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 Danger	A danger notice indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	 Danger: Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data.
 Warning	A warning notice indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	 Warning: Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restart an instance.
 Notice	A caution notice indicates warning information, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand.	 Notice: If the weight is set to 0, the server no longer receives new requests.
 Note	A note indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content.	 Note: You can use Ctrl + A to select all files.
>	Closing angle brackets are used to indicate a multi-level menu cascade.	Click Settings> Network> Set network type .
Bold	Bold formatting is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements.	Click OK .
Courier font	Courier font is used for commands	Run the <code>cd /d C:/window</code> command to enter the Windows system folder.
<i>Italic</i>	Italic formatting is used for parameters and variables.	<code>bae log list --instanceid</code> <i>Instance_ID</i>
[] or [a b]	This format is used for an optional value, where only one item can be selected.	<code>ipconfig [-all -t]</code>
{ } or {a b}	This format is used for a required value, where only one item can be selected.	<code>switch {active stand}</code>

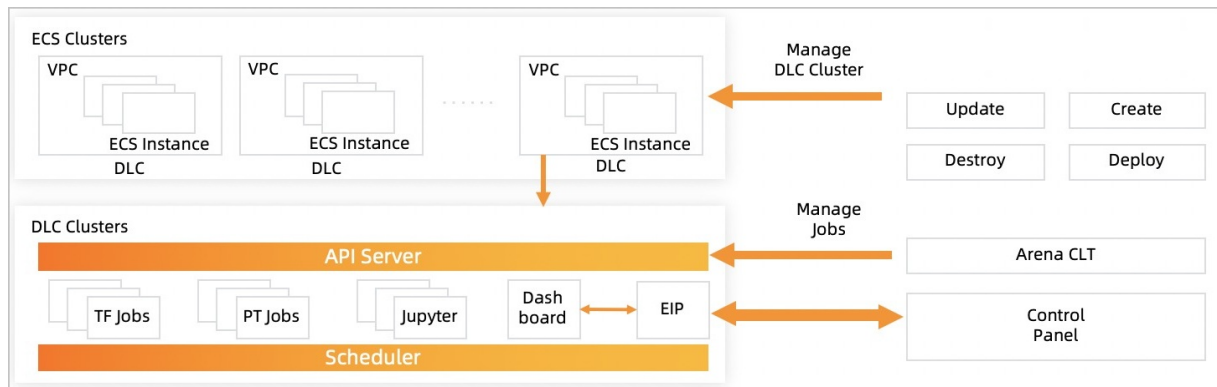
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1. Overview

Deep Learning Containers (DLC) of Machine Learning Platform for AI is a deep learning platform developed based on Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK). It provides stable, easy-to-use, scalable, and high-performance runtimes for training deep learning models.

DLC features
DLC architecture
DLC architecture



DLC integrates deep learning frames and network optimization technologies of Machine Learning Platform for AI. DLC offers distributed computing capabilities that support near-linear expansion. The NVIDIA P128 GPU can boost the speedup of parallel computing to higher than 100 times. In scenarios where tens of millions of image datasets or hundreds of thousands of categories need to be processed, the performance of model training by DLC is over eight times higher than open source deep learning frameworks. For search, recommendation, advertising, and media feeds services in the Internet industry, DLC is capable of handling hundreds of billions of samples and tens of billions of features. DLC allows you to train models on thousands of nodes in parallel. In these scenarios, the performance of model training by DLC is over five times higher than open source deep learning frameworks.

DLC supports the following features:

- Provides a distributed deployment solution for conducting data parallelism, model parallelism, and hybrid parallelism.
- Allows you to use existing ACK clusters to train deep learning models.
- Supports open source Kubernetes interfaces. This allows you to submit training jobs with user-provided images.
- Provides the training job management platform DLC Dashboard, which is deployed in ACK clusters. It allows you to submit jobs and monitor the progress of each job in a visualized manner.
- Allows you to use Arena and Kubectl to submit, manage, and view jobs. Arena is a Kubernetes-based command-line tool empowered by Artificial Intelligence (AI). Kubectl is a command-line tool for Kubernetes clusters.
- Allows you to monitor GPU resource usage in real time to facilitate task scheduling.

2. Authorization

Before you use Deep Learning Containers (DLC), you must create the required service linked role. authorization create RAM roles

Prerequisites

Alibaba Cloud Machine Learning Platform for AI is activated. For more information, see [Purchase](#).

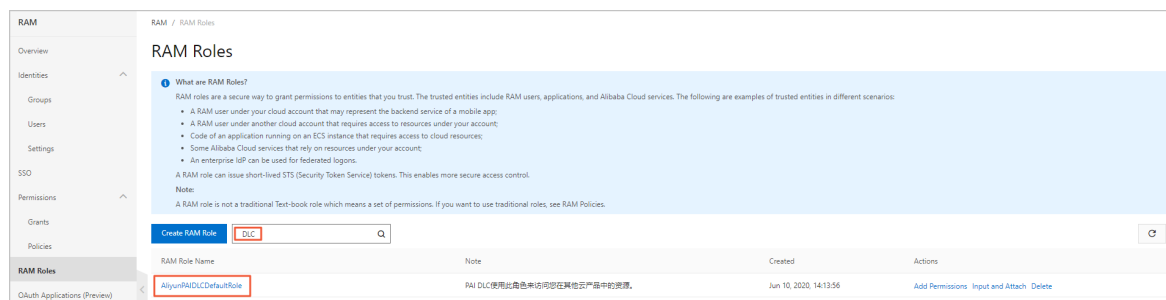
Context

To deploy services in your Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) cluster, DLC must first install the required components in the cluster. Therefore, you must use your Alibaba Cloud account to authorize DLC to access your ACK cluster.

Note You cannot complete the authorization as a Resource Access Management (RAM) user.

Procedure

- Navigate to the [DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training](#) page.
 - Log on to the [Machine Learning Platform for AI console](#).
 - In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Model Training > DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training**.
- Click **Authorize Now** to open the **Cloud Resource Access Authorization** page.
- Click **Agree to Authorization**.
- After the RAM role is created, you can find it on the **RAM Roles** page of the RAM console. For more information, see [View the basic information of a RAM role](#).



3. Prerequisites

3.1. Install the public-facing SLB ingress controller

You can add existing Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) clusters to Deep Learning Containers (DLC) or directly create new ACK clusters from the DCL platform. If you need to use DCL Dashboard, you must first install the public-facing SLB ingress controller in your ACK cluster.

ACK cluster Ingress controller

Context

For more information about how to create an ACK cluster, see [Create an ACK cluster](#).

Check whether the public-facing SLB ingress controller is installed

1. Navigate to the details page of the ACK cluster.
 - i. Log on to the [ACK console](#).
 - ii. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Clusters**. Find the target cluster, and click its name in the **ACK Cluster ID/Name** column.
2. On the **Cluster Information** page, click the **Cluster Resources** tab, and check the configuration of **Nginx Ingress SLB**. If a hyperlink is displayed, this indicates that the ingress controller is installed.
3. Check whether the **Address Type** field displays **Public Network**.
 - i. On the **Cluster Resources** tab of the **Cluster Information** page, click the hyperlink next to **Nginx Ingress SLB**.
 - ii. In the **Server Load Balancer** console, choose **Instances > Instances**.
 - iii. In the **Basic Information** section of the **Instance Details** tab, verify that **Address Type** is set to **Public Network**.

Install the public-facing SLB ingress controller when you create an ACK cluster

When you purchase an ACK cluster, select **Install Ingress Controllers** in the **Ingress** section, and set **SLB Network Type** to **Public Network**. For more information, see [Create an ACK cluster](#).

Install the public-facing SLB ingress controller in a created ACK cluster

1. Navigate to the details page of the ACK cluster.
 - i. Log on to the [ACK console](#).
 - ii. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Clusters**. Find the target cluster, and click its name in the **ACK Cluster ID/Name** column.
2. Log on to the Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) console. Find the target ACK cluster and click its name to navigate to the details page. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Add-ons**.

3. In the System Add-ons section, click Install next to Nginx Ingress Controller.

3.2. Mount volumes to ACK clusters

3.2.1. Mount a NAS file system to an ACK cluster

This topic describes how to mount a performance NAS file system to an Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) cluster. Deep Learning Containers (DLC) allows you to store source data in NAS file systems.

mount volumes to ACK clustersNAS

Step 1: Select a storage type

Multiple types of NAS file systems are provided to meet your requirements.

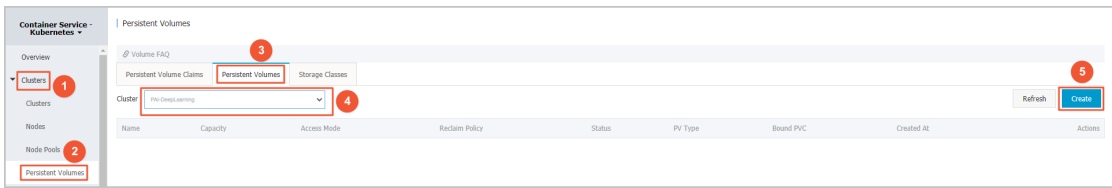
Parameter	Capacity	Performance	Extreme	CPFS
Latency	3 ms~10 ms	1 ms~2 ms	Hundreds of microseconds	1 ms~2 ms
IOPS	15 KB	50 KB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard: 10 KB Advanced: 30 KB 	100 MB
Throughput	10 GB/s	20 GB/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard: > 150 MB/s Advanced: > 300 MB/s 	1 TB/s
Capacity	10 PB	1 PB	32 TB	100 PB
Load type	General	General	Random low I/O and container services	Paralleled reads and writes
Scenarios	Website content storage and log file backup	Content production and remote desktop sharing	Shared storage for containers of high-performance websites	High-performance computing and intelligent analytics

We recommend that you choose Cloud Paralleled File System (CPFS) in deep learning scenarios. You cannot mount a CPFS type NAS file system to an ACK cluster in the ACK console. To mount a CPFS type NAS file system to an ACK cluster, see [Use CPFS volumes](#).

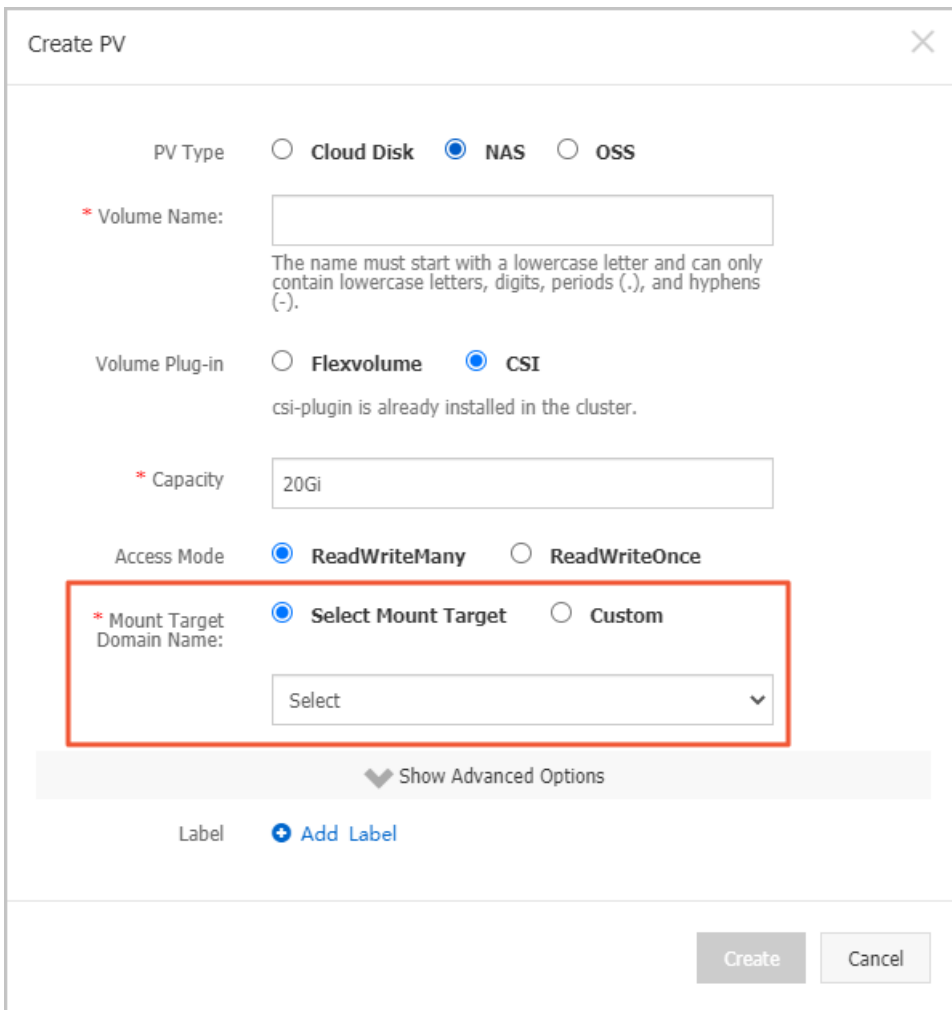
Step 2: Create a NAT file system

1. For more information, see [Manage file systems](#).
2. For more information about how to add a mount target, see [Manage mount targets](#).When you add a mount target, set Mount Target Type to VPC, and specify VPC default permission group (all allowed) as Access Group. The VPC network and VSwitch must be the same as those of your ACK cluster.

- i. On the Persistent Volumes page, select the target cluster and click Create.



- ii. Enter a name in the Volume Name field, and set Mount Target Domain Name to Select Mount Target. If you are using a capacity or performance NAS file system, you can directly select a mount target from the list. If you want to mount the NAS file system to a subdirectory, click Show Advanced Options, and enter a path in the Subdirectory field.



- iii. Click Create.

4. Create a PVC.

- i. On the Persistent Volumes page, click the Persistent Volume Claims tab.
- ii. Select the target cluster from the Cluster list and click Create.
- iii. Click the Select PV hyperlink next to Existing Volumes, and then select the created PV.
- iv. Click Create.


3.2.2. Mount an OSS bucket to an ACK cluster

This topic describes how to mount an Object Storage Service (OSS) bucket to an Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) cluster. Deep Learning Containers (DLC) allows you to store source data in OSS.

mount volumes to ACK clustersOSS

Step 1: Create an OSS bucket

1. For more information about how to activate OSS, see [Activate OSS](#).
2. For more information about how to create an OSS bucket, see [Create buckets](#).

 **Note** The OSS bucket and your ACK cluster must be created in the same region.

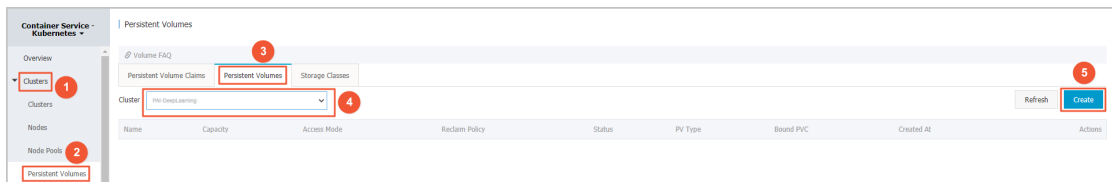
Step 2: Mount the OSS bucket to the ACK cluster

You can mount the OSS bucket to the ACK cluster only as a static volume.

- Directly mount the OSS bucket as a volume
- Use a pair of persistent volume (PV) and persistent volume claim (PVC). We recommend that you choose this method to mount OSS buckets to ACK clusters used in DLC.

In this topic, a pair of PV and PVC is used as an example. For more information about how to mount an OSS bucket in other ways, see [Use OSS volumes](#).

1. Log on to the [ACK console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Clusters > Persistent Volumes**.
3. Create a PV.
 - i. On the **Persistent Volumes** page, select the target cluster and click **Create**.



- ii. Specify **Volume Name**, **AccessKey ID**, and **AccessKey Secret**.
- iii. Click the **Select Bucket** hyperlink, and select the created OSS bucket.

Specify Endpoint:

- If your OSS bucket and ACK cluster are deployed in different regions, select **Public Endpoint**.
- If your OSS bucket and ACK cluster are deployed in the same region, select one of the following options based on the network of your ACK cluster.
 - If your ACK cluster is deployed in a VPC network, select **VPC Endpoint**.
 - If your ACK cluster is deployed in a classic network, select **Internal Endpoint**.

iv. Click **Create**.

4. Create a PVC.

- i. On the **Persistent Volumes** page, click the **Persistent Volume Claims** tab.
- ii. Select the target cluster from the **Cluster** list and click **Create**.

- iii. Click the **Select PV** hyperlink next to **Existing Volumes**, and select the created PV.

- iv. Click **Create**.

3.2.3. Mount a CPFS to an ACK cluster

This topic describes how to mount a Cloud Paralleled File System (CPFS) to an Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) cluster. Deep Learning Containers (DLC) allows you to store source data in CPFSs.

mount volumes to ACK clustersCPFS

Context

You can use a pair of persistent volume (PV) and persistent volume claim (PVC) to mount a CPFS to an ACK cluster. However, you cannot directly create a pair of PV and PVC for a CPFS in the ACK console. You must create a YAML file to declare a PV and PVC.

Procedure

1. Run the following command to check whether the flexvolume-cpfs plug-in is installed:

```
$ kubectl get pods -n kube-system | grep flexvolume-cpfs
flexvolume-cpfs-dcldf 1/1 Running 0 98m
flexvolume-cpfs-dkrt8 1/1 Running 0 98m
```

If the flexvolume-cpfs plug-in is not installed, install the plug-in first. For more information, see [Use CPFS volumes](#).

2. Create a PV.

- i. Create a *pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pv.yaml* file, and copy the following content to the file:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: pai-deeplearning-cpfs
labels:
  alicloud-pvname: pai-deeplearning-cpfs
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 1000Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  flexVolume:
    driver: "alicloud/cpfs"
    options:
      server: "cpfs-****-0th1.cn-shenzhen.cpfs.nas.aliyuncs.com@tcp:cpfs-****-mdm1.cn-shenzhen.c
        pfs.nas.aliyuncs.com@tcp"
      fileSystem: "****"
      subPath: "/"
      options: "rw"
```


- ii. Log on to the **NAS console**. On the **File System List** page, click the ID of the target CPFS in the **File System ID/Name** column.
- iii. On the **Basic Information** page, check **server** and **fileSystem** next to **Mount Target**.
- iv. Set the **server** and **fileSystem** parameters in the *pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pv.yaml* file to the displayed values.
- v. Run the following command to create a PV:

```
kubectl create -f pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pv.yaml
```

3. Create a PVC.

- i. Create a *pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pvc* file and then copy the following content to the file:

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: pai-deeplearning-cpfs
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
  requests:
    storage: 1000Gi
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      alicloud-pvname: pai-deeplearning-cpfs
```

 **Note** The value of *alicloud-pvname* must be the same as that of *alicloud-pvname* in the *pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pv.yaml* file.

- ii. Run the following command to create a PVC:

```
kubectl create -f pai-deeplearning-cpfs-pvc
```

4. Run the following commands to check whether the PV and PVC are created:

```
$ kubectl get pv | grep pai-deeplearning-cpfs
pai-deeplearning-cpfs 1000Gi RWX Retain Bound default/pai-deeplearning-cpfs 152m
$ kubectl get pvc | grep pai-deeplearning-cpfs
pai-deeplearning-cpfs Bound pai-deeplearning-cpfs 1000Gi RWX
```

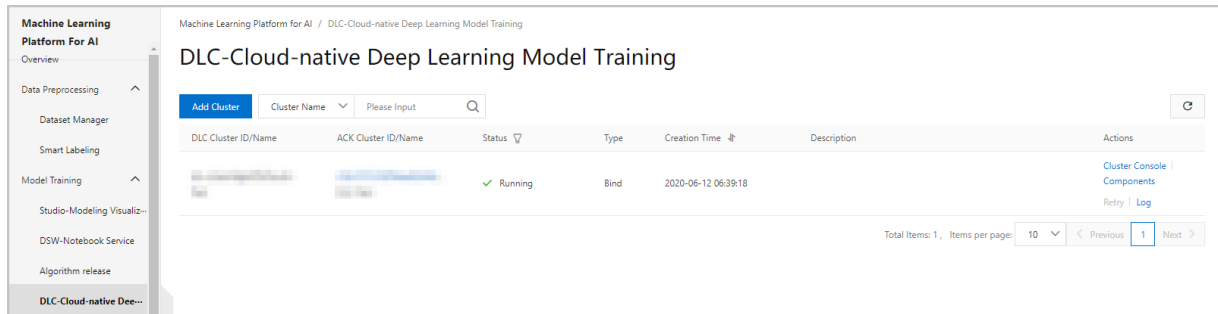
5. Mount the CPFS to an Elastic Compute Service (ECS) instance deployed in the same region, and upload data to the CPFS. For more information, see [Mount a file system](#).

4. Manage clusters

4.1. Overview

This topic describes how to manage clusters on the Deep Learning Containers (DLC) platform and how to manage deep learning jobs in DLC Dashboard.

cluster list view cluster information



Column name	Description
DLC Cluster ID/Name	Information about a DLC cluster, including the ID and name of the DLC cluster.
ACK Cluster ID/Name	Information about a cluster of Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) that has been added to DLC. You can click the ID of an ACK cluster in the ACK Cluster ID/Name column to log on to the ACK console.
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initializing: DLC is initializing the ACK cluster. Deploying: DLC is deploying components in the ACK cluster. Running: DLC has deployed components in the ACK cluster. The ACK cluster is running. Deployment Failed: DLC fails to deploy components in the ACK cluster. You can click Log in the Actions column to check the causes. You can also click Retry in the Actions column to deploy the components again.
Type	<p>Indicates how the ACK cluster is added to DLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bind: The ACK cluster is created in the ACK console and then added to DLC. Create: The ACK cluster is created from the DLC platform.
Creation Time	The time when the DLC cluster is created.
Description	The description of the DLC cluster that you have entered after you click Add Cluster .

Column name	Description
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Console: Log on to DLC Dashboard, where you can submit training jobs and view progress of training jobs. • Components: View DLC components that have been deployed in the ACK cluster. • Logs: View log data generated when the system adds the ACK cluster and deploys the DLC components. • Retry: If the Status column displays Deployment Failed, you can click Retry to deploy the DLC components again.

4.2. Add an ACK cluster

This topic describes how to add a cluster of Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) to Deep Learning Containers (DLC).

add ACK cluster

Prerequisites

- The public-facing SLB ingress controller is installed in the ACK cluster. For more information, see [Install the public-facing SLB ingress controller](#).
- The required Resource Access Management (RAM) role is created for DLC. For more information, see [Authorization](#).

Procedure

1. Log on to the [Machine Learning Platform for AI console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Model Training > DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training**.
3. On the DLC page, click **Add Cluster**.
4. In the **Add Cluster** dialog box, set the following parameters.

Parameter	Description
Cluster Name	The name of the DLC cluster. The cluster name must be 1 to 30 characters in length, and can contain underscores (_) and hyphens (-). It must start with a letter, digit, or Chinese character.
Description	The description of the DLC cluster, which helps distinguish between different DLC clusters.
ACK Cluster	<p>You can add an ACK cluster in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Select an existing ACK cluster from the ACK Cluster drop-down list. ◦ Click Create Cluster next to ACK Cluster to log on to the ACK console and create an ACK cluster. For more information, see Create an ACK cluster.

5. Click **OK**.

The newly added cluster is then displayed in the cluster list of the DLC platform. After the status of the cluster in the **Status** column changes from **Deploying** to **Running**, you can proceed with deep learning jobs.

5. Manage deep learning jobs

5.1. Images

Deep Learning Containers (DLC) allows you to use public images or custom images to run deep learning jobs.


image file image variable TensorFlow image PyTorch image

public image

DLC provides a variety of public images that support different types of resources, Python versions, and deep learning frameworks (TensorFlow and PyTorch). The following table lists the supported public images.

Variable	Description	Valid value
region	Endpoints of supported regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">cn-hangzhou: China (Hangzhou)cn-shanghai: China (Shanghai)cn-beijing: China (Beijing)cn-shenzhen: China (Shenzhen)
type	Supported resource types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">cpugpumkl_cpu: Math Kernel Library (MKI-DNN)
python	Supported Python versions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">py2: Python 2py3: Python 3

The following lists show the types of resources and Python versions supported by different deep learning frameworks:

 **Note** When you use an image, you must replace `${Variable}` with the corresponding value listed in the preceding table.

- **TensorFlow 1.12 (CUDA version: nvidia-cuda-10.0-cudnn7)**
 - Supported regions: China (Hangzhou), China (Shanghai), China (Beijing), and China (Shenzhen)
 - Supported Python versions: Python 2 and Python 3
 - Supported resource types: CPU, GPU, and MKI_CPU
 - Image path: `registry.${region}.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-${type}-${python}`
 - Example: `registry.cn-beijing.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2`
In this example, TensorFlow 1.12, China (Beijing), CPU, and Python 2 are specified.

- **TensorFlow 1.15 (CUDA version: nvidia-cuda-10.0-cudnn7)**

- Supported regions: China (Hangzhou), China (Shanghai), China (Beijing), and China (Shenzhen)
- Supported Python versions: Python 2 and Python 3
- Supported resource types: GPU
- Image path: `registry.${region}.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.15-${type}-${python}`
- Example: `registry.cn-beijing.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.15-gpu-py2`
In this example, TensorFlow 1.15, China (Beijing), GPU, and Python 2 are specified.
- **TensorFlow 2.2 (CUDA version: nvidia-cuda-10.1-cudnn7)**
 - Supported regions: China (Hangzhou), China (Shanghai), China (Beijing), and China (Shenzhen)
 - Supported Python versions: Python 3
 - Supported resource types: CPU and GPU
 - Image path: `registry.${region}.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:2.2-${type}-${python}`
 - Example: `registry.cn-beijing.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:2.2-cpu-py3`
In this example, TensorFlow 2.2, China (Beijing), CPU, and Python 3 are specified.
- **PyTorch 1.3 (CUDA version: nvidia-cuda-10.0-cudnn)**
 - Supported regions: China (Hangzhou), China (Shanghai), China (Beijing), and China (Shenzhen)
 - Supported Python versions: Python 2 and Python 3
 - Supported resource types: CPU, GPU, and MKI_CPU
 - Image path: `registry.${region}.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-pytorch-training:1.3-${type}-${python}`
 - Example: `registry.cn-beijing.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-pytorch-training:1.3-gpu-py3`
In this example, PyTorch 1.3, China (Beijing), GPU, and Python 3 are specified.
- **PyTorch 1.5 (CUDA version: nvidia-cuda-10.1-cudnn7)**
 - Supported regions: China (Hangzhou), China (Shanghai), China (Beijing), and China (Shenzhen)
 - Supported Python versions: Python 2 and Python 3
 - Supported resource types: CPU, GPU, and MKI_CPU
 - Image path: `registry.${region}.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-pytorch-training:1.5-${type}-${python}`
 - Example: `registry.cn-beijing.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-pytorch-training:1.5-gpu-py3`
In this example, PyTorch 1.5, China (Beijing), GPU, and Python 3 are specified.

Custom images

DLC allows you to use custom images. For more information about how to pull a custom image, see [Basic operations on Docker images](#). The basic Docker image provided by DLC is: `reg.docker.alibaba-inc.com/dlc/mirror:nvidia-cuda-10.0-cudnn7-devel-ubuntu16.04`.

5.2. Manage jobs in DLC Dashboard

After you add clusters of Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) to Deep Learning Containers (DLC), the clusters are installed with DLC Dashboard. You can manage deep learning jobs in DLC Dashboard.

submit jobquery job

Prerequisites


An ACK cluster is added to DLC. For more information, see [Add an ACK cluster](#).

Context

DLC Dashboard allows you to manage TensorFlow jobs created based on public images. If you want to manage other types of jobs, you must use Arena. For more information, see [Arena official documentation](#).

Submit a job

1. Log on to DLC Dashboard.
 - i. Log on to the [Machine Learning Platform for AI console](#).
 - ii. In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Model Training > DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training**.
 - iii. On the DLC page, find the target cluster, and click **Cluster Console** in the **Actions** column.
2. In the left-side navigation pane of DLC Dashboard, click **Submit Job**.
3. On the **Submit Job** page, set the following parameters.

Section	Parameter	Description
Basic Information	Job Name	The name of the training job. The job name must be 2 to 30 characters in length and start with a lowercase letter.
	Type	By default, TensorFlow is selected and cannot be changed.
	Source Code	<p>Set the following parameters based on the path where your source code is stored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If your source code is stored in a repository, select Repository, and specify Repository Address and Branch. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p> Note DLC automatically downloads the source code to the directory <code>/workspace</code>. Therefore, your account must be granted the permissions to access the repository.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If your source code is stored in a volume mounted to the ACK cluster, select Mounted Volume. Then, select the volume from the PVCs list.
	Command	Python commands are supported. You can pass the path of the training dataset (such as <code>data_dir</code>) as a parameter to the entry function in the source code.

Section	Parameter	Description
Job Details	Worker	Number of Workers Specify the number of nodes to run the job: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a standalone job, you can select the default node Worker. For a distributed job, click Add Node on the right side of Worker, and select PS from the drop-down list. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> ? Note Parameter Server (PS) nodes do not support GPU resources. </div>
		Image Select a public image. Make sure that the PS and Worker nodes use the same image. This means that the images for both types of nodes must use the same TensorFlow and Python versions. However, the images can use different CPU and GPU resources.
		Resource Specify CPU vCores, Memory, and GPUs. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> ? Note The value of GPUs must not be greater than the number of GPUs provided by the ACK cluster. </div>

4. (Optional) On the **Submit Job** page, configure the following optional parameters as needed.

Section	Description
Environment Variables	Define environment variables in key-value pairs. You can refer to these environment variables in the source code.
Storage Configuration	If your training data is stored in the volume mounted to your ACK cluster, you can add the logic for retrieving the training data to your source code. DLC Dashboard allows you to bind the volume mounted to your ACK cluster to your training job. Then, you can pass the path where your training data is stored as a parameter to the entry function of the training job. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> ? Note The volume mounted to your ACK cluster must be in the <code>pai-dlc-user namespace</code> namespace. Otherwise, the volume is not displayed in the Storage Configuration list. </div>

5. Click **Submit** in the lower-right corner of the page.

Query jobs

DLC Dashboard allows you to query jobs by name, time range, and status.

1. Log on to **DLC Dashboard**.

i. Log on to the **Machine Learning Platform for AI console**.

- ii. In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Model Training > DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training**.
 - iii. On the DLC page, find the target cluster, and click **Cluster Console** in the **Actions** column.
2. In the left-side navigation pane of **DLC Dashboard**, click **Jobs**.
 3. On the **Jobs** page, specify **Time Range** and click **Search**.
 4. In the **Job List** on the **Jobs** page, click the name of a job in the **Name** column.
 5. Then, you can check details about the job on the **Job Details** page.

5.3. Manage jobs in Arena

Arena is a Kubernetes-based command-line tool empowered by AI. Deep Learning Containers (DLC) allows you to use clusters of Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) to train models in Arena.

Submit a job in ArenaExample

Step 1: Install the client

1. Log on to the [Arena website](#), and download the Arena installation package. For macOS, download `arena-installer-xxx-xxx-darwin-amd64.tar.gz`. For Linux, download `arena-installer-xxx-xxx-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.
2. Run the following command to install the client:

```
tar -xvf arena-installer-xxx-xxx.tar.gz
cd arena-installer
sudo ./install.sh
```

Replace `arena-installer-xxx-xxx.tar.gz` with the actual name of the package.

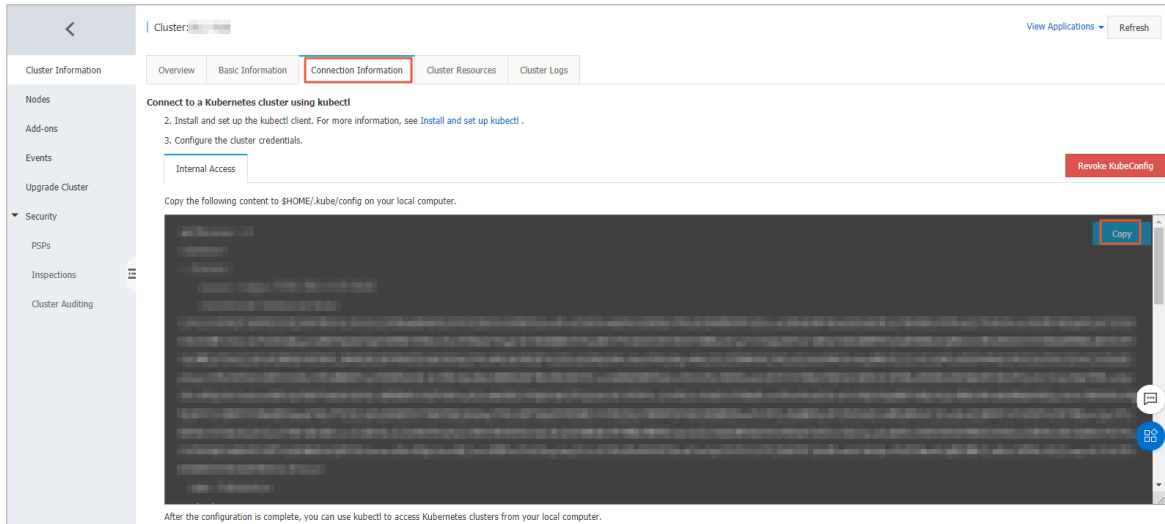
3. Run the following command to check whether the client is installed:

```
arena version
```

Step 2: Configure KubeConfig

If you want to remotely connect to an ACK cluster and submit a job, you must include the KubeConfig of the ACK cluster in `~/.kube/config`.

1. Log on to the [Machine Learning Platform for AI console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Model Training > DLC-Cloud-native Deep Learning Model Training**.
3. On the DLC page, click the ID of your ACK cluster in the **ACK Cluster ID/Name** column.
4. On the **Connection Information** tab of the **Cluster Information** page, click **Copy**.



5. Create a local `.kube/config` file, and paste the configurations to the file.

```
vim $HOME/.kube/config
```

Step 3: Submit a TensorFlow job

1. Run the command to submit a TensorFlow job. You can run one of the following commands to submit a TensorFlow job:

```
# Submit a TensorFlow job.
arena submit tfjob + paraname
```

```
# Submit a TensorFlow job.
arena submit tf + paraname
```

Replace `paraname` with the desired parameter. You can run the `arena submit tfjob --help` command to query all supported parameters. Required parameters are:

- `--name`: the name of the job.
 - `--image`: the Docker image that is used to launch pods for training deep learning models. The image must be supported by DLC. You can select a public image or a custom image based on the region, deep learning framework, Python version, and resource type of your DLC cluster. For more information, see [Images](#).
 - `--data`: the directory where the source data is stored. The path must be in the format of `VC name:directory`.
2. You can use one of the following methods to view the log of a job:
 - Run the following command:

```
arena logs yourTaskName
```

Replace `yourTaskName` with the actual name of the job.

- For more information about how to view logs of training jobs in DLC Dashboard, see

Manage jobs in DLC Dashboard.

Examples

• Standalone job

```
arena submit tf \
--name=pai-deeplearning-test-oss \
--image=registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2 \
--data=pai-deeplearning-oss:/training_dir/ \
"python /training_dir/code/main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/"
```

- `--name`: the name of the job. After you submit the job, you can run the `arena logs ${name}` command to view the log of the job.
- `--image`: the path of the image. Example: `registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2`.
- `--data`: the directory where the source data is stored. Example: `pai-deeplearning-oss:/training_dir`. `pai-deeplearning-oss` represents the persistent volume claim (PVC) created for the ACK cluster. `/training_dir` represents a directory on a pod. Make sure that the specified PVC is mounted to `/training_dir`.
- `python /training_dir/code/main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/`: the command to be executed by the pod. `/training_dir/code/` represents the directory where the source code is stored in the Object Storage Service (OSS) bucket. `--max_steps` and `--data_dir` correspond to the `FLAGS.max_steps` and `FLAGS.data_dir` parameters in `main.py`.

• Distributed job

```
arena submit tf \
--name=pai-deeplearning-dist-test-nas \
--workers=2 \
--worker-image=registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2 \
--ps=1 \
--ps-image=registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2 \
--data=pai-deeplearning-nas:/training_dir/ \
"python /training_dir/code/dist-main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/"
```

- `--name`: the name of the job. After you submit the job, you can run the `arena logs ${name}` command to view the log of the job.
- `--workers`: the number of worker nodes.
- `--worker-image`: the path of the image for worker nodes.
- `--ps`: the number of PS nodes.
- `--ps-image`: the path of the image for PS nodes.
- `--data`: the directory where the source data is stored. Example: `pai-deeplearning-nas:/training_dir`. `pai-deeplearning-nas` represents the PVC created for the ACK cluster. `/training_dir` represents a directory on a pod. Make sure that the specified PVC is mounted to `/training_dir`.

- `python /training_dir/code/dist-main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/`: the command to be executed by the pod. `/training_dir/code/dist-main.py` represents the directory where the source code is stored in the NAS file system. `--max_steps` and `--data_dir` correspond to the `FLAGS.max_steps` and `FLAGS.data_dir` parameters in `main.py`.

- Distributed job (GPU-accelerated)

```
arena submit tf \  
--name=pai-deeplearning-gpu-dist-test-oss \  
--gpus=1 \  
--workers=2 \  
--worker-image=registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-gpu-py2 \  
--ps=1 \  
--ps-image=registry.cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/pai-dlc/pai-tensorflow-training:1.12-cpu-py2 \  
--data=pai-deeplearning-nas:/training_dir/ \  
"python /training_dir/code/dist-main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/"
```

- `--name`: the name of the job. After you submit the job, you can run the `arena logs ${name}` command to view the log of the job.
- `--gpus`: the number of GPUs allocated to each worker node. The value of this parameter must not be greater than the number of GPU-accelerated nodes in your ACK cluster.
- `--workers`: the number of worker nodes.
- `--worker-image`: the path of the GPU image for worker nodes.
- `--ps`: the number of PS nodes.
- `--ps-image`: the path of the CPU image for PS nodes.
- `--data`: the directory where the source data is stored. Example: `pai-deeplearning-oss:/training_dir/`. `pai-deeplearning-oss` represents the PVC created for the ACK cluster. `/training_dir` represents a directory on a pod. Make sure that the specified PVC is mounted to `/training_dir`.
- `python /training_dir/code/dist-main.py --max_steps=10000 --data_dir=/training_dir/data/`: the command to be executed by the pod. `/training_dir/code/dist-main.py` represents the directory where the source code is stored in the OSS bucket. `--max_steps` and `--data_dir` correspond to the `FLAGS.max_steps` and `FLAGS.data_dir` parameters in `main.py`.