



# Accelerating Generative AI with PyTorch

Introduction to the HPC System

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# Introduction to the HPC System

- Introduction
  - GWDG HPC System
  - Setting Up HPC Environment
- PyTorch and Profiling
  - Learn how to train machine learning models using PyTorch and optimize their performance with profiling on the provided HPC system
- Practical Session
  - Gain hands-on experience with PyTorch and profiling on the HPC system as you work through guided exercises with expert support



# The GWDG at a glance



Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche  
Datenverarbeitung mbH Göttingen

The computer center and IT competence  
center for the Georg-August-University  
Göttingen and the Max Planck Society.



# Central areas of responsibility

- Modern and secure IT infrastructure
- IT support for excellent research
- In-house research for innovative IT services

Various supra-regional tasks:

- National High Performance Computing Center
- National HPC Center of the DLR
- AI service center for sensitive and critical infrastructures
- Data center in four NFDI consortia
- Host for DARIAH-EU, German National Library, GFBio, NUM CODEX, MWS, WirLernenOnline, etc.
- Cloud operator, including Academic Cloud for universities in Lower Saxony

# KISSKI: AI Service Center for Sensitive and Critical Infrastructures

Research into AI methods and their provision in a highly available AI service center for critical and sensitive infrastructures. Focus on socially highly relevant fields of medicine and energy

## Service offer:

- Infrastructure
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Models & data
- Consulting
  - Initial consultation
  - Further consultation
- Development
- Training
  - Training courses designed specifically for KISSKI
  - External courses offered by the KISSKI consortium partners



# NHR-NORD@GÖTTINGEN

- As a high-performance computing center, the GWDG, together with the University of Göttingen, is now one of nine members of the [National High Performance Computing Network - NHR](#). It currently operates the NHR systems Emmy and Grete.
- Competencies
  - Life sciences
  - Earth system sciences
  - Fluid mechanics
  - AI and big data
  - Digital humanities
- Access to the NHR systems
  - The allocation of computing time for small (test) projects is informal
  - A short application is required for extensive projects  
[https://docs.hpc.gwdg.de/application\\_process/index.html](https://docs.hpc.gwdg.de/application_process/index.html)
  - Approved projects can be managed in our convenient portal <https://hpcproject.gwdg.de>

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**NHR-NORD@GÖTTINGEN** (<https://gwdg.de/en/community-pages/nhr-intro/>)

To be able to use the computing systems, you must join an existing project or apply for a project.  
The following options are available:

- Join an existing project
- Apply for test access with limited computing time (requirement: member of a German university)
- Apply for a full project (requirement: member of a German university)

**KISSKI** (<https://kisski.gwdg.de/>)

To book services of KISSKI an AcademicID is required. The following options are available:

- Federated login: log in with your own institution's access data
- New registration: create an AcademicID during the booking process

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# Setting Up Your HPC Environment

- Log in to provided accounts
- Access the shared folder and SSH key
  - <https://owncloud.gwdg.de/index.php/s/2Ewlpc26GZujGC0>
- Access the GitHub repository
  - <https://github.com/CaSToRC-Cyl/isc2024-tutorial>
- Go to the introduction README.md file
  - **The GitHub repository → intro → README.md**  
(<https://github.com/CaSToRC-Cyl/isc2024-tutorial/blob/main/intro/README.md>)
- Follow the steps in the README.md file and set up your environment
  - Install SSH clients (if needed)
  - Configure SSH
  - Log in to the cluster
  - Run the introduction Jupyter Notebook
  - Set up SSH Tunnel
  - Visualize the notebook in your local browser