HAL cluster

"My name is HAL. I became operational on March 25, 2019 at the Innovative Systems Lab in Urbana, Illinois. My creators are putting me to the fullest possible use, which is all I think that any conscious entity can ever hope to do." (paraphrased from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HAL_9000)

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Hardware-Accelerated Learning (HAL) cluster

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Request access to this system: Application

Contact ISL staff: Email Address

Visit: NCSA, room 3050E
**Host name:** hal.ncsa.illinois.edu

**Hardware**
- 16 IBM AC922 nodes
  - IBM 8335-GTH AC922 server
    - 2x 20-core IBM POWER9 CPU @ 2.4 GHz
    - 256 GB DDR4
  - 4x NVIDIA V100 GPUs
    - 5120 cores
    - 16 GB HBM 2
  - 2-Port EDR 100 Gb/s IB ConnectX-5 Adapter
- 1 IBM 9006-22P storage node
  - 72TB Hardware RAID array
  - NFS
- 2 DDN GS400NVE Flash Arrays
  - 244 TB usable, NVME SSD-based storage
  - Spectrum Scale File System

**Software**
- CentOS 7.7
- CUDA 10.2.89
  - cuDNN 7.6.5
  - NCCL 2.5.6
- IBM XLC and IBM XLFORTRAN 16.1.1
- Advance toolchain for Linux on Power 12.0
- PGI Community Edition 19.4
- PowerAI 1.7.0
- SLURM 20.02.0

**Documentation**
- Job management with SLURM
- Modules management
- Getting started with WMLCE (former PowerAI)
- Working with containers
- Installing python packages
- Getting started with HAL OnDemand
- Science on HAL

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To request access: fill out [this form](https://join.slack.com/t/halillinoisncsa). Make sure to follow the link on the application confirmation page to request actual system account.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

To report problems: email us.

**User group Slack space:** [https://join.slack.com/t/halillinoisncsa](https://join.slack.com/t/halillinoisncsa)

**Real-time system status:** [https://hal-monitor.ncsa.illinois.edu:3000/](https://hal-monitor.ncsa.illinois.edu:3000/)

**HAL OnDemand portal:** [https://hal.ncsa.illinois.edu:8888/](https://hal.ncsa.illinois.edu:8888/)

**Quick start guide:** (for complete details see Documentation section on the left)

**To connect to the cluster:**

```
ssh <username>@hal.ncsa.illinois.edu
```

**To submit interactive job:**

```
swrun -p gpux1
```

**To submit a batch job:**

```
swbatch run_script.swb
```

**Job Queue time limits:**
- "debug" queue: 4 hours
- "gpux<n>" and "cpun<n>" queues: 24 hours

**To load IBM Watson Machine Learning Community Edition (former IBM PowerAI) module:**

```
module load wmlce
```

**To see CLI scheduler status:**

```
swqueue
```