"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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HAL_9000))

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**HAL cluster**

Effective May 19, 2020, two-factor authentication via NCSA Duo is now required for SSH logins on HAL. See [https://go.ncsa.illinois.edu/2fa](https://go.ncsa.illinois.edu/2fa) for instructions to sign up.

**Hardware-Accelerated Learning (HAL) cluster**

**Contact us**

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
- Advances 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
- Profiling GPU Programs
- Data Movement In/Out of HAL

**Science on HAL**

**Software for HAL**

**To request access:** fill out [this form](#). Make sure to follow the link in the confirmation email to request actual system account.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**To report problems:** email us

For our new users: [New User Guide for HAL System](#)

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-ondemand.ncsa.illinois.edu/](https://hal-ondemand.ncsa.illinois.edu/)

Globus Endpoint: ncsahal

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:

```
srun -p gpux1
```

To submit a batch job:

```
sbatch 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:

```
squeue
```