

Setting up ESMFold on CARC

Note: Recommend using Xena machine as it is equipped with GPUs

- 1) Load the appropriate modules onto the machine, notably conda (if it is not already active) and cuda. For me the commands are:

```
module load gcc/8.3.0-wbma
module load cuda/11.6.2-jeoh
```

Notes for step 1)

If conda is not active you can load it with:

```
module load miniconda3/latest
```

Or check available versions with:

```
module spider conda
```

To view the available cuda versions do:

```
module spider cuda
```

To view the dependencies for a certain cuda version do

```
module spider cuda/<version>
```

One of the dependencies for ESMFold (openfold) is not compatible with certain versions of cuda. I would recommend using the version of cuda I specified here unless you know openfold is compatible with your version.

- 2) Create a conda environment for ESMFold with the following command:

```
conda create -n esmfold python==3.9
```

Notes for step 2)

Python==3.9 is required because of some dependencies of esmfold that are not compatible with higher versions (this may change at a future date).

- 3) Activate your created conda environment:

```
conda activate esmfold
```

- 4) Install PyTorch with GPU support from this site <https://pytorch.org/get-started/locally/> . Make sure to install using the cuda version you loaded in step 1). For me the command looks like this:

```
conda install pytorch torchvision torchaudio  
pytorch-cuda=11.6 -c pytorch -c nvidia
```

- 5) CARC uses GPUs that are fairly old and (by default) not supported by PyTorch. To account for this, we can install older binaries from <https://github.com/nelson-liu/pytorch-manylinux-binaries/releases> using pip. This will allow us to use our older GPUs on new versions of PyTorch. For me the command looks like this:

```
pip install torch==1.13.1+cu116 -f  
https://nelsonliu.me/files/pytorch/whl/torch_stable.ht  
ml
```

- 6) Using the steps available at <https://github.com/facebookresearch/esm>, install ESMFold and its dependencies. For me the following 3 commands accomplish this:

```
pip install "fair-esm[esmfold]"
```

```
# OpenFold and its remaining dependency  
pip install 'dllogger @  
git+https://github.com/NVIDIA/dllogger.git'
```

```
pip install 'openfold @  
git+https://github.com/aqlaboratory/openfold.git@4b410  
59694619831a7db195b7e0988fc4ff3a307'
```

- 7) You should now have successfully installed ESMFold!