

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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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> for instructions to sign up.

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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
- 3 [DDN GS400NVE Flash Arrays](#)
 - 360 TB usable, NVME SSD-based storage
 - [Spectrum Scale File System](#)

Software

- [RedHat](#) 8.4
- [CUDA](#) 11.2.2
 - [cuDNN](#) 8.1.1
 - [NCCL](#) 2.8.3
- [NVidia HPC-SDK](#) 21.5
- [PowerAI](#) 1.7.0
- [OpenCE](#) 1.3.1
- [SLURM](#) 20.02.3

Documentation

- [Job Management with SLURM](#)
- [Module Management with LMod](#)
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- [Getting started with WMLCE \(former PowerAI\)](#)
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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>

Real-time Dashboards: [Here](#)

HAL OnDemand portal: <https://hal-ondemand.ncsa.illinois.edu/>

Globus Endpoint: [ncsa#hal](#)

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

Resource limits:

- 5 concurrently running jobs
- concurrently allocated resources
 - 5 nodes
 - 16 GPUs
- **For larger/more numerous jobs, please contact admins for a special arrangement and/or a reservation**

To load the OpenCE module (provides PyTorch, Tensorflow and other ML tools):

```
module load opence
```

To see CLI scheduler status:

```
swqueue
```