primarily through different types of scripts. User data can also be used as common data to be referenced in the instances.

### Instructions for use

To configure instance user data, note that:

- Only VPC-Connected instances are supported.
- For *phased-out instance types*, they must be I/O optimized. Other *instance type families* are not limited for I/O optimized.
- Instance user data requires Base64 encoding before being passed in, and the user data before encoding cannot exceed 16 KB.
- The instance must use an official image or a user image that is created from an official image. The operating system must be one of the following:

Windows instances	Linux instances
Windows Server 2008 R2 and later version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CentOS</li> <li>- Ubuntu</li> <li>- SUSE Linux Enterprise</li> <li>- OpenSUSE</li> <li>- Debian</li> <li>- Aliyun Linux</li> </ul>

### Module frequency

After the instance enters the Running state, use your Alibaba Cloud primary account to run the user data of the instance, followed by the initialization or `/ etc / init` information.

After you modify the instance user data, depending on the type of scripts and modules that are used, the modified user data is or is not run. For example:

- If you configure user data by using a shell script, such as a *user-data script*, the modified user data is not run.
- If the user data configures modules such as Byobu, Set Hostname, and Set Passwords, the modified user data is not run.

- If the user data configures modules such as `bootcmd`, `update_etc_hosts`, and `yum_add_repo`, the modified user data is run.

For more information, see [modules](#).

## Set user data

For this example, assume that you write user data development in a Windows environment, and you use [Upstart Job](#) to configure the user data.

1. Use an editor to create a text file, such as Notepad++.
2. Edit the script related to the user data in the text file.



Note:

The first line must meet the format requirements of the instance user data script, such as `#!/bin/sh`, `# cloud-config`, `# upstart-job`, `[ bat ]` and `[ powershell ]`. For more information, see [Linux instance user data](#) and [Windows instance user data](#).

3. Debug the script file to confirm that the content is valid.
4. (Optional) If you make a [Gzip compression content](#), compress the script file in `.gz` format.
5. (Optional) If you are creating an [Include file](#) or a [Gzip compression script](#), upload script file to available storage services, obtain the link, and set the valid period of the link.

We recommend that you use Alibaba Cloud OSS to create links. For more information, see [upload an object](#) or [set lifecycle](#).

6. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
7. Follow the instructions in [creating an instance](#) to create a Linux instance.



Note:

The instance must be `VPC - Connected`, and you must select a *image* that meets the requirement. For *phased-out instance types*, I/O optimized instances are required. Other *instance type families* are not limited in terms of I/O optimized.

After creating the instance, select `Advanced` (based on instance RAM roles or `cloud-init`) use text form and enter your user data. If your user data has been encrypted by Base64 encoding, click `The text is Base64-encoded`.

8. Wait for the instance to be created.
9. [Connect](#) to your instance.
10. View the results of the user data. If a failure occurs, check the relevant log files.  
The following is an output example of user data on a CentOS instance by using the `upstart` job script:

In the preceding figure, the startup job file `part - 001 . conf` is generated in the `/ etc / init` folder.

Related API: [RunInstances](#) + Parameters `UserData`

#### View user data

You can view user data of an instance from the server `100 . 100 . 100 . 200`. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Connect to the target instance.
2. In the instance, depending on your OS, run one of the following:
  - For Linux, run `curl http :// 100 . 100 . 100 . 200 / latest / user - data` to view the user data.
  - For Windows, run `Invoke - RestMethod http :// 100 . 100 . 100 . 200 / latest / user - data /` to view the user data.

Related API: [DescribeUserData](#)

#### Modify user data

You must stop the instance before modifying its current user data. If you need to restart a Pay-As-You-Go VPC-Connected instance immediately after you modify the

user data, we recommend that you disable the No fees for stopped instances option.

To modify user data of an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. Select the target instance and then, in the Actions column, click Sets User Data.
5. Enter the user data and then click OK.



#### Note:

After you modify the user data, depending on the script type and the module type, the modified user data is or is not run.

Related API: [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#) + Parameters `Userdata`

## Linux instance user data

Linux instance user data can be configured by several types of script, such as [User-data Script](#), [Cloud Config](#), [Include Files](#), [Gzip compression scripts](#), and [Upstart Job](#). The scripts follow the format of open source cloud-init, and reference the [Metadata](#) for data sources. The configuration of Linux instances are automated at boot. For more information, see [formats](#).

### User-data script

User-data can be a shell script. It runs once at the instance first boot. The first line is fixed as `#!/bin/sh`, for example `#!/bin/sh`. The content of user-data script before Base64 encoding cannot exceed 16 KB. The following is a User-Data script example:

```
#!/bin/sh
echo " Hello World . The time is now $( date - R )" |
tee / root / output10 . txt
service httpd start
chkconfig httpd on
```

After the instance has been created, connect to the instance and run `cat [ file ]` to view the results of the user-data script.

```
[ root @ XXXXX2z ~]# cat output . txt
```

```
Hello World . The time is now Mon , 24 Jul 2017 13 : 03 : 19 + 0800 !
```

## Cloud-Config

You can use Cloud-Config to configure services such as updating yum sources, importing SSH keys, installing dependency packages, and more. The first line of Cloud-Config is fixed as `# cloud - config`, and the header cannot have spaces. The file must be valid yaml syntax. Depending on the service you configured, the instance user data runs differently.

Cloud Instance user data requires Base64 encoding before being passed in, and the pre-encoding cloud config data cannot exceed 16 KB. The following is a Cloud-Config script example:

```
# cloud - config
apt:
  primary:
  - arches: [ default ]
    uri: http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/
    bootcmd:
  - echo 192.168.1.130 us.archive.ubuntu.com >> /etc/hosts
```

After the instance has been created, connect to the instance to view the results.

## Include files

The contents of an Include File consist of a script link, with one link on one line. When the instance starts, cloud-init reads the contents of the script link in the Include File. If there is an error reading script content in a row, the instance stops performing user data. The first line of Include File is fixed as `# include` and the header cannot have spaces. The update frequency of the instance user data follows the script type configured in the include file.

Instance user data requires Base64 encoding before being passed in. The file before Base64 encoding cannot exceed 16 KB. The following is an Include File example:

```
# include
http://ecs-image-test.oss-cn-hangzhou.aliyuncs.com/UserData/myscript.sh
```

After the instance has been created, connect to the instance to view the results.

## Gzip compressed content

The content of a *User-Data Script*, *Cloud-Config*, and *Include File* cannot exceed 16 KB. If your script content is larger than 16 KB, you can use Gzip to compress the content, the upload the compressed script to an available storage service (we recommend OSS), obtain the link, and use the Include File format to render the link. The first line of a Gzip compressed script is fixed as `# include` and the header cannot have spaces. The update frequency of the instance user data follows the script type configured in the Gzip file. The following is a Gzip compressed file example:

```
# include
http :// ecs - image - test . oss - cn - hangzhou . aliyuncs . com /
userdata / config . gz
```

### Upstart Job

Upstart service is required for an init system if you use Upstart Job to configure user data. For example, CentOS 6, Ubuntu 10/12/14, and Debian 6/7 use upstart as the init system. Upstart Job script places your instance user data into a file in `/ etc / init` directory. The first line of Upstart Job script is fixed as `# upstart - job` and the header cannot have spaces. We perform the instance user data for every instance boot. The following is a Upstart Job script example:

```
# upstart - job
descriptio n " upstart test "
start on runlevel [ 2345 ]
stop on runlevel [! 2345 ]
exec echo " Hello World . The time is now $( date - R
)!" | tee / root / output . txt
```

### Windows instance user data

Windows instance user data is supported by Alibaba Cloud ECS, and offers Windows-based instances the ability to run initialization scripts. Instance user data requires Base64 encoding before being passed in, and the pre-encoding user data cannot exceed 16 KB . Only SBC case characters are allowed. You can write Bat script or PowerShell script to configure the instance user data.

#### Bat scripts

The first line is fixed as `[ bat ]` and the header cannot have spaces. For example:

```
[ bat ]
```

```
echo " bat test " > c :\ 1 . txt
```

After the instance has been created, connect to the instance to view the results. In the following example, a `1 . txt` text file is shown under the `C :\` drive.

The first line of PowerShell scripts

is fixed as `[ powershell ]` and the header cannot have spaces. For example:

```
[ powershell ]
write - output " Powershell Test " | Out - File C :\ 2 . txt
```

## Reference

For more information about Linux instance user data, see cloud-init [formats](#).

For more information about the update frequency of Linux instance user data, see cloud-init [modules](#).

## 6.3.2 User-defined yum sources, NTP services and DNS services

User-defined scripts are a type of script provided by Alibaba Cloud for users to customize the startup behaviors of ECS instances. For more information, see [User-defined data](#).

This example uses a Linux instance to demonstrate how to use a user-defined script to configure your own yum repository, NTP service, and DNS service when creating a Linux instance. User-defined scripts also enable you to configure NTP service and DNS service for a Windows instance.

## Scenarios

When a Linux instance is started, Alibaba Cloud automatically configures a pre-defined yum repository, NTP service, and DNS service for the instance. However, if you want to have your own yum repository, NTP service, and DNS service, use user-defined scripts to implement them.

- If you are using a custom yum repository, Alibaba Cloud does not provide support for it.
- If you are using a custom NTP service, Alibaba Cloud does not provide time service
-

## Procedure

To customize your yum repository, NTP service, and DNS service for a Linux instance when creating it, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#) and create an instance. Configure the instance as follows:
  - **Network Type:** Select VPC.
  - **Instance Type:** Select an I/O-optimized instance.
  - **Operating System:** Select CentOS 7.2 in Public Image tab.
2. Enter the following script in the User Data box on the instance creation page.

```
#!/ bin / sh
# Modify DNS
echo "nameserver 8 . 8 . 8 . 8 " | tee / etc / resolv . conf
# Modify yum repo and update
rm - rf / etc / yum . repos . d /*
touch myrepo . repo
echo "[ base ]" | tee / etc / yum . repos . d / myrepo . repo
echo " name = myrepo " | tee - a / etc / yum . repos . d /
myrepo . repo
echo " baseurl = http :// mirror . centos . org / centos " | tee
- a / etc / yum . repos . d / myrepo . repo
echo " gpgcheck = 0 " | tee - a / etc / yum . repos . d /
myrepo . repo
echo " enabled = 1 " | tee - a / etc / yum . repos . d / myrepo
. repo
yum update - y
# Modify NTP Server
echo " server ntp1 . aliyun . com " | tee / etc / ntp . conf
systemctl restart ntpd . service
```



### Note:

- The first line must be `#!/ bin / sh`, with no leading space . / bin / sh ,with no leading space.
- Do not add unnecessary spaces or carriage return characters in the full text.
- You can customize URLs of your own DNS server, NTP Server, and yum repository based on the instance situations.
- The preceding content applies to CentOS 7.2. If you are using other images, modify the scripts as needed.
- You can also define the yum repository in the scripts of the `cloud config` type, but it is not recommended because it is not flexible enough to get adapted to Alibaba Cloud that may pre-configure some yum repository. Scripts of `script` type is recommended for changing the yum repository.

3. Complete the security settings as needed.

4. After you complete the configuration, click Buy Now and activate the instance following the instructions on the page.

After the instance is created, you can connect to the instance to view the implementation details, as shown in the following figure.

The preceding figure shows that you have successfully customized the DNS service, the NTP service, and the yum repository.

### 6.3.3 Create a new account with the root user privilege

User-defined scripts are a type of script provided by Alibaba Cloud to enable users to customize the startup behavior of ECS instances. For details, see [User-defined data](#).

This example uses a Linux instance to demonstrate how to use a user-defined script to create a new account, with the root user privilege, when creating a Linux instance. User-defined scripts can also be used to create a new account with the administrator privilege for a Windows instance.

#### Scenarios

Use user-defined scripts of instances if you want to achieve the following results when creating a Linux ECS instance:

- Disable the default root account that comes with a Linux ECS instance. You can use the script to customize how to disable the root user and how many root user privileges are disabled.
- Create a new account with the root user privilege and customize the account name.
- Use only SSH key pairs, but not user passwords, for remote logon to manage the instance by using the new account with the root user privilege.
- If this new account is required to perform operations that can only be done by a user with root user privilege, the `sudo` command can be used without a password for privilege escalation.

#### Procedure

To create a new account with the root user privilege, follow these steps:

1. [Create a Linux instance](#). Configure the instance as follows:

- **Network Type:** Select VPC.
- **Instance Type:** Select an I/O-optimized instance.
- **Operating System:** Select CentOS 7.2 in Public Image tab.

2. Enter the following script in the User Data box on the instance creation page:

```
#!/ bin / sh
useradd test
echo " test ALL =( ALL ) NOPASSWD : ALL " | tee - a
/ etc / sudoers
mkdir / home / test /. ssh
touch / home / test /. ssh / authorized _keys
echo " ssh - rsa AAAAB3NzaC 1yc2EAAAAB JQAAAQEAhG qhEh
/ rGbIMCGItF VtYpsXPQrC aunGJKZVIW tINrGZwusL c290qDZ93K
Ceb8o6X1Ib y1Wm + psZY8THE +/ BsXq0M0Hzf kQZD2vXuhR b4xi1z98JH
skX + 0jnbjqYGY + Brgai9BvKD XTTSyJtCYU nEKxvcK + d1ZwxbNuk2
QZ0ryHESDb SaczlnFgFQ EDxhCrvko + zWLjTVnomV UDhdMP2g6f
Z0tgFVwkJF V0bE7oob3N OVcrx2Tyhf cAjA4M2 / Ry7U2MFADD C +
EVkpoVDm0S OT / hYJgaVM1xM DlseE7kzX7 yZbJLR1XAW V1xzZkNclY
5w1kPnW8qM YuSwphXzt4 gsF0w == rsa - key - 20170217 " | tee -
a / home / test /. ssh / authorized _keys
```



Note:

- The first line must be `#!/ bin / sh`, with no leading space.
- Do not enter unnecessary spaces or carriage return characters in the text.
- The last line is your public key. You can define it.
- You can add other configuration in the script, as you need.
- The example script only applies to CentOS 7.2. If you are using other images, customize the script according to the operating system types.

3. Select post-creation settings in security settings.

4. After you finish the configuration, click **Buy Now** and activate the instance by following instructions on the page.

After the instance is created, you can use the new test user to connect to the instance using an SSH private key. You can also escalate the permission level using the `sudo` command and run operations that require the root user privilege, as shown in the following figure.

## 6.4 Instance identity

Instance identity is a part of *Metadata* that describes and validates an instance.

Instance identity enables you quickly locate a target instance,

and provides authentication for such actions as software updates, access control, or application activation. The signature of instance identity is encrypted by the *PKCS#7* standard.

### Use cases

You can use instance identity ( `instance - identity` ) in scenarios such as authentication, granting access, or instance identification, as follows.

- A typical software activation (with one serial number for one device) does not work in the environment of cloud computing where the sales model of the *Alibaba Cloud Marketplace* is flexible. In this case, you can use instance identity to complete the software activation. For more information, see *Sample 1. No audience in the signature*.
- When you write sensitive data in the instance, you can use instance identity to verify that the server is your instance.
- Scenarios whereby you want to confirm the source of the target server.

### Feature details

Instance identity consists of a dynamically generated instance identity document ( `document` ) and instance identity signature ( `signature` ).

- **Instance identity document:** Describes the attributes of an instance. The following table lists instance identity document items.

Properties	Description	Can it be changed?
<code>account-id</code>	ID of the Alibaba Cloud account to which the instance belongs	No
<code>create-time</code>	Instance creation time	No
<code>instance-id</code>	Instance ID.	No
<code>mac</code>	MAC address of the instance primary network interface	No

Properties	Description	Can it be changed?
region-id	ID of the region to which the instance belongs	No
serial-number	Serial number of the instance	No
zone-id	ID of the zone to which the instance belongs	No
instance-type	Instance types	Yes. It changes after you change the instance type.
image-id	Image ID of the instance	Yes. It changes after you replace the system disk of the instance.
private-ip	Private IP of the instance	Yes. It changes after you change the private IP of a VPC-Connected instance.

- Instance identity signature: Verifies the instance identity in the cryptographic method of the PKCS#7 standard.
  - To enhance the security of the signature, you can protect it by specifying the `audience` parameter in it. However, even if you specify `audience`, another user may get information about the identity document and the identity signature. Therefore, we recommend the value of the `audience` parameter is a random string, timestamp, regularly changed data, or some output generated by a specific algorithm.
  - If you specify the `audience` parameter, you must modify the instance identity document and signature simultaneously. For example, if you have specified the `audience` parameter while obtaining the signature, before you verify the signature by using the OpenSSL commands, you must add the value of the `audience` parameter at the end of the dynamically obtained instance identity document in the format of `" audience ":" Value of the audience "`, and separate the parameters with a comma (,).

## Usage

The instance identity is verified by using the OpenSSL commands. Make sure that you have the OpenSSL configured in your instance. Visit <https://www.openssl.org/source> to download and update OpenSSL service.

Take CentOS 7.4 as an example to use the instance identity.

1. Connect to your Linux instance.

2. Run `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document` to query the file of instance identity document.

3. Run `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/pkcs7` or `curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/pkcs7?audience=XXXX` to get the instance identity signature.

4. Verify the instance identity by using OpenSSL.

```
openssl smime -verify -in $signature -inform PEM -
content $DOCUMENT -certfile AliyunPubk ey -noverify > /
dev / null
```



Note:

- Specify the variable `$signature` with the responded *instance identity signature*.
- Specify the variable `$DOCUMENT` with the responded *instance identity document*.

(Optional) In [step 3](#), if you have specified the `audience` parameter, add the value of the audience parameter at the end of the dynamically obtained instance identity document in the format of "*audience*": "*Value of the audience*", and separate the parameters with a comma (,).

- Specify the variable `AliyunPubk ey` with the *Alibaba Cloud public certificate*.

The public certificate of Alibaba Cloud in all regions is as follows.

```
----- BEGIN      CERTIFICAT  E -----
MIIDdzCCA1 + gAwIBAgIEZ  mbRhZANBgk  qhkiG9w0BA  QsFADBsmRA
wDgYDVQQGE  wdV
bmtub3duMR  AwDgYDVQQI  EwdVbmtub3  duMRAwDgYD  VQQHEwdVbm
tub3duMRAw  DgYD
VQQKEwdVbm  tub3duMRAw  DgYDVQQLEw  dVbmtub3du  MRAwDgYDVQ
QDEwdVbmtu  b3du
MB4XDTE4MD  IyMzAxMjcz  OFoXDTM4MD  IxODAxMjcz  OFowbDEQMA
4GA1UEBhMH  VW5r
bm93bjEQMA  4GA1UECBMH  VW5rbm93bj  EQMA4GA1UE  BxMHVW5rbm
93bjEQMA4G  A1UE
ChMHVW5rbm  93bjEQMA4G  A1UECXMHVW  5rbm93bjEQ  MA4GA1UEAx
MHVW5rbm93  bjCC
ASIwDQYJKo  ZIhvcNAQEB  BQADggEPAD  CCAQoCggEB  AIJwy5sbZD
iNyX4mvdP3  2pqM
```

```

YMK4k7 + 5lRnVR2Fky / 5uwyGSPbdd NXaXzwEm + u4wIsJiaAN 30ZgJpYIoC
Gik + 9lG
5gVAIr0 +/ 3rZ61IbeVE + vDenDd8g / m / YIdYBfC2Ib zgS9EVGAf /
gJdtDODXrD fQj
Fk2rQsvpft VOUs3Vpl90 + jeCQLoRbZY m0c5v7jP / L2lK0Mjhiy
wPF2kpDeis MtnD
/ ArkSPIlg1q VYm3F19v3p a6ZioM2hnw Xg5DibYlgV vsIBGhvYqd
Q1KosNVcVG GQa
HCUuVGdS7v HJYp3byH0v QYYygzxUJT 2TqvK7pD57 eYMN5drc7e
19oyRQvbPQ 3kkC
AwEAAaMhMB 8wHQYDVR00 BBYEFawwrn HlRgFvPGo + UD5zS1xAkC
91MA0GCSqG SIb3
DQEBCwUAA4 IBAQBBLhDR gezd / 00ppuYEVNB 9 + XiJ9dNmCuH
UhjNTnjiKQ WvK / YDA
v + T2V3t9yl8L 8o61tRIVKQ ++ lDhjlVmur / mbBN25 / UNRpJllfpU
H6o0aqvQAZ e4a
nRgyTnBwVB ZkdJ0d1siv L9NZ4pKelJ F3Ylw6rp0Y MqV + cwkt /
vRtzRJ31ZE eBhs7
vKh7F6BiGC HL5ZAwEUYe 803akQwjgr MUcfuiFs4 / sAeDMnmgN6
Uq8DFEBXDp AxVN
sV / 6Hockdfinx 85RV2AUwJG fClcVcu4hM h0vKR0pch2 7xu9bBIeMu
Y0vvzP2Vy0 m
DoJeqU7qZj yCaUBkPims z / 1eRod6d4P5 qxTj
----- END CERTIFICAT E -----

```

### Sample 1. No audience in the signature

Assume that you have published an image in the image market. The following example shows you how to grant access to the instances of your customers.

1. Connect to the target instance.
2. Verify whether the image used by the instance is from the [Alibaba Cloud Marketplace](#), or from another source, by calling the metadata items of `product - code` and `charge - type`. For more information, see [Metadata](#).

```

curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/image/market-place/product-code
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/image/market-place/charge-type

```

3. Create a temporary file `cert.cer` in the working directory and save the [public certificate](#) to the file.
4. Determine the identity of the instance by running the following script.

```

#!/usr/bin/bash
function verify_signature_without_audience(){
curl 100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document > document
echo "----- BEGIN CERTIFICAT E -----" > signature
curl 100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/pkcs7 >> signature
echo "" >> signature
echo "----- END CERTIFICAT E -----" >> signature
}

```

```
openssl smime - verify - in signature - inform PEM -
content document - certfile cert . cer - noverify > / dev /
null
}
verify_sig nature_wit hout_audie nce
```

5. Once the response result shows `Verification successful`, remove the restriction and run the image in the instance.

### Sample 2. Audience in the signature

Assume that you published an image in the image market. The following example shows you how to grant access to the instances of your customers by specifying an `audience` parameter during the process of validation. To make sure that the instance identity is not maliciously acquired and used, you can implement the access control at the application server by combining your audience parameter. We recommend the value of the `audience` parameter is a random string, timestamp, regularly changed data, or some output generated by a specific algorithm.

1. Connect to the target instance.
2. Verify whether the image used by the instance is from the [Alibaba Cloud Marketplace](#), or another source, by calling the metadata items of `product - code` and `charge - type`.

```
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/image/market-place/product-code
curl http://100.100.100.200/latest/meta-data/image/market-place/charge-type
```

3. Create a temporary file `cert.cer` in the working directory and save the [public certificate](#) to the file.
4. Determine the identity of the instance by running the following script.

```
#!/usr/bin/bash
function verify_signature_with_specific_audience(){
audience='your audience' # Here is your audience parameter.
document=$(curl 100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document)
audience_json=', "audience": "'${audience}'"'
echo -n "${document%?} ${audience_json} > document
echo "----- BEGIN CERTIFICATE -----" > signature
curl 100.100.100.200/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/pkcs7?audience=${audience} >> signature
echo "" >> signature
echo "----- END CERTIFICATE -----" >> signature
openssl smime - verify - in signature - inform PEM -
content document - certfile cert . cer - noverify > / dev /
null
```

```
}  
verify_sig nature_wit h_specifie d_audience
```

5. Once the response result shows `Verification successful`, remove the restriction and run the image in the instance.

# 7 Change configurations

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## 7.1 Switch billing method

### 7.1.1 Switch from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription billing

You can switch the billing method of your instance from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription in the ECS console. Switching the billing method incurs a fee.

#### Limits

You can switch up to 20 Pay-As-You-Go instances to Subscription instances at one time.

#### Prerequisites

The ECS instance you want to switch the billing method for must meet the following requirements:

- The instance type is not a *Generation I* type.
- The instance belongs to your account.
- The instance is in a running or stopped status.

If an order to switch the billing method has been placed successfully when the ECS instance is in a running or stopped status, but the instance status changes so it no longer meets the preceding requirement when payment is attempted for the order, the order fails and the billing method is unchanged. You can go to the billing center and pay for the order when the instance is in a running or stopped status again.

- *No timed release is set for the instance.*

If the release time has been set for an instance, you need disable the timed release configuration and then switch the billing method.

- There is no unpaid switch order for the instance.

If an unpaid switch order exists, you must cancel the unpaid order and then place another order to switch the billing method.

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).

2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Select one or more Pay-As-You-Go instances, and under the instance list, click Switch to Subscription.
5. On the Switch to Subscription page, click Batch Change.
6. In the dialog box, set the Subscription Plan, including:
  - **Duration:** You can set the length of service time for the Subscription instance as 1 month or 1 year. Instances executed in batch must have the same length of service time.
  - **Data Disk (optional):** If Pay-As-You-Go data disks are mounted or attached to the selected instances, you can set whether to also switch their billing method to Subscription.
7. Click OK to place an order and go to the payment page.

After you make the payment, the operation is complete.

## FAQ

What can I do if placing an order fails?

You may be prompted with any of the following error messages:

- The current instance status is not supported to switch.
- Switch is not allowed because the release time has been set for the instance.
- Switch is not allowed because instance information has changed.
- A switch order for the instance has not been paid.

If you are prompted with any of the preceding messages, adjust the instance accordingly.

How long does it take to switch the billing method after I pay for the order?

Currently, one to four seconds are required to switch the billing method of 1 to 20 instances. After the switch, the billing method is changed to Subscription in the console.

What can I do if the switch fails?

Please [Open a ticket](#).

Does the billing method for bandwidth change after the switch?

No. Only the billing method of an instance and data disk can be switched.

If I upgrade the configurations of my ECS instance that has an unpaid switch order, is the order still valid?

The order is invalid. A new order is placed when you switch the billing method of an instance from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription. This new order must be paid. If the instance is upgraded when the order remains unpaid, the order payment cannot then be made because the instance components change and the order does not meet the requirements to switch the billing method. If you still want to change the billing method of the instance, you must cancel the unpaid order and place a new switch order.

### 7.1.2 Switch the billing method from Subscription to Pay-As-You-Go

After you create a Subscription instance, you can convert its billing method to Pay-As-You-Go if you want to pay only for the actual usage of your resources.

Before converting the billing method, note the following:

- The billing method conversion applies to the system disk and the data disks of the instance, regardless of whether the data disks are created along with the instance.
- The billing method of Internet bandwidth is unchanged.

After the conversion, make sure your account has sufficient funds to pay the bill. Otherwise, overdue payment will affect the running of your services. If you no longer require the instance, you can set it to auto release or release it manually. For more information, see [Release an instance](#).

#### Conversion notes

- Alibaba Cloud users who have reached a certain membership level can change the billing method from Subscription to Pay-As-You-Go.
- Each account is limited by a maximum monthly refund amount. The maximum refund amount varies according to the membership level. For more information, see the conversion page. You cannot claim additional refunds once the monthly

limit is reached. The remaining amount will be cleared automatically on the 1st day of the next month.

To calculate the refund amount resulting from a billing method conversion, the calculation uses the number of vCPUs and the remaining hours in the current billing cycle. For example, 1 refund unit = 1 vCPU × 1 hour .

In this example, assume you have purchased a Subscription instance with four vCPUs for six months. Four months later, you convert the billing method to Pay-As-You-Go. In this case, the refund amount for this instance is  $4 \text{ ( vCPUs )} \times 60 \text{ ( remaining days )} \times 24 \text{ ( hours / day )} = 5760 \text{ ( refund amount )}$ .

- Note that only the actual payment amount is refunded to the original payment channel. Vouchers or coupons that have been redeemed cannot be returned.
- If the instance involves renewal or upgrade orders that have not taken effect, a full refund will be made. For orders that have already taken effect, only a partial refund will be made.
- After the billing method is converted, the duration of usage given for reasons such as ICP filing, failure, or IDC migration is automatically invalidated.

#### Prerequisites

- The relevant ECS instance and cloud disks must use the Subscription billing method.
- The relevant ECS instance is in the Running or Stopped status.

#### Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, select Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Select the relevant instance. In the Actions column, select More > Configuration Change > Switch to Pay-As-You-Go.
5. On the conversion page, read the notes and confirm you agree to the *ECS Service Terms*.
6. Click Confirm Conversion.

After the billing method is converted successfully, you can see that the Billing Method of the instance has changed to Pay-As-You-Go in the ECS console.

Alternatively, click the instance ID to enter the Instance Details page. In the left-side navigation pane, click Disks. You can see that the Billing Method of the system disk and data disks (if any) of the instance have changed to Pay-As-You-Go.

## FAQ

What can I do if the conversion fails?

Conversion failure may be due to:

- The current instance status does not support conversion.
- Conversion is not allowed because the instance has expired.
- Conversion is not allowed because instance information has changed.

If any of the preceding error messages appears, adjust the instance accordingly. If the problem persists, [open a ticket](#).

## 7.2 Renew Subscription instances

### 7.2.1 Renewal overview

If you want to continue using a Subscription instance after it expires, you must renew the instance within the prescribed period. Otherwise, both the instance and disk are automatically released. The stored data is erased permanently and cannot be recovered. For more information about what happens when a Subscription instance expires, see [Subscription](#).



#### Note:

- You cannot cancel a paid renewal order.
- Pay-As-You-Go instances do not involve renewal. Make sure you have sufficient balance on your linked credit card or PayPal account to cover the costs.

Subscriptions to Alibaba Cloud ECS can be renewed by the following means:

- [Manual renewal](#)
  - The instance configurations cannot be changed at the time of renewal.
  - Renewal cycle: One month or one year.

- **Auto-renewal.** You can enable the auto-renewal feature for an instance at or after instance creation. The instance is automatically renewed before it expires.
  - The instance configuration is unchangeable at the time of renewal.
  - Renewal cycle: Renewed based on the current billing cycle of the instance.
- **Renewal for Configuration Downgrade.** You can downgrade the configuration of an instance and its associated resources when renewing the instance. The downgraded configuration takes effect at the start of the next billing cycle, which can reduce the costs.
  - The instance configuration is changeable at the time of renewal.
  - Renewal cycle: One month or one year.

## 7.2.2 Manual renewal

### Introduction

Manual renewal only applies to instances that use the Subscription billing method.

You can manually renew your Subscription instances when they are in an Expired status or are shut down. You can manually renew your instance for a month or a year. Therefore, if you want to modify the service duration of your Subscription instances, you can choose manual renewal.

- Your instance will still work normally when the instance is in an Expired status. If manual renewal is successfully completed within 15 days of the instance expiring, the start of the next billing cycle will be the day the instance expired.

For example, if your instance expired at 00:00:00 on April 25, 2016, but you successfully renewed it for one month on May 9, 2016, the billing cycle for this renewal is from April 25, 2016 to 00:00:00 on May 25, 2016.

- If the instance fails to be renewed within 15 days of expiration, the instance will be shut down.

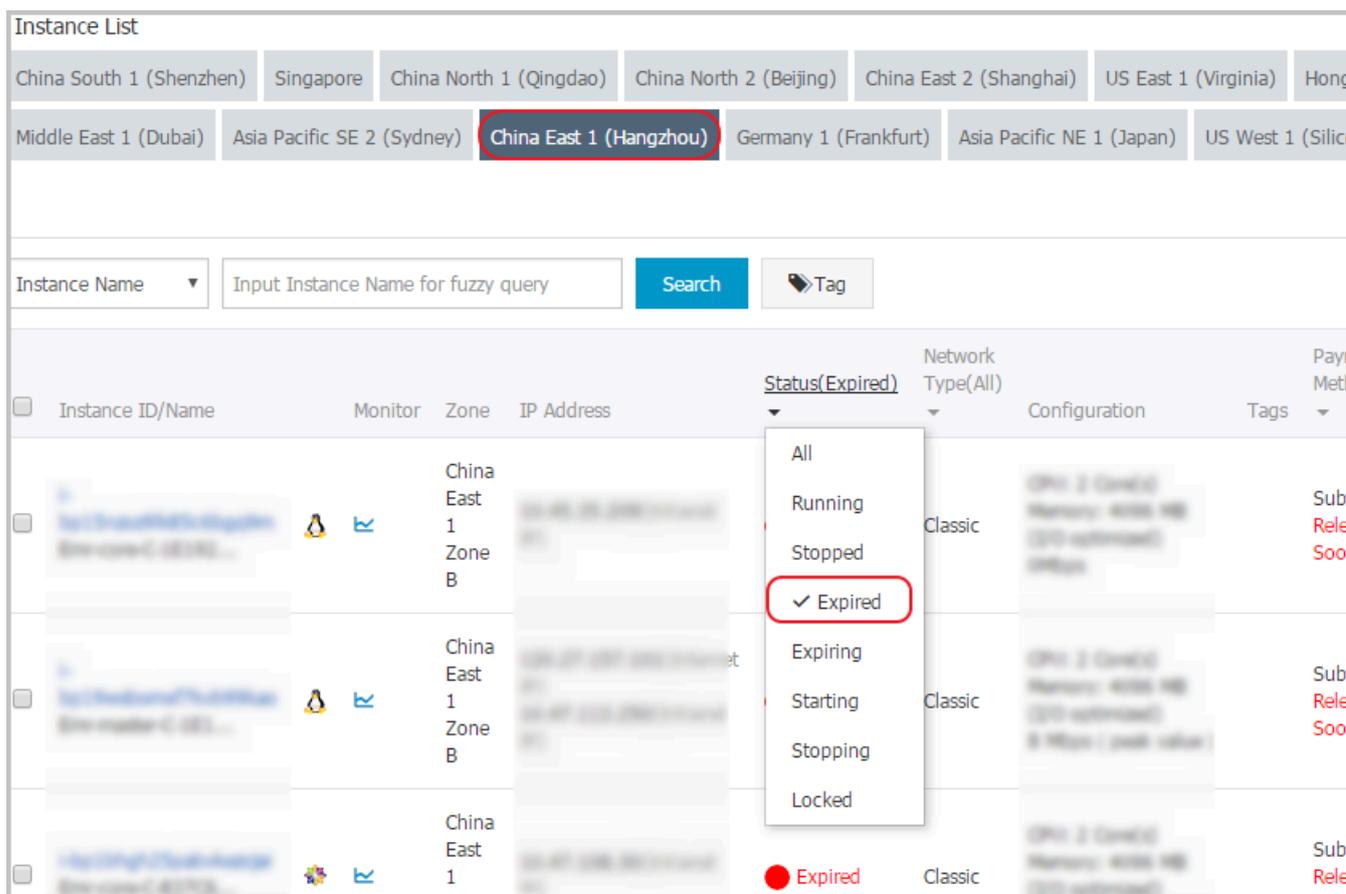
- After the instance is shut down:
  - Your instance will stop providing services, but your data will be retained for a further 15 days.
  - If the instance is renewed within 15 days of the instance being shut down (within 30 days of the instance expiring), your instance will enter the new billing cycle from the day of renewal, and your data will be retained for the new cycle.  
  
For example, if your instance was shut down at 00:00:00 on May 10, 2016, but you successfully renewed it for one month at 08:09:35 on May 23, 2016, the billing cycle for this renewal is from 08:09:35 on May 23, 2016 to 00:00:00 on June 24, 2016.
  - If the instance is not renewed within 15 days of the instance being shut down (within 30 days of the instance expiring), your instance will be automatically released on the 15th day. Your data will be deleted and cannot be restored.

#### Procedure

To manually renew your instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. On the Instance List page, select the expected region and locate the ECS instance by the instance name, instance ID, or status ( Expired).

#### 4. In the Actions column, click Renew.



#### 5. On the renewal page,

- a. Confirm the instance configuration.
- b. Select the expected renewal length, which can be 1 Month or 1 Year, and click Place Order.

#### 6. On the Pay page, confirm the order information and click Pay to complete the renewal operation.

#### Bulk renewal

Perform the steps below to renew multiple instances:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Select multiple Subscription or Weekly Subscription instances.
5. At the bottom of the page, click Renew.
6. On the Bulk Instance Renewal page, click Batch Change. Select a renewal period and then click OK.

7. Click Create Order to finish the operation as instructed.

## 7.2.3 Auto-renewal

Auto-renewal service only applies to instances that use the Subscription billing method.

### Introduction

If you have activated the auto-renewal service, Alibaba Cloud charges the subscription fee to your linked credit card or PayPal account when the instance expires.

The auto-renewal service can be activated after the ECS instance is purchased and before it expires. It cannot be activated after a Subscription instance expires. Auto-renewal has the following features:

- The monthly subscription service automatically renews the instance on a monthly basis when a monthly subscription instance expires.
- The annual subscription service automatically renews the instance on a yearly basis when a yearly subscription instance expires.



#### Note:

The auto-renewal service does not support switching between monthly subscription and annual subscription. If you want to change the service duration of an instance, you can choose the [Manual renewal](#) service.

After you activate the auto-renewal service:

- You are notified of the imminent expiration of your Subscription instances seven days, three days, and one day before the expiration day (T).
- Alibaba Cloud charges the subscription fee to your linked credit card or PayPal account on the expiration day (T). If payment fails, Alibaba Cloud will try to take payment again on Day 7 (T+6) and Day 15 (T+14). If all the three payment attempts fail, the instance is shut down.
- If the payment for the subscription is successful, your instance is no longer in an Expired status and the next billing cycle starts from the expiration day.

For example, if your monthly subscription instance expired at 00:00:00 on April 25, 2016, but it was successfully renewed automatically on May 9, 2016, the

billing cycle for this renewal is from 00:00:01 on April 25, 2016 to 00:00:00 on May 25, 2016.

- If all the three payment attempts fail, the instance shuts down 15 days after its expiration day. If the instance shuts down, it stops providing services and you cannot log on or remotely connect to the instance. At this point, you can only choose [Manual renewal](#). If the instance is not renewed within the 15 days after the expiration day, the instance is released and the data stored is lost.
- If you manually renew the instance before auto-renewal is attempted, your instance is renewed and no auto-renewal is attempted for the current billing cycle. The instance will then be renewed when the current billing cycle ends.
- Alibaba Cloud sends a notification email to your linked email address for each failed auto-renewal attempt. Therefore, we recommend that you check your inbox frequently so you can keep up to date with the status of your instance and take necessary actions to avoid further business impact.
- Alibaba Cloud takes payment for the auto-renewal of instances between 08:00:00 (UTC+8) and 18:00:00 (UTC+8).

#### Activate auto-renewal

To activate the auto-renewal service, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. At the top of the page, choose Billing Management > Renew.
3. In the left-side navigation pane, click Elastic Compute Service.
4. On the Renew page, select the Manually Renew tab.
5. Find an instance, and in the Actions column, click Enable Auto-Renew.
6. On the Enable Auto-Renew dialog box, click Enable Auto-Renew.

You can then find the instance by selecting the Auto-Renew tab.

#### Deactivate auto-renewal

To deactivate the auto-renewal service for an instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. At the top of the page, choose Billing Management > Renew.
3. In the left-side navigation pane, click Elastic Compute Service.
4. On the Renew page, select the Auto-Renew tab.
5. Find the instance, and in the Actions column, click Modify Auto-Renew.

6. On the Modify Auto-Renew dialog box, select **Disable Auto-Renew** and click **OK**.

You can then find the instance by selecting the **Manually Renew** tab.

## 7.2.4 Renew for configuration downgrade

After a Subscription instance expires, if renewal has not been completed in the required time, the instance is released automatically. In this case, data is lost permanently and cannot be recovered. To view status changes that occur after Subscription resources expire, see [Subscription](#).

You can use the **Renew for Configuration Downgrade** function to renew a Subscription instance while also lowering its specifications and reducing costs for the next billing cycle.

You can also change the billing method of your data disks from Subscription to Pay-As-You-Go.

### Note

Note the following when using **Renew for Configuration Downgrade**:

- The function allows you to scale down instance specifications at the time of renewal.
- **Renew for Configuration Downgrade** can only be used for Subscription instances.
- After you renew an instance, the new package is effective from the next billing cycle. The current package continues until the end of the current billing cycle.
- If instance configurations are changed during renewal, you must [restart the instance](#) within the first seven days of the new billing cycle for the new configurations to be effective. If you restart the instance on the seventh day of the new billing period, the instance is considered to have used the original package for the first six days, and uses the downgraded package only after it is restarted.
- Once the renewal for configuration downgrade is complete, you cannot [upgrade configurations](#), [increase the system disk size](#), or increase the size of a Subscription data disk, which is attached to a [Linux instance](#) or a [Windows instance](#), during the rest of the current billing cycle.
- You cannot cancel the renewal orders once the payment is processed.

## Procedure

To downgrade the configuration of a Subscription instance during renewal, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Find the Subscription instance. In the Actions column, click Change Configuration.
5. In the Configuration Change Guide dialog box, select Renew for Configuration Downgrade and click Continue.
6. On the Renew for Configuration Downgrade page, complete the following operations as necessary:
  - Downgrade Instance Type. If you want to downgrade specifications for an instance, you must also set the Restart Time for that instance.



### Note:

- Instance specifications that can be changed are displayed on the page. For more information about instance specifications, see [Instance type families](#).
  - Restarting an instance suspends your business operations on that instance . Please restart the instance during off-peak hours to reduce impact. The restart must be completed within the first seven days of the next billing cycle .
- If a data disk was created while creating a Subscription instance, you can change the billing method of the data disk to Pay-As-You-Go.
  - Set the bandwidth value.
  - Set the renewal duration.

7. Click Pay, and follow the prompts to complete the process.
8. (Optional) If you have changed instance specifications, or changed the public network bandwidth of an instance in a classic network from 0 Mbit/s to a non-zero value for the first time, you must [restart the instance](#) in the console or by using the [RebootInstance](#) API within the first seven days of the next billing period. This step is necessary for the new configurations to be effective.



### Note:

For a VPC instance, the instance does not need to be restarted.

## 7.3 Overview of configuration changes

You can change the configurations of an instance and its Internet bandwidth after it is created.

### Upgrade or downgrade instance configurations

You can only upgrade or downgrade the configurations of vCPU and memory (that is, *instance type family*) simultaneously by changing the instance type. Depending on the method of billing applied to your instance, you can change an instance type as follows:

- Subscription:
  - Upgrade: See [upgrade configurations](#). The new configurations take effect after you [restart the instance](#) in the console or by using the [RebootInstance](#) interface.
  - Downgrade: See [renewal for configuration downgrade](#). You can downgrade the configuration of an instance when you renew the instance. The new configuration takes effect after you [restart the instance](#) in the ECS console within the first seven days of the new billing cycle.
- Pay-As-You-Go: See [change configurations of Pay-As-You-Go instances](#). You must stop the instance to use this feature.



Note:

Stopping an instance disrupts services. Exercise caution when performing this action.

### Adjust Internet bandwidth

You can adjust the Internet bandwidth of an instance. The methods vary according to your business needs and the billing method of the instance. The following table lists the methods.

Billing method	Supports permanent upgrade?	Is it effective immediately?	Available feature	Description
Subscription	Yes	Yes	<a href="#">Upgrade configurations of Subscription instances</a>	Only applicable to VPC-Connected ECS instances to which no EIP addresses are attached, or classic network-connected ECS instances. The Internet and intranet IP addresses remain unchanged after you upgrade your configurations.
Subscription	Yes	Effective from next billing cycle	<a href="#">Renew for configuration downgrade</a>	Adjust bandwidth in the new billing cycle. When the Internet bandwidth is set to 0 Mbit/s, the Internet IP address of a VPC-Connected instance is released in the new billing cycle, but that of a classic network-connected ECS instance is retained.

Billing method	Supports permanent upgrade?	Is it effective immediately?	Available feature	Description
Pay-As-You-Go or Subscription	Yes	Yes	<a href="#">Change EIP Internet bandwidth</a>	Only applicable to VPC-Connected instances to which <a href="#">EIP addresses</a> are bound. You can adjust the Internet bandwidth on an EIP address at any time.

#### Assign a public IP address

Assign a public IP address to an ECS instance while *creating it*. If you skip it, you can even assign after an ECS instance is created. However, the feature is only available for Subscription instances. For more information, see the following table.

Feature	Is it effective immediately?	Description
<a href="#">Upgrade configurations of Subscription instances</a>	Yes	Only applicable to VPC-Connected ECS instances to which no EIP addresses are attached, or classic network-connected ECS instances. Set the Internet bandwidth to a non-zero value to assign a public IP address.
<a href="#">Renew for configuration downgrade</a>	Effective from next billing cycle	

## 7.4 Instance type families that support instance type upgrades

This article describes the instance type families that support instance type upgrades.

#### Restrictions

Upgrading instance types has the following impacts:

- Classic network instances:
  - For *phased-out instance types*, when a non-I/O optimized instance is upgraded to an I/O optimized instance, changes are made to the private IP address, the driver name, and the software authorization code. For Linux instances, Basic Cloud Disks ( `cloud` ) are recognized as `xvda` or `xvdb` , while Ultra Cloud Disks ( `cloud_efficiency` ) and SSD Cloud Disks ( `cloud_ssd` ) are recognized as `vda` or `vdb` .
  - For *available instance types*, changes are made to the private IP address of the instance.
- VPC instances:

For *phased-out instance types*, when a non-I/O optimized instance is upgraded to an I/O optimized instance, changes are made to the driver name and the software authorization code. For Linux instances, Basic Cloud Disks ( `cloud` ) are recognized as `xvda` or `xvdb` , while Ultra Cloud Disks ( `cloud_efficiency` ) and SSD Cloud Disks ( `cloud_ssd` ) are recognized as `vda` or `vdb` .

#### Instance type families that support upgrading instance types



##### Note:

Each instance type is available only in specific zones. Before upgrading an instance type, check if the target instance type (family) is available in the current zone.

In the following table, the target instance type families apply to both Subscription and Pay-As-You-Go instances.

Source instance type family	Target instance type family
g5, r5, c5, ic5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g5, r5, c5, ic5</li> <li>• sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne</li> <li>• c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
se1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• se1</li> <li>• sn1, sn2, n1, n2, e3, sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>

Source instance type family	Target instance type family
n4, mn4, xn4, e4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> <li>· sn1, sn2, se1, n1, n2, e3, sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5</li> </ul>
re4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· re4</li> <li>· sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4, ecs.se1.14xlarge</li> </ul>
hfc5, hfg5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· hfc5, hfg5</li> <li>· sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
gn4	gn4
gn5i	gn5i
gn6v	gn6v
t5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· t5</li> <li>· sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
t1, s1, s2, s3, m1, m2, c1, c2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· t1, s1, s2, s3, m1, m2, c1, c2</li> <li>· sn1, sn2, se1, n1, n2, e3, sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
n1, n2, e3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· n1, n2, e3</li> <li>· sn1, sn2, se1, sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
sn1, sn2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· sn1, sn2</li> <li>· se1, n1, n2, e3, sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, c4, cm4, ce4, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>
c4, ce4, cm4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· c4, ce4, cm4</li> <li>· sn1ne, sn2ne, se1ne, hfc5, hfg5, g5, r5, c5, ic5, re4, t5, n4, mn4, xn4, e4</li> </ul>

## 7.5 Upgrade configurations

### 7.5.1 Upgrade configurations of Subscription instances

You can upgrade a Subscription-billed instance type.

you can also:

- Convert the billing method of data disks from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription. The billing method of system disks cannot be changed.
- Change the Internet bandwidth. This applies to the instances in a classic network and instances in a VPC that are not bound with EIPs. If you do not purchase Internet bandwidth when creating an instance, no public IP address is assigned. In this case, you can use this feature to assign a public IP address to the instance when needed.

#### Fees

After upgrading the configuration, you must make up the difference for the rest of the current billing cycle.

#### Limits

This feature has the following limits:

- Only applicable to Subscription instances.
- You can upgrade an instance multiple times, but the time period between each upgrade must be at least five minutes.
- You must upgrade both the vCPU cores and memory size of an instance type. That is, you cannot upgrade one item separately.
- Not supported within or between such instance type families: d1, d1ne, i1, i2, ga1, gn5, f1, f2, f3, ebmc4, ebmg5, sccg5, and scch5. For the instance type families that support this feature and the rules for upgrading instance types, see [instance type families that support upgrading instance types](#).
- This feature can be used to change the Internet bandwidth only for VPC instances bound with no EIPs and classic network instances.
- You can change the billing method from Pay-As-You-Go to Subscription only for data disks, not for system disks.

- In the current billing cycle, if you have already performed the [renewal for configuration downgrade](#) operation, you cannot upgrade the configuration until a new billing cycle begins.
- After upgrading an instance type or changing the Internet bandwidth of a classic network instance from 0 Mbps to a non-zero value for the first time, you must restart the instance on the console or through the [RebootInstance](#) API to activate the new configuration.

## Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Select the Subscription instance to upgrade and, in the Actions column, click Change Configuration.
5. Select Upgrade Configuration and click Continue.
6. On the Upgrade Configuration page, perform any of the following operations:
  - Select a new Instance Type.



### Note:

The page displays all the new instance types that are available for your instance.

- If a [Pay-As-You-Go-billed data disk is attached](#) to your instance, you can convert its billing method to Subscription.
- If the instance is a classic network instance, or is VPC-Connected and not bound with an EIP, you can modify its Internet bandwidth.



### Note:

If you do not purchase Internet bandwidth when creating an instance, no public IP address is assigned. In this case, you can use this feature to assign a public IP address to the instance when needed.

7. Confirm your order details, and then click Create Order. Follow additional instructions as required.
8. After upgrading an instance type or changing the Internet bandwidth of a classic network instance from 0 Mbps to a non-zero value for the first time, you must

restart the instance through the console or through the [RebootInstance](#) API to activate the new configuration.



Note:

You do not have to restart a VPC instance if this upgrade configuration is the first time its Internet bandwidth is increased from 0 Mbps to a non-zero value.

You can also use the [DescribeResourcesModification](#) API to query the instance types that can be upgraded.

## 7.6 Downgrade configurations

### 7.6.1 Renew for configuration downgrade

After a Subscription instance expires, if renewal has not been completed in the required time, the instance is released automatically. In this case, data is lost permanently and cannot be recovered. To view status changes that occur after Subscription resources expire, see [Subscription](#).

You can use the Renew for Configuration Downgrade function to renew a Subscription instance while also lowering its specifications and reducing costs for the next billing cycle.

You can also change the billing method of your data disks from Subscription to Pay-As-You-Go.

#### Note

Note the following when using Renew for Configuration Downgrade:

- The function allows you to scale down instance specifications at the time of renewal.
- Renew for Configuration Downgrade can only be used for Subscription instances.
- After you renew an instance, the new package is effective from the next billing cycle. The current package continues until the end of the current billing cycle.
- If instance configurations are changed during renewal, you must [restart the instance](#) within the first seven days of the new billing cycle for the new configurations to be effective. If you restart the instance on the seventh day of the new billing period, the instance is considered to have used the original package for the first six days, and uses the downgraded package only after it is restarted.

- Once the renewal for configuration downgrade is complete, you cannot [upgrade configurations](#), [increase the system disk size](#), or increase the size of a Subscription data disk, which is attached to a [Linux instance](#) or a [Windows instance](#), during the rest of the current billing cycle.
- You cannot cancel the renewal orders once the payment is processed.

## Procedure

To downgrade the configuration of a Subscription instance during renewal, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Find the Subscription instance. In the Actions column, click Change Configuration.
5. In the Configuration Change Guide dialog box, select Renew for Configuration Downgrade and click Continue.
6. On the Renew for Configuration Downgrade page, complete the following operations as necessary:
  - Downgrade Instance Type. If you want to downgrade specifications for an instance, you must also set the Restart Time for that instance.



### Note:

- Instance specifications that can be changed are displayed on the page. For more information about instance specifications, see [Instance type families](#).
- Restarting an instance suspends your business operations on that instance . Please restart the instance during off-peak hours to reduce impact. The restart must be completed within the first seven days of the next billing cycle

- If a data disk was created while creating a Subscription instance, you can change the billing method of the data disk to Pay-As-You-Go.
  - Set the bandwidth value.
  - Set the renewal duration.
7. Click Pay, and follow the prompts to complete the process.
  8. (Optional) If you have changed instance specifications, or changed the public network bandwidth of an instance in a classic network from 0 Mbit/s to a non-zero

value for the first time, you must *restart the instance* in the console or by using the *RebootInstance* API within the first seven days of the next billing period. This step is necessary for the new configurations to be effective.



Note:

For a VPC instance, the instance does not need to be restarted.

## 7.6.2 Downgrade configurations of Subscription instances

You can downgrade configurations (including the memory size and the number of vCPU cores) of Subscription instances. The configurations immediately take effect after instance restart.

### Limits

- Only members who reach certain membership levels can downgrade instance configurations.
- You can downgrade configurations of only one instance at a time.
- You can change the instance configurations only to lower-level configurations . That is, changes to configurations of the same level or a higher level are not allowed.
- You can only downgrade the configurations of each instance a maximum of three times. Configuration downgrade operations include instance configuration downgrades, bandwidth configuration downgrades, and cloud disk billing method adjustments.
- The time interval between two downgrade operations must be at least 5 minutes.

### Prerequisites

The configurations of an instance can be downgraded only if the instance meets the following conditions:

- The billing method is Subscription or weekly payment.
- The instance is in Stopped state.
- The instance works properly. That is, the instance cannot be in an abnormal state, such as overdue, outdated, locked, or to be released.
- The instance cannot have any ongoing configuration downgrade renewal process.

## Fees

A configuration downgrade may result in a refund. The refund amount is the result of the following formula: Refund amount = Remaining amount of the configuration fee before the downgrade - Price of the new configurations. (The refund will be returned only when the result is a positive value.)

## Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS Console](#).
2. Find the target instance and click Change Configuration in the Action column.
3. In the displayed dialog box, select Configuration downgrade and Instance Type.
4. Select a desired instance type, confirm the refund amount, and read and confirm that you agree with the *ECS Service Terms*.
5. Click Downgrade Now.

## What to do next

Restart the instance for the new configurations to take effect.

## 7.6.3 Downgrade bandwidth configurations of Subscription instances

You can downgrade Internet bandwidth configurations of Subscription instances and change the bandwidth billing method from Pay-By-Bandwidth to Pay-By-Traffic. The configurations take effect immediately without the need to restart instances.

You can use the bandwidth configuration downgrade function to perform the following operations:

- If the current bandwidth billing method is Pay-By-Bandwidth, you can:
  - Lower the fixed bandwidth.
  - Change the billing method to Pay-By-Traffic and set the peak bandwidth.
- If the current bandwidth billing method is Pay-By-Traffic, you can:

Change the peak bandwidth. Note that you cannot change the billing method to Pay-By-Bandwidth.



### Note:

If your instance uses a VPC, the process of detaching the Internet IP address will be triggered when the bandwidth is lowered to 0 Mbit/s.

## Limits

- Only members who reach certain membership levels can downgrade bandwidth configurations.
- You can downgrade bandwidth configurations of only one instance at a time.
- You can only downgrade the bandwidth configurations of each instance a maximum of three times. Configuration downgrade operations include instance configuration downgrades, bandwidth configuration downgrades, and cloud disk billing method adjustments.
- The time interval between two downgrade operations must be at least 5 minutes.
- If the instance uses a VPC and has an elastic IP address, the bandwidth configurations of the instance cannot be downgraded.

## Prerequisites

The configurations of an instance can be downgraded only if the instance meets the following conditions:

- The billing method is Subscription.
- The instance works properly. That is, the instance cannot be in an abnormal state, such as overdue, outdated, locked, or to be released.
- The instance cannot have any ongoing configuration downgrade renewal process.

## Procedure

1. Log on to the [ECS Console](#).
2. Find the target instance and click Change Configuration in the Action column.
3. In the displayed dialog box, select Configuration downgrade and Bandwidth Configuration.
4. Set the bandwidth and read and confirm that you agree with the *ECS Service Terms*.
5. Click Downgrade Now.

## 7.7 Change configurations of Pay-As-You-Go instances

### 7.7.1 Change configurations of Pay-As-You-Go instances

This article describes how to change configurations of Pay-As-You-Go instances. For information about how to change configurations of (Subscription) instances, see [overview of configuration changes](#).

**Note:**

Changing instance configurations requires stopping your instance, which disrupts services. Exercise caution when performing this action.

**Limits**

- You can upgrade an instance multiple times, but the time period between each upgrade must be at least five minutes.
- Not supported within or between such instance type families: d1, d1ne, i1, i2, ga1, gn5, f1, f2, f3, ebmc4, ebmg5, sccg5, and scch5. For more information, see [instance type families that support upgrading instance types](#).

**Prerequisite**

The instance has been stopped.

**Procedure**

To change instance type configurations of the instance, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select the target region.
4. In the Actions column, click Change Instance Type.
5. On the Instance Type page, select the desired instance type and click Confirm.

**Note:**

You can also enter the instance type information in the search box to filter instance types.

Once the change is complete, it takes effect immediately. You can view the instance type information in the Basic Information area of the Instance Details page, as shown in the following figure.

Then, restart the instance to restore your services.

You can also use the [DescribeResourcesModification](#) API to query the instance types that can be changed.

## 7.7.2 Change EIP Internet bandwidth

If you are using a VPC-Connected ECS instance, and [an Elastic IP \(EIP\) address is bound to it](#), you can use the Change Bandwidth feature to change the Internet bandwidth as needed, regardless of your billing method.

### Restrictions

The Change Bandwidth feature only applies to VPC-Connected instances, that are bound with an Elastic IP (EIP) address.

### Change bandwidth

To change the Internet bandwidth of an EIP address, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the [ECS console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Instances.
3. Select a region.
4. Find an instance to which an EIP address is bound, and in the Actions column, click Change Configuration.
5. In the Change Configurations dialog box, select change bandwidth, and click Continue.
6. On the Confirm Order page, set the new peak bandwidth.
7. Click Activate and follow the instructions to complete the configuraiton.

### Related operations

For Subscription instances of the classic network type or VPC-Connected ECS instances to which no EIP addresses are bound, you can use the following features to change the Internet bandwidth:

- Use the [Upgrade Configuration](#) feature to change the Internet bandwidth immediately.
- Use the [Renew for Configuration Downgrade](#) feature to change the Internet bandwidth for the next billing cycle.