

# CERN IT GPU Update

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# Reminder

<https://clouddocs.web.cern.ch/gpu/index.html>

## GPU Availability

Bare metal, VMs, Batch, Kubernetes Clusters

High Level Services: Ixplus-gpu, GitLab runners, SWAN, ml.cern.ch

## Requesting dedicated GPUs

Dedicated functional element: [GPU Platform Consultancy](#)

[#GPU channel](#) on IT-dep mattermost

# What's New

Long time since the last update

Since then

Nvidia A100 GPUs available, with partitioning capabilities (MIG)

Nvidia H100 GPUs, expected online August 2024

Updates to the GitLab CI runners

CERN IT ML Infrastructure Workshops, also covering GPU requirements

Benchmarks for GPU sharing capabilities

# Resources

Assignment to the different services depending on needs

Card Type	Number of Cards	Notes
T4	76	
V100 & V100S	40	
A100	72	
H100	52	Available August 2024

# Resources

## Dedicated resources via request to the [GPU Platform Consultancy FE](#)

### Access to GPU resources ⓘ



Server Provisioning Service (Ticket created in FE = GPU Platform Consultancy)

Fill this form for requesting **access to GPU resources**.

If you don't need access but you have another kind of request for the GPU Platform Consultancy, please use [this form](#) instead.

N.B. it will create a ticket directly into "GPU Platform Consultancy" 2nd level.

Usage pattern expected (spiky if <30% overall usage, full if >80%)

Spiky  Medium  Full

Specific performance requirements for floating point precision

Double  Single  None

Type of interface desired

Notebook  Batch  Kubernetes  VM  Other

Openstack project name (required for Kubernetes and VM)

CUDA drivers and versions required (custom if you need specific drivers)

Custom  Any

ML framework being used (for machine learning workloads only)

Tensorflow  PyTorch  scikit-learn  Other

Distributed training possible or desired (for machine learning workloads only)

\*Number of GPUs required

\*Project Description (overview, purpose, software, specific requirements)

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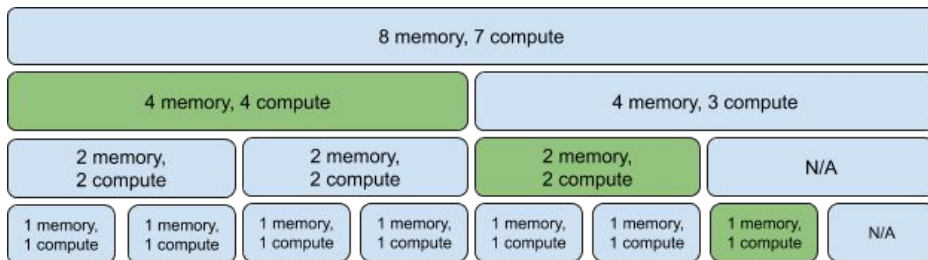
Flavor Name	GPU	RAM	vCPUs	Disk	Ephemeral	Comments
g1.xlarge	V100	16 GB	4	56 GB	96 GB	[^1], deprecated
g1.4xlarge	V100 (4x)	64 GB	16	80 GB	528 GB	[^1]
g2.xlarge	T4	16 GB	4	64 GB	192 GB	[^1], deprecated
g2.5xlarge	T4	168 GB	28	160 GB	1200 GB	[^1]
g3.xlarge	V100S	16 GB	4	64 GB	192 GB	[^1]
g3.4xlarge	V100S (4x)	64 GB	16	128 GB	896 GB	[^1]
g4.p1.40g	A100 (1x)	120 GB	16	600 GB	-	[^1], AMD CPUs
g4.p2.40g	A100 (2x)	240 GB	32	1200 GB	-	[^1], AMD CPUs
g4.p4.40g	A100 (4x)	480 GB	64	2400 GB	-	[^1], AMD CPUs

# Multi-Instance GPUs

<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/technologies/multi-instance-gpu/>

Available for both Nvidia A100 and H100 GPUs

Physical partitioning of GPU cards, up to 7 times



H100 brings MIG v2 allowing partition reconfiguration without workload eviction

# GitLab CI GPU Runners

## [Documentation](#)

Single flavor GPU runners, no differentiation for specific cards (at least for now)

CVMFS and EOS both available

```
job:
  tags:
    - k8s-gpu
  image: rochaporto/gpu_burn # overrides the default image.
  script:
    - nvidia-smi
    - cd /app
    - ./gpu_burn 120
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19 Running on runner-zfzb5pgwc-project-184215-concurrent-3-amit007d via runners-k8s-gpu-866cb88495-rnp6c...
20 Getting source from Git repository
21 Fetching changes with git depth set to 20...
22 Initialized empty Git repository in /builds/rbritoda/gpu-runner-test/.git/
23 Created fresh repository.
24 Checking out 04d4f54e as detached HEAD (ref is master)...
25 Skipping Git submodule setup
26 Executing "step_script" stage of the job script
27 $ nvidia-smi
28 Wed Jun 12 11:54:47 2024
29 +-----+
30 | NVIDIA-SMI 550.54.15              Driver Version: 550.54.15      CUDA Version: 12.4      |
31 +-----+
32 | GPU   Name                               Persistence-M | Bus-Id        Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
33 | Fan  Temp  Perf          Pwr:Usage/Cap |  Memory-Usage | GPU-Util  Compute M. |
34 |                                           |              | MIG M. |
35 +-----+-----+
36 |  0   NVIDIA A100-PCIE-40GB             On          | 00000000:00:06:0 Off |              | On      |
37 | N/A   62C   P0              174W / 250W |  N/A /          | N/A      | Default  |
38 |                                           |              |      |      | Enabled |
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41 | MIG devices:
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44 |   ID  ID  Dev |                BAR1-Usage | SM  | Unc | CE  ENC  DEC  OFA  JPG |
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# CERN IT ML Infrastructure - Workshops

Report from 2nd workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1358625/>

## Action items

- 1. Better advertising of available tools and resources in IT (and how to use them)**  
Request for a single entrypoint documenting access to GPUs and ML capable services, with recommendations
- 2. Clarify reported bottlenecks on accessing storage**  
Unclear which backends were being referred, discussion on patterns accessing from public cloud
- 3. AutoML / Hyper-parameter optimization seen as a crucial aspect**  
Integrated in ml.cern.ch, request for multi-GPU support in Batch (essential for upcoming years)  
Evaluate a central ML model repository
- 4. Better coordination of access to accelerator resources**  
Sharing of GPUs between services, hurdles integrating online experiment resources (ALICE EPN, LHCb HLT1)
- 5. Help with profiling and benchmarking of ML workloads**  
Deployment optimization requires expertise, IT can help. Opportunity to collaborate with industry partners
- 6. Tackle needs for dedicated architectures and licensed software (including drivers)**

# GPU Sharing and Concurrency - Benchmark Analysis

Goal: Improve overall utilization of available hardware

Extensive benchmark analysis of different sharing and concurrency techniques

[Part 1: Motivations and Use Cases](#)

[Part 2: Setup and configuration of GPU concurrency](#)

[Part 3: Benchmarking Use Cases](#)

[Part 4: Time slicing results](#)

[Part 5: MIG results](#)

[Part 6: ML results](#)

Ongoing... part 7 with results for multi-process service (MPS)

# Ongoing work

Implement feedback from the ML workshops (action items)

Ongoing effort to improve overall GPU usage

- Improved sharing and flexibility (re)allocating resources to services

Integration with public cloud resources

- Potentially a larger set of options for accelerators, on-demand

- Ongoing technical work, many details still to be defined

# Q & A