

## Data Pipelines, Data Lakes and Management

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# Data Pipelines, Data Lakes and Management NVIDIA AI Enterprise with NetApp and VMware

#### **NVIDIA AI Enterprise with NetApp and VMware**

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For IT architects and admins, AI tooling can be complicated and unfamiliar. Additionally, many AI platforms are not enterprise-ready. NVIDIA AI Enterprise, powered by NetApp and VMware, was created to deliver a streamlined, enterprise-class AI architecture.

NVIDIA AI Enterprise is an end-to-end, cloud-native suite of AI and data analytics software that is optimized, certified, and supported by NVIDIA to run on VMware vSphere with NVIDIA-Certified Systems. This software facilitates the simple and rapid deployment, management, and scaling of AI workloads in the modern hybrid cloud environment. NVIDIA AI Enterprise, powered by NetApp and VMware, delivers enterprise-class AI workload and data management in a simplified, familiar package.



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## **Technology Overview**

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#### **NVIDIA AI Enterprise**

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#### **NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)**

NVIDIA NGC hosts a catalog of GPU-optimized software for AI practitioners to develop their AI solutions. It also provides access to various AI services including NVIDIA Base Command for model training, NVIDIA Fleet Command to deploy and monitor models, and the NGC Private Registry for securely accessing and managing proprietary AI software. Also, NVIDIA AI Enterprise customers can request support through the NGC portal.

#### VMware vSphere

VMware vSphere is VMware's virtualization platform, which transforms data centers into aggregated computing infrastructures that include CPU, storage, and networking resources. vSphere manages these infrastructures as a unified operating environment, and provides administrators with the tools to manage the data centers that participate in that environment.

The two core components of vSphere are ESXi and vCenter Server. ESXi is the virtualization platform where administrators create and run virtual machines and virtual appliances. vCenter Server is the service through which administrators manage multiple hosts connected in a network and pool host resources.

#### NetApp ONTAP

ONTAP 9, the latest generation of storage management software from NetApp, enables businesses to modernize infrastructure and transition to a cloud-ready data center. Leveraging industry-leading data management capabilities, ONTAP enables the management and protection of data with a single set of tools, regardless of where that data resides. You can also move data freely to wherever it is needed: the edge, the core, or the cloud. ONTAP 9 includes numerous features that simplify data management, accelerate, and protect critical data, and enable next generation infrastructure capabilities across hybrid cloud architectures.

#### Simplify data management

Data management is crucial to enterprise IT operations and data scientists so that appropriate resources are used for AI applications and training AI/ML datasets. The following additional information about NetApp technologies is out of scope for this validation but might be relevant depending on your deployment.

ONTAP data management software includes the following features to streamline and simplify operations and reduce your total cost of operation:

- Inline data compaction and expanded deduplication. Data compaction reduces wasted space inside storage blocks, and deduplication significantly increases effective capacity. This applies to data stored locally and data tiered to the cloud.
- Minimum, maximum, and adaptive quality of service (AQoS). Granular quality of service (QoS) controls
  help maintain performance levels for critical applications in highly shared environments.
- NetApp FabricPool. Provides automatic tiering of cold data to public and private cloud storage options, including Amazon Web Services (AWS), Azure, and NetApp StorageGRID storage solution. For more information about FabricPool, see TR-4598: FabricPool best practices.

#### Accelerate and protect data

ONTAP delivers superior levels of performance and data protection and extends these capabilities in the following ways:

- Performance and lower latency. ONTAP offers the highest possible throughput at the lowest possible latency.
- Data protection. ONTAP provides built-in data protection capabilities with common management across all platforms.
- NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE). ONTAP offers native volume-level encryption with both onboard and External Key Management support.
- Multitenancy and multifactor authentication. ONTAP enables sharing of infrastructure resources with the highest levels of security.

#### **Future-proof infrastructure**

ONTAP helps meet demanding and constantly changing business needs with the following features:

- Seamless scaling and nondisruptive operations. ONTAP supports the nondisruptive addition of capacity to
  existing controllers and to scale-out clusters. Customers can upgrade to the latest technologies, such as
  NVMe and 32Gb FC, without costly data migrations or outages.
- Cloud connection. ONTAP is the most cloud-connected storage management software, with options for software-defined storage (ONTAP Select) and cloud-native instances (NetApp Cloud Volumes Service) in all public clouds.
- Integration with emerging applications. ONTAP offers enterprise-grade data services for next generation platforms and applications, such as autonomous vehicles, smart cities, and Industry 4.0, by using the same infrastructure that supports existing enterprise apps.

#### **NetApp DataOps Toolkit**

The NetApp DataOps Toolkit is a Python-based tool that simplifies the management of development/training workspaces and inference servers that are backed by high-performance, scale-out NetApp storage. Key capabilities include:

- Rapidly provision new high-capacity JupyterLab workspaces that are backed by high-performance, scaleout NetApp storage.
- Rapidly provision new NVIDIA Triton Inference Server instances that are backed by enterprise-class NetApp storage.
- Near-instaneously clone high-capacity JupyterLab workspaces in order to enable experimentation or rapid iteration.
- Near-instaneously save snapshots of high-capacity JupyterLab workspaces for backup and/or traceability/baselining.
- Near-instaneously provision, clone, and snapshot high-capacity, high-performance data volumes.

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#### **Architecture**

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This solution builds upon a proven and familiar architecture featuring NetApp, VMware, and NVIDIA-Certified

Component	Details	
Al and Data Analytics Software	NVIDIA AI Enterprise for VMware	
Virtualization Platform	VMware vSphere	
Compute Platform	NVIDIA-Certified Systems	
Data Management Platform	NetApp ONTAP	



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#### **Initial Setup**

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This section describes the initial setup tasks that need to be performed in order to utilize NVIDIA AI Enterprise with NetApp and VMware.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the steps that are outlined in this section, we assume that you have already deployed VMware vSphere and NetApp ONTAP. Refer to the NVIDIA AI Enterprise Product Support Matrix for details on supported vSphere versions. Refer to the NetApp and VMware solution documentation for details on deploying VMware vSphere with NetApp ONTAP.

#### **Install NVIDIA AI Enterprise Host Software**

To install the NVIDIA AI Entrprise host software, follow the instructions outlined in sections 1-4 in the NVIDIA AI Enterprise Quick Start Guide.

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#### **Utilize NVIDIA NGC Software**

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#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the steps that are outlined in this section, we assume that you have already deployed the NVIDIA AI Entrprise host software by following the instructions outlined on the Initial Setup page.

#### Create an Ubuntu Guest VM with vGPU

First, you must create an Ubuntu 20.04 guest VM with vGPU. To create an Ubuntu 20.04 guest VM with vGPU, follow the instructions outline in the NVIDIA AI Enterprise Deployment Guide.

#### **Download and Install NVIDIA Guest Software**

Next, you must install the required NVIDIA guest software within the guest VM that you created in the previous step. To download and install the required NVIDIA guest software within the guest VM, follow the instructions outlined in sections 5.1-5.4 in the NVIDIA AI Enterprise Quick Start Guide.



When performing the verification tasks outlined in section 5.4, you may need to use a different CUDA container image version tag as the CUDA container image has been updated since the writing of the guide. In our validation, we used 'nvidia/cuda:11.0.3-base-ubuntu20.04'.

#### **Download Al/Analytics Framework Container(s)**

Next, you must download needed AI or analytics framework container images from NVIDIA NGC so that they will be available within your guest VM. To download framework containers within the guest VM, follow the instructions outlined in the NVIDIA AI Enterprise Deployment Guide.

#### Install and Configure the NetApp DataOps Toolkit

Next, you must install the NetApp DataOps Toolkit for Traditional Environemnts within the guest VM. The NetApp DataOps Toolkit can be used to manage scale-out data volumes on your ONTAP system directly from the terminal within the guest VM. To install the NetApp DataOps Toolkit within the guest VM, perform the following tasks.

1. Install pip.

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install python3-pip
$ python3 -m pip install netapp-dataops-traditional
```

- 2. Log out of the guest VM terminal and then log back in.
- Configure the NetApp DataOps Toolkit. In order to complete this step, you will need API access details for your ONTAP system. You may need to obtain these from your storage admin.

```
$ netapp dataops cli.py config
Enter ONTAP management LIF hostname or IP address (Recommendation: Use
SVM management interface): 172.22.10.10
Enter SVM (Storage VM) name: NVAIE-client
Enter SVM NFS data LIF hostname or IP address: 172.22.13.151
Enter default volume type to use when creating new volumes
(flexgroup/flexvol) [flexgroup]:
Enter export policy to use by default when creating new volumes
[default]:
Enter snapshot policy to use by default when creating new volumes
[none]:
Enter unix filesystem user id (uid) to apply by default when creating
new volumes (ex. '0' for root user) [0]:
Enter unix filesystem group id (gid) to apply by default when creating
new volumes (ex. '0' for root group) [0]:
Enter unix filesystem permissions to apply by default when creating new
volumes (ex. '0777' for full read/write permissions for all users and
groups) [0777]:
Enter aggregate to use by default when creating new FlexVol volumes:
aff a400 01 NVME SSD 1
Enter ONTAP API username (Recommendation: Use SVM account): admin
Enter ONTAP API password (Recommendation: Use SVM account):
Verify SSL certificate when calling ONTAP API (true/false): false
Do you intend to use this toolkit to trigger Cloud Sync operations?
(yes/no): no
Do you intend to use this toolkit to push/pull from S3? (yes/no): no
Created config file: '/home/user/.netapp dataops/config.json'.
```

#### Create a Guest VM template

Lastly, you must create a VM template based on your guest VM. You will be able to use this template to quickly create guest VMs for utilizing NVIDIA NGC software.

To create a VM template based on your guest VM, log into VMware vSphere, righ-click on the guest VM name, choose 'Clone', choose 'Clone to Template...', and then follow the wizard.



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#### **Example Use Case - TensorFlow Training Job**

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This section describes the tasks that need to be performed in order to execute a TensorFlow training job within an NVIDIA AI Enterprise environment.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the steps that are outlined in this section, we assume that you have already created a guest VM template by following the instructions outlined on the Setup page.

#### **Create Guest VM from Template**

First, you must create a new guest VM from the template that you created in the previous section. To create a new guest VM from your template, log into VMware vSphere, righ-click on the template name, choose 'New VM from This Template...', and then follow the wizard.



#### **Create and Mount Data Volume**

Next, you must create a new data volume on which to store your training dataset. You can quickly create a new data volume using the NetApp DataOps Toolkit. The example command that follows shows the creation of a volume named 'imagenet' with a capacity of 2 TB.

```
$ netapp_dataops_cli.py create vol -n imagenet -s 2TB
```

Before you can populate your data volume with data, you must mount it within the guest VM. You can quickly mount a data volume using the NetApp DataOps Toolkit. The example command that follows shows the mouting of the volume that was created in the previous step.

```
$ sudo -E netapp_dataops_cli.py mount vol -n imagenet -m ~/imagenet
```

#### **Populate Data Volume**

After the new volume has been provisioned and mounted, the training dataset can be retrieved from the source location and placed on the new volume. This typically will involve pulling the data from an S3 or Hadoop data lake and sometimes will involve help from a data engineer.

#### **Execute TensorFlow Training Job**

Now, you are ready to execute your TensorFlow training job. To execute your TensorFlow training job, perform the following tasks.

1. Pull the NVIDIA NGC enterprise TensorFlow container image.

```
$ sudo docker pull nvcr.io/nvaie/tensorflow-2-1:22.05-tf1-nvaie-2.1-py3
```

2. Launch an instance of the NVIDIA NGC enterprise TensorFlow container. Use the '-v' option to attach your data volume to the container.

```
$ sudo docker run --gpus all -v ~/imagenet:/imagenet -it --rm
nvcr.io/nvaie/tensorflow-2-1:22.05-tf1-nvaie-2.1-py3
```

3. Execute your TensorFlow training program within the container. The example command that follows shows the execution of an example ResNet-50 training program that is included in the container image.

```
$ python ./nvidia-examples/cnn/resnet.py --layers 50 -b 64 -i 200 -u
batch --precision fp16 --data_dir /imagenet/data
```

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#### Where to Find Additional Information

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To learn more about the information described in this document, refer to the following documents and/or websites:

NetApp ONTAP data management software — ONTAP information library

http://mysupport.netapp.com/documentation/productlibrary/index.html?productID=62286

NetApp DataOps Toolkit

https://github.com/NetApp/netapp-dataops-toolkit

NVIDIA AI Enterprise with VMware

https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/data-center/products/ai-enterprise/vmware/^]

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## **NetApp AI Control Plane**

## TR-4798: NetApp Al Control Plane

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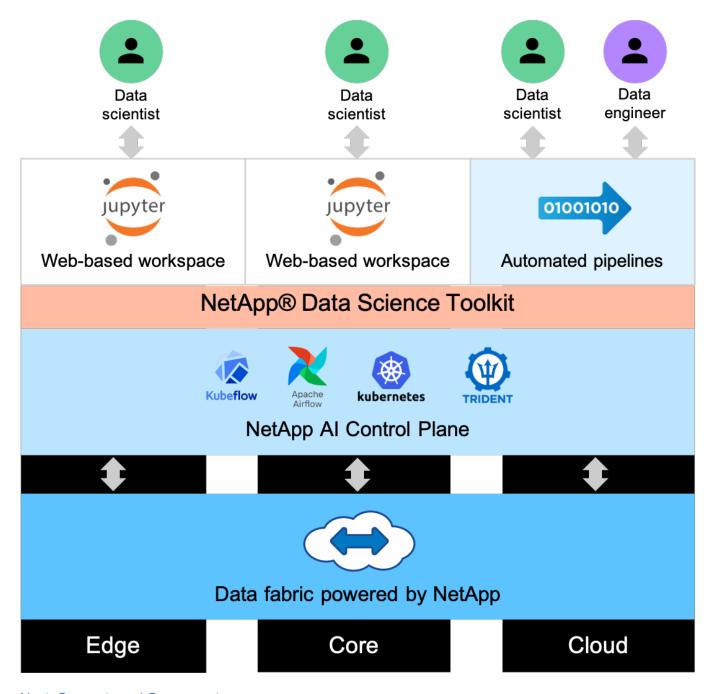
Companies and organizations of all sizes and across many industries are turning to artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL) to solve real-world problems, deliver innovative products and services, and to get an edge in an increasingly competitive marketplace. As organizations increase their use of AI, ML, and DL, they face many challenges, including workload scalability and data availability. This document demonstrates how you can address these challenges by using the NetApp AI Control Plane, a solution that pairs NetApp data management capabilities with popular open-source tools and frameworks.

This report shows you how to rapidly clone a data namespace. It also shows you how to seamlessly replicate data across sites and regions to create a cohesive and unified Al/ML/DL data pipeline. Additionally, it walks you through the defining and implementing of Al, ML, and DL training workflows that incorporate the near-instant creation of data and model baselines for traceability and versioning. With this solution, you can trace every model training run back to the exact dataset that was used to train and/or validate the model. Lastly, this document shows you how to swiftly provision Jupyter Notebook workspaces with access to massive datasets.

Note: For HPC style distributed training at scale involving a large number of GPU servers that require shared access to the same dataset, or if you require/prefer a parallel file system, check out TR-4890. This technical report describes how to include NetApp's fully supported parallel file system solution BeeGFS as part of the NetApp AI Control Plane. This solution is designed to scale from a handful of NVIDIA DGX A100 systems, up to a full blown 140 node SuperPOD.

The NetApp Al Control Plane is targeted towards data scientists and data engineers, and, thus, minimal NetApp or NetApp ONTAP® expertise is required. With this solution, data management functions can be

executed using simple and familiar tools and interfaces. If you already have NetApp storage in your environment, you can test drive the NetApp AI Control plane today. If you want to test drive the solution but you do not have already have NetApp storage, visit cloud.netapp.com, and you can be up and running with a cloud-based NetApp storage solution in minutes. The following figure provides a visualization of the solution.



Next: Concepts and Components.

## **Concepts and Components**

#### **Artificial Intelligence**

Al is a computer science discipline in which computers are trained to mimic the cognitive functions of the human mind. Al developers train computers to learn and to solve problems in a manner that is similar to, or even superior to, humans. Deep learning and machine learning are subfields of Al. Organizations are increasingly adopting Al, ML, and DL to support their critical business needs. Some examples are as follows:

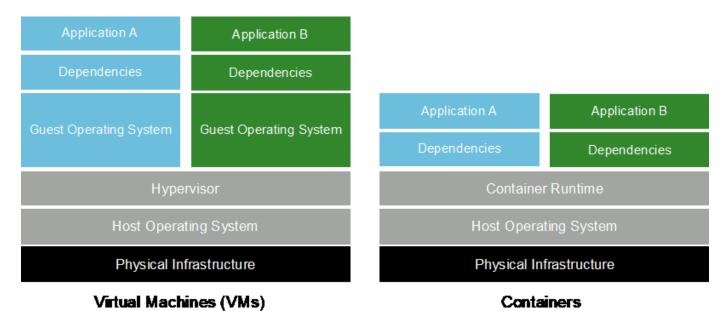
- Analyzing large amounts of data to unearth previously unknown business insights
- · Interacting directly with customers by using natural language processing
- Automating various business processes and functions

Modern AI training and inference workloads require massively parallel computing capabilities. Therefore, GPUs are increasingly being used to execute AI operations because the parallel processing capabilities of GPUs are vastly superior to those of general-purpose CPUs.

#### **Containers**

Containers are isolated user-space instances that run on top of a shared host operating system kernel. The adoption of containers is increasing rapidly. Containers offer many of the same application sandboxing benefits that virtual machines (VMs) offer. However, because the hypervisor and guest operating system layers that VMs rely on have been eliminated, containers are far more lightweight. The following figure depicts a visualization of virtual machines versus containers.

Containers also allow the efficient packaging of application dependencies, run times, and so on, directly with an application. The most commonly used container packaging format is the Docker container. An application that has been containerized in the Docker container format can be executed on any machine that can run Docker containers. This is true even if the application's dependencies are not present on the machine because all dependencies are packaged in the container itself. For more information, visit the Docker website.



#### **Kubernetes**

Kubernetes is an open source, distributed, container orchestration platform that was originally designed by Google and is now maintained by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF). Kubernetes enables the automation of deployment, management, and scaling functions for containerized applications. In recent years, Kubernetes has emerged as the dominant container orchestration platform. Although other container packaging formats and run times are supported, Kubernetes is most often used as an orchestration system for Docker containers. For more information, visit the Kubernetes website.

#### **NetApp Trident**

Trident is an open source storage orchestrator developed and maintained by NetApp that greatly simplifies the creation, management, and consumption of persistent storage for Kubernetes workloads. Trident, itself a

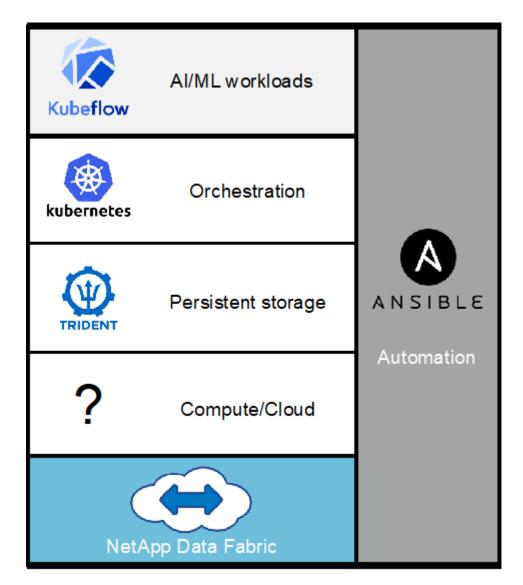
Kubernetes-native application, runs directly within a Kubernetes cluster. With Trident, Kubernetes users (developers, data scientists, Kubernetes administrators, and so on) can create, manage, and interact with persistent storage volumes in the standard Kubernetes format that they are already familiar with. At the same time, they can take advantage of NetApp advanced data management capabilities and a data fabric that is powered by NetApp technology. Trident abstracts away the complexities of persistent storage and makes it simple to consume. For more information, visit the Trident website.

#### **NVIDIA DeepOps**

DeepOps is an open source project from NVIDIA that, by using Ansible, automates the deployment of GPU server clusters according to best practices. DeepOps is modular and can be used for various deployment tasks. For this document and the validation exercise that it describes, DeepOps is used to deploy a Kubernetes cluster that consists of GPU server worker nodes. For more information, visit the DeepOps website.

#### Kubeflow

Kubeflow is an open source AI and ML toolkit for Kubernetes that was originally developed by Google. The Kubeflow project makes deployments of AI and ML workflows on Kubernetes simple, portable, and scalable. Kubeflow abstracts away the intricacies of Kubernetes, allowing data scientists to focus on what they know best—data science. See the following figure for a visualization. Kubeflow has been gaining significant traction as enterprise IT departments have increasingly standardized on Kubernetes. For more information, visit the Kubeflow website.



#### **Kubeflow Pipelines**

Kubeflow Pipelines are a key component of Kubeflow. Kubeflow Pipelines are a platform and standard for defining and deploying portable and scalable AI and ML workflows. For more information, see the official Kubeflow documentation.

#### **Jupyter Notebook Server**

A Jupyter Notebook Server is an open source web application that allows data scientists to create wiki-like documents called Jupyter Notebooks that contain live code as well as descriptive test. Jupyter Notebooks are widely used in the AI and ML community as a means of documenting, storing, and sharing AI and ML projects. Kubeflow simplifies the provisioning and deployment of Jupyter Notebook Servers on Kubernetes. For more information on Jupyter Notebooks, visit the Jupyter website. For more information about Jupyter Notebooks within the context of Kubeflow, see the official Kubeflow documentation.

#### **Apache Airflow**

Apache Airflow is an open-source workflow management platform that enables programmatic authoring, scheduling, and monitoring for complex enterprise workflows. It is often used to automate ETL and data pipeline workflows, but it is not limited to these types of workflows. The Airflow project was started by Airbnb but has since become very popular in the industry and now falls under the auspices of The Apache Software Foundation. Airflow is written in Python, Airflow workflows are created via Python scripts, and Airflow is designed under the principle of "configuration as code." Many enterprise Airflow users now run Airflow on top of Kubernetes.

#### **Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs)**

In Airflow, workflows are called Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs). DAGs are made up of tasks that are executed in sequence, in parallel, or a combination of the two, depending on the DAG definition. The Airflow scheduler executes individual tasks on an array of workers, adhering to the task-level dependencies that are specified in the DAG definition. DAGs are defined and created via Python scripts.

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- High performance and low latency. ONTAP offers the highest possible throughput at the lowest possible latency.
- **NetApp ONTAP FlexGroup technology.** A FlexGroup volume is a high-performance data container that can scale linearly to up to 20PB and 400 billion files, providing a single namespace that simplifies data management.
- **Data protection.** ONTAP provides built-in data protection capabilities with common management across all platforms.
- **NetApp Volume Encryption.** ONTAP offers native volume-level encryption with both onboard and external key management support.

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  options for software-defined storage (ONTAP Select) and cloud-native instances (NetApp Cloud Volumes
  Service) in all public clouds.
- Integration with emerging applications. By using the same infrastructure that supports existing enterprise apps, ONTAP offers enterprise-grade data services for next-generation platforms and applications such as OpenStack, Hadoop, and MongoDB.

#### **NetApp Snapshot Copies**

A NetApp Snapshot copy is a read-only, point-in-time image of a volume. The image consumes minimal storage space and incurs negligible performance overhead because it only records changes to files create since the last Snapshot copy was made, as depicted in the following figure.

Snapshot copies owe their efficiency to the core ONTAP storage virtualization technology, the Write Anywhere File Layout (WAFL). Like a database, WAFL uses metadata to point to actual data blocks on disk. But, unlike a database, WAFL does not overwrite existing blocks. It writes updated data to a new block and changes the metadata. It's because ONTAP references metadata when it creates a Snapshot copy, rather than copying data blocks, that Snapshot copies are so efficient. Doing so eliminates the seek time that other systems incur in locating the blocks to copy, as well as the cost of making the copy itself.

You can use a Snapshot copy to recover individual files or LUNs or to restore the entire contents of a volume. ONTAP compares pointer information in the Snapshot copy with data on disk to reconstruct the missing or damaged object, without downtime or a significant performance cost.



A Snapshot copy records only changes to the active file system since the last Snapshot copy.

#### **NetApp FlexClone Technology**

NetApp FlexClone technology references Snapshot metadata to create writable, point-in-time copies of a volume. Copies share data blocks with their parents, consuming no storage except what is required for metadata until changes are written to the copy, as depicted in the following figure. Where traditional copies can take minutes or even hours to create, FlexClone software lets you copy even the largest datasets almost instantaneously. That makes it ideal for situations in which you need multiple copies of identical datasets (a development workspace, for example) or temporary copies of a dataset (testing an application against a production dataset).

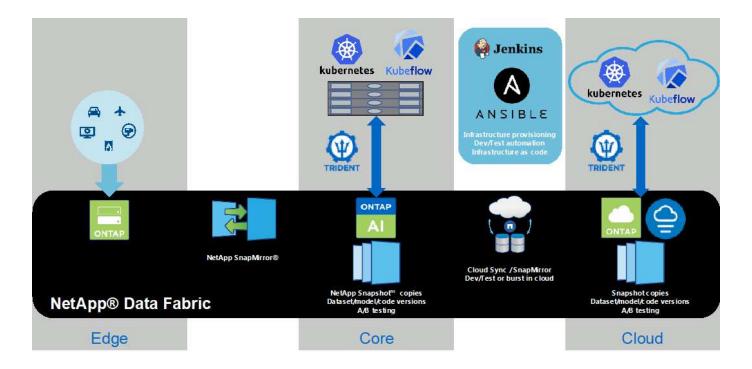


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#### NetApp SnapMirror Data Replication Technology

NetApp SnapMirror software is a cost-effective, easy-to-use unified replication solution across the data fabric. It replicates data at high speeds over LAN or WAN. It gives you high data availability and fast data replication for applications of all types, including business critical applications in both virtual and traditional environments. When you replicate data to one or more NetApp storage systems and continually update the secondary data, your data is kept current and is available whenever you need it. No external replication servers are required. See the following figure for an example of an architecture that leverages SnapMirror technology.

SnapMirror software leverages NetApp ONTAP storage efficiencies by sending only changed blocks over the network. SnapMirror software also uses built-in network compression to accelerate data transfers and reduce network bandwidth utilization by up to 70%. With SnapMirror technology, you can leverage one thin replication data stream to create a single repository that maintains both the active mirror and prior point-in-time copies, reducing network traffic by up to 50%.



#### **NetApp Cloud Sync**

Cloud Sync is a NetApp service for rapid and secure data synchronization. Whether you need to transfer files between on-premises NFS or SMB file shares, NetApp StorageGRID, NetApp ONTAP S3, NetApp Cloud Volumes Service, Azure NetApp Files, AWS S3, AWS EFS, Azure Blob, Google Cloud Storage, or IBM Cloud Object Storage, Cloud Sync moves the files where you need them quickly and securely.

After your data is transferred, it is fully available for use on both source and target. Cloud Sync can sync data on-demand when an update is triggered or continuously sync data based on a predefined schedule. Regardless, Cloud Sync only moves the deltas, so time and money spent on data replication is minimized.

Cloud Sync is a software as a service (SaaS) tool that is extremely simple to set up and use. Data transfers that are triggered by Cloud Sync are carried out by data brokers. Cloud Sync data brokers can be deployed in AWS, Azure, Google Cloud Platform, or on-premises.

#### **NetApp XCP**

NetApp XCP is client-based software for any-to-NetApp and NetApp-to-NetApp data migrations and file system insights. XCP is designed to scale and achieve maximum performance by utilizing all available system resources to handle high-volume datasets and high-performance migrations. XCP helps you to gain complete visibility into the file system with the option to generate reports.

NetApp XCP is available in a single package that supports NFS and SMB protocols. XCP includes a Linux binary for NFS data sets and a windows executable for SMB data sets.

NetApp XCP File Analytics is host-based software that detects file shares, runs scans on the file system, and provides a dashboard for file analytics. XCP File Analytics is compatible with both NetApp and non-NetApp systems and runs on Linux or Windows hosts to provide analytics for NFS and SMB-exported file systems.

#### **NetApp ONTAP FlexGroup Volumes**

A training dataset can be a collection of potentially billions of files. Files can include text, audio, video, and other forms of unstructured data that must be stored and processed to be read in parallel. The storage system must store large numbers of small files and must read those files in parallel for sequential and random I/O.

A FlexGroup volume is a single namespace that comprises multiple constituent member volumes, as shown in the following figure. From a storage administrator viewpoint, a FlexGroup volume is managed and acts like a NetApp FlexVol volume. Files in a FlexGroup volume are allocated to individual member volumes and are not striped across volumes or nodes. They enable the following capabilities:

- FlexGroup volumes provide multiple petabytes of capacity and predictable low latency for high-metadata workloads.
- They support up to 400 billion files in the same namespace.
- They support parallelized operations in NAS workloads across CPUs, nodes, aggregates, and constituent FlexVol volumes.



Next: Hardware and Software Requirements.

#### **Hardware and Software Requirements**

The NetApp AI Control Plane solution is not dependent on this specific hardware. The solution is compatible with any NetApp physical storage appliance, software-defined instance, or cloud service, that is supported by Trident. Examples include a NetApp AFF storage system, Azure NetApp Files, NetApp Cloud Volumes Service, a NetApp ONTAP Select software-defined storage instance, or a NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance. Additionally, the solution can be implemented on any Kubernetes cluster as long as the Kubernetes version used is supported by Kubeflow and NetApp Trident. For a list of Kubernetes versions that are supported by Kubeflow, see the see the official Kubeflow documentation. For a list of Kubernetes versions that are supported by Trident, see the Trident documentation. See the following tables for details on the environment that was used to validate the solution.

Infrastructure Component	Quantity	Details	Operating System
Deployment jump host	1	VM	Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS

Infrastructure Component	Quantity	Details	Operating System
Kubernetes master nodes	1	VM	Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS
Kubernetes worker nodes	2	VM	Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS
Kubernetes GPU worker nodes	2	NVIDIA DGX-1 (bare- metal)	NVIDIA DGX OS 4.0.5 (based on Ubuntu 18.04.2 LTS)
Storage	1 HA Pair	NetApp AFF A220	NetApp ONTAP 9.7 P6

Software Component	Version
Apache Airflow	2.0.1
Apache Airflow Helm Chart	8.0.8
Docker	19.03.12
Kubeflow	1.2
Kubernetes	1.18.9
NetApp Trident	21.01.2
NVIDIA DeepOps	Trident deployment functionality from master branch as of commit 61898cdfda; All other functionality from version 21.03

#### **Support**

NetApp does not offer enterprise support for Apache Airflow, Docker, Kubeflow, Kubernetes, or NVIDIA DeepOps. If you are interested in a fully supported solution with capabilities similar to the NetApp AI Control Plane solution, contact NetApp about fully supported AI/ML solutions that NetApp offers jointly with partners.

Next: Kubernetes Deployment.

## **Kubernetes Deployment**

This section describes the tasks that you must complete to deploy a Kubernetes cluster in which to implement the NetApp AI Control Plane solution. If you already have a Kubernetes cluster, then you can skip this section as long as you are running a version of Kubernetes that is supported by Kubeflow and NetApp Trident. For a list of Kubernetes versions that are supported by Kubeflow, see the see the official Kubeflow documentation. For a list of Kubernetes versions that are supported by Trident, see the Trident documentation.

For on-premises Kubernetes deployments that incorporate bare-metal nodes featuring NVIDIA GPU(s), NetApp recommends using NVIDIA's DeepOps Kubernetes deployment tool. This section outlines the deployment of a Kubernetes cluster using DeepOps.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the deployment exercise that is outlined in this section, we assume that you have already performed the following tasks:

- 1. You have already configured any bare-metal Kubernetes nodes (for example, an NVIDIA DGX system that is part of an ONTAP AI pod) according to standard configuration instructions.
- You have installed a supported operating system on all Kubernetes master and worker nodes and on a
  deployment jump host. For a list of operating systems that are supported by DeepOps, see the DeepOps
  GitHub site.

#### Use NVIDIA DeepOps to Install and Configure Kubernetes

To deploy and configure your Kubernetes cluster with NVIDIA DeepOps, perform the following tasks from a deployment jump host:

- Download NVIDIA DeepOps by following the instructions on the Getting Started page on the NVIDIA DeepOps GitHub site.
- 2. Deploy Kubernetes in your cluster by following the instructions on the Kubernetes Deployment Guide page on the NVIDIA DeepOps GitHub site.

Next: NetApp Trident Deployment and Configuration Overview.

#### **NetApp Trident Deployment and Configuration**

This section describes the tasks that you must complete to install and configure NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the deployment exercise that is outlined in this section, we assume that you have already performed the following tasks:

- 1. You already have a working Kubernetes cluster, and you are running a version of Kubernetes that is supported by Trident. For a list of supported versions, see the Trident documentation.
- 2. You already have a working NetApp storage appliance, software-defined instance, or cloud storage service, that is supported by Trident.

#### **Install Trident**

To install and configure NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster, perform the following tasks from the deployment jump host:

- 1. Deploy Trident using one of the following methods:
  - If you used NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy your Kubernetes cluster, you can also use NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy Trident in your Kubernetes cluster. To deploy Trident with DeepOps, follow the Trident deployment instructions on the NVIDIA DeepOps GitHub site.
  - If you did not use NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy your Kubernetes cluster or if you simply prefer to deploy Trident manually, you can deploy Trident by following the deployment instructions in the Trident documentation. Be sure to create at least one Trident Backend and at least one Kubernetes StorageClass, for more information about how to configure Backends and StorageClasses see the linked subsections at NetApp Docs.



If you are deploying the NetApp AI Control Plane solution on an ONTAP AI pod, see Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments for some examples of different Trident Backends that you might want to create and Example Kubernetes Storageclasses for ONTAP AI Deployments for some examples of different Kubernetes StorageClasses that you might want to create.

Next: Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments.

#### **NetApp Trident Deployment and Configuration**

This section describes the tasks that you must complete to install and configure NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the deployment exercise that is outlined in this section, we assume that you have already performed the following tasks:

- 1. You already have a working Kubernetes cluster, and you are running a version of Kubernetes that is supported by Trident. For a list of supported versions, see the Trident documentation.
- 2. You already have a working NetApp storage appliance, software-defined instance, or cloud storage service, that is supported by Trident.

#### **Install Trident**

To install and configure NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster, perform the following tasks from the deployment jump host:

- 1. Deploy Trident using one of the following methods:
  - If you used NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy your Kubernetes cluster, you can also use NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy Trident in your Kubernetes cluster. To deploy Trident with DeepOps, follow the Trident deployment instructions on the NVIDIA DeepOps GitHub site.
  - If you did not use NVIDIA DeepOps to deploy your Kubernetes cluster or if you simply prefer to deploy
    Trident manually, you can deploy Trident by following the deployment instructions in the Trident
    documentation. Be sure to create at least one Trident Backend and at least one Kubernetes
    StorageClass, for more information about how to configure Backends and StorageClasses see the
    linked subsections at NetApp Docs.



If you are deploying the NetApp AI Control Plane solution on an ONTAP AI pod, see Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments for some examples of different Trident Backends that you might want to create and Example Kubernetes Storageclasses for ONTAP AI Deployments for some examples of different Kubernetes StorageClasses that you might want to create.

Next: Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments.

#### **Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments**

Before you can use Trident to dynamically provision storage resources within your Kubernetes cluster, you must create one or more Trident Backends. The examples that

follow represent different types of Backends that you might want to create if you are deploying the NetApp AI Control Plane solution on an ONTAP AI pod. For more information about Backends, see the Trident documentation.

1. NetApp recommends creating a FlexGroup-enabled Trident Backend for each data LIF (logical network interface that provides data access) that you want to use on your NetApp AFF system. This will allow you to balance volume mounts across LIFs

The example commands that follow show the creation of two FlexGroup-enabled Trident Backends for two different data LIFs that are associated with the same ONTAP storage virtual machine (SVM). These Backends use the <code>ontap-nas-flexgroup</code> storage driver. ONTAP supports two main data volume types: FlexVol and FlexGroup. FlexVol volumes are size-limited (as of this writing, the maximum size depends on the specific deployment). FlexGroup volumes, on the other hand, can scale linearly to up to 20PB and 400 billion files, providing a single namespace that greatly simplifies data management. Therefore, FlexGroup volumes are optimal for Al and ML workloads that rely on large amounts of data.

If you are working with a small amount of data and want to use FlexVol volumes instead of FlexGroup volumes, you can create Trident Backends that use the ontap-nas storage driver instead of the ontap-nas-flexgroup storage driver.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1.json
  "version": 1,
   "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas-flexgroup",
   "backendName": "ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1",
   "managementLIF": "10.61.218.100",
   "dataLIF": "192.168.11.11",
   "svm": "ontapai nfs",
   "username": "admin",
   "password": "ontapai"
}
EOF
$ tridentctl create backend -f ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexgroups-
ifacel.json -n trident
+----+
+----+
        NAME
               | STORAGE DRIVER |
        | STATE | VOLUMES |
UUID
+----+
+----+
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | b74cbddb-e0b8-40b7-
b263-b6da6dec0bdd | online | 0 |
+----+
+----+
$ cat << EOF > ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2.json
{
   "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas-flexgroup",
```

```
"backendName": "ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2",
  "managementLIF": "10.61.218.100",
  "dataLIF": "192.168.12.12",
  "svm": "ontapai nfs",
  "username": "admin",
  "password": "ontapai"
}
EOF
$ tridentctl create backend -f ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexgroups-
iface2.json -n trident
+-----
+----+
      NAME
            | STORAGE DRIVER |
UUID
           | STATE | VOLUMES |
+-----
+----+
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | 61814d48-c770-436b-
9cb4-cf7ee661274d | online | 0 |
+-----
+----+
$ tridentctl get backend -n trident
+-----
+----+
      NAME
               | STORAGE DRIVER |
UUID
           | STATE | VOLUMES |
+-----
+----+
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | b74cbddb-e0b8-40b7-
b263-b6da6dec0bdd | online | 0 |
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | 61814d48-c770-436b-
9cb4-cf7ee661274d | online | 0 |
+-----
+----+
```

2. NetApp also recommends creating one or more FlexVol- enabled Trident Backends. If you use FlexGroup volumes for training dataset storage, you might want to use FlexVol volumes for storing results, output, debug information, and so on. If you want to use FlexVol volumes, you must create one or more FlexVolenabled Trident Backends. The example commands that follow show the creation of a single FlexVolenabled Trident Backend that uses a single data LIF.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexvols.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
  "backendName": "ontap-ai-flexvols",
  "managementLIF": "10.61.218.100",
  "dataLIF": "192.168.11.11",
  "svm": "ontapai nfs",
  "username": "admin",
  "password": "ontapai"
}
EOF
$ tridentctl create backend -f ./trident-backend-ontap-ai-flexvols.json -n
trident
+----
 -----+
       NAME
                   STORAGE DRIVER |
                                         UUID
| STATE | VOLUMES |
+----
+----+
| ontap-ai-flexvols | ontap-nas
                           | 52bdb3b1-13a5-4513-
a9c1-52a69657fabe | online | 0 |
+-----
+----+
$ tridentctl get backend -n trident
+-----
+----+
       NAME
                   STORAGE DRIVER
                                         UUID
| STATE | VOLUMES |
+-----
+----+
| ontap-ai-flexvols
                | ontap-nas
                           | 52bdb3b1-13a5-4513-
a9c1-52a69657fabe | online | 0 |
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | b74cbddb-e0b8-40b7-
b263-b6da6dec0bdd | online |
                    0 1
| ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2 | ontap-nas-flexgroup | 61814d48-c770-436b-
9cb4-cf7ee661274d | online | 0 |
+----
+----+
```

Next: Example Kubernetes Storageclasses for ONTAP AI Deployments.

#### **Example Kubernetes StorageClasses for ONTAP AI Deployments**

Before you can use Trident to dynamically provision storage resources within your

Kubernetes cluster, you must create one or more Kubernetes StorageClasses. The examples that follow represent different types of StorageClasses that you might want to create if you are deploying the NetApp AI Control Plane solution on an ONTAP AI pod. For more information about StorageClasses, see the Trident documentation.

1. NetApp recommends creating a separate StorageClass for each FlexGroup-enabled Trident Backend that you created in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 1. These granular StorageClasses enable you to add NFS mounts that correspond to specific LIFs (the LIFs that you specified when you created the Trident Backends) as a particular Backend that is specified in the StorageClass spec file. The example commands that follow show the creation of two StorageClasses that correspond to the two example Backends that were created in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 1. For more information about StorageClasses, see the Trident documentation.

So that a persistent volume isn't deleted when the corresponding PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC) is deleted, the following example uses a reclaimPolicy value of Retain. For more information about the reclaimPolicy field, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas-flexgroup"
  storagePools: "ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1:.*"
reclaimPolicy: Retain
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
iface1.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1 created
$ cat << EOF > ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas-flexgroup"
  storagePools: "ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2:.*"
reclaimPolicy: Retain
$ kubectl create -f ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
iface2.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2 created
$ kubectl get storageclass
NAME
                                    PROVISIONER
                                                         AGE
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1 netapp.io/trident
                                                         0m
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                                         0 m
                                    netapp.io/trident
```

NetApp also recommends creating a StorageClass that corresponds to the FlexVol-enabled Trident
Backend that you created in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 2.
The example commands that follow show the creation of a single StorageClass for FlexVol volumes.

In the following example, a particular Backend is not specified in the StorageClass definition file because only one FlexVol-enabled Trident backend was created. When you use Kubernetes to administer volumes that use this StorageClass, Trident attempts to use any available backend that uses the ontap-nas driver.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexvols-retain.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas"
reclaimPolicy: Retain
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexvols-retain.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ontap-ai-flexvols-retain created
$ kubectl get storageclass
NAME
                                     PROVISIONER
                                                         AGE
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
                                     netapp.io/trident
                                                         1 m
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                    netapp.io/trident
                                                         1m
ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
                                     netapp.io/trident
                                                         0m
```

NetApp also recommends creating a generic StorageClass for FlexGroup volumes. The following example commands show the creation of a single generic StorageClass for FlexGroup volumes.

Note that a particular backend is not specified in the StorageClass definition file. Therefore, when you use Kubernetes to administer volumes that use this StorageClass, Trident attempts to use any available backend that uses the ontap-nas-flexgroup driver.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas-flexgroup"
reclaimPolicy: Retain
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./storage-class-ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain created
$ kubectl get storageclass
NAME
                                    PROVISIONER
                                                         AGE
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain
                                    netapp.io/trident
                                                         0m
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
                                    netapp.io/trident
                                                         2m
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                    netapp.io/trident
                                                         2m
ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
                                    netapp.io/trident
                                                         1m
```

#### **Kubeflow Deployment**

This section describes the tasks that you must complete to deploy Kubeflow in your Kubernetes cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the deployment exercise that is outlined in this section, we assume that you have already performed the following tasks:

- 1. You already have a working Kubernetes cluster, and you are running a version of Kubernetes that is supported by Kubeflow. For a list of supported versions, see the official Kubeflow documentation.
- 2. You have already installed and configured NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster as outlined in Trident Deployment and Configuration.

#### Set Default Kubernetes StorageClass

Before you deploy Kubeflow, you must designate a default StorageClass within your Kubernetes cluster. The Kubeflow deployment process attempts to provision new persistent volumes using the default StorageClass. If no StorageClass is designated as the default StorageClass, then the deployment fails. To designate a default StorageClass within your cluster, perform the following task from the deployment jump host. If you have already designated a default StorageClass within your cluster, then you can skip this step.

 Designate one of your existing StorageClasses as the default StorageClass. The example commands that follow show the designation of a StorageClass named ontap-ai- flexvols-retain as the default StorageClass.



The ontap-nas-flexgroup Trident Backend type has a minimum PVC size that is fairly large. By default, Kubeflow attempts to provision PVCs that are only a few GBs in size. Therefore, you should not designate a StorageClass that utilizes the ontap-nas-flexgroup Backend type as the default StorageClass for the purposes of Kubeflow deployment.

```
$ kubectl get sc
NAME
                                    PROVISIONER
                                                            AGE
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain
                                    csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                            25h
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
                                    csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                            25h
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                   csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                            25h
ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
                                    csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                            3s
$ kubectl patch storageclass ontap-ai-flexvols-retain -p '{"metadata":
{"annotations":{"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class":"true"}}}'
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ontap-ai-flexvols-retain patched
$ kubectl get sc
NAME
                                     PROVISIONER
                                                             AGE
                                     csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                             25h
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1 csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                             25h
ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                   csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                             25h
ontap-ai-flexvols-retain (default) csi.trident.netapp.io
                                                             54s
```

#### Use NVIDIA DeepOps to Deploy Kubeflow

NetApp recommends using the Kubeflow deployment tool that is provided by NVIDIA DeepOps. To deploy Kubeflow in your Kubernetes cluster using the DeepOps deployment tool, perform the following tasks from the deployment jump host.



Alternatively, you can deploy Kubeflow manually by following the installation instructions in the official Kubeflow documentation

- 1. Deploy Kubeflow in your cluster by following the Kubeflow deployment instructions on the NVIDIA DeepOps GitHub site.
- 2. Note down the Kubeflow Dashboard URL that the DeepOps Kubeflow deployment tool outputs.

```
$ ./scripts/k8s/deploy kubeflow.sh -x
INFO[0007] Applied the configuration Successfully!
filename="cmd/apply.go:72"
Kubeflow app installed to: /home/ai/kubeflow
It may take several minutes for all services to start. Run 'kubectl get
pods -n kubeflow' to verify
To remove (excluding CRDs, istio, auth, and cert-manager), run:
./scripts/k8s deploy kubeflow.sh -d
To perform a full uninstall : ./scripts/k8s deploy kubeflow.sh -D
Kubeflow Dashboard (HTTP NodePort): http://10.61.188.111:31380
```

3. Confirm that all pods deployed within the Kubeflow namespace show a STATUS of Running and confirm that no components deployed within the namespace are in an error state. It may take several minutes for all pods to start.

	get all -n	kubeflow	
NAME	DECUADAC	ACE	READY
STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	1 /1
-		k-bootstrap-stateful-set-0	1/1
Running	0	95s	1 /1
_		k-deployment-6b89c84c98-vrtbh	1/1
Running	0	91s	1 /1
		roller-stateful-set-0	1/1
Running	0	98s	1 /1
	ui-5dcf5d8b		1/1
Running	0	97s	1 /1
-		-cf4874ddc-7hcr8	1/1
Running	0	97s	2 /2
		deployment-685b455447-gjhh7	1/1
- 5	0	96s	
-		-88c97d85c-kgq66	1/1
_	1	95s	
-	-db-8598468	-	1/1
	0	95s	
		4c8c67f9-wtrf5	1/1
Running	1	95s	
pod/katib	-manager-re	st-778857c989-fjbzn	1/1
Running	0	95s	
<pre>pod/katib</pre>	-suggestion	-bayesianoptimization-65df4d7455-qthmw	1/1
Running	0	94s	
pod/katib	-suggestion	-grid-56bf69f597-98vwn	1/1
Running	0	94s	
<pre>pod/katib</pre>	-suggestion	-hyperband-7777b76cb9-9v6dq	1/1
Running	0	93s	
pod/katib	-suggestion	-nasrl-77f6f9458c-2qzxq	1/1
Running	0	93s	
pod/katib	-suggestion	-random-77b88b5c79-164j9	1/1
Running	0	93s	
pod/katib	-ui-7587c5b	967-nd629	1/1
Running	0	95s	
pod/metac	ontroller-0		1/1
Running	0	96s	
pod/metad	ata-db-5dd4	59cc-swzkm	1/1
Running	0	94s	
pod/metad	ata-deploym	ent-6cf77db994-69fk7	1/1
Running	3	93s	
_	ata-deploym	ent-6cf77db994-mpbjt	1/1
_	3	93s	
_	ata-deploym	ent-6cf77db994-xg7tz	1/1
_	3	94s	

Running 0	94s			
pod/minio-758b	769d67-llvdr			1/1
Running 0	91s			
pod/ml-pipeline		8t2k		1/1
Running 0	91s			
	_	gent-9b69ddd46-1	bt9r9	1/1
Running 0	90s			
		kflow-7b8d756c7	6-7x56s	1/1
Running 0	90s			
pod/ml-pipeline	e-ui-79ffd9c76	-fcwpd		1/1
Running 0	90s			
		oller-deploymen	t-5fdc87f58-b2t9r	1/1
Running 0	90s			
pod/mysql-657f8	37857d-15k9z			1/1
Running 0	91s			
_	_	oyment-56b4f59b	bf-8bvnr	1/1
Running 0	92s			
pod/profiles-de	eployment-6bc7	45947-mrdkh		2/2
Running 0	90s			
pod/pytorch-ope	erator-77c97f4	879-hmlrv		1/1
Running 0	92s			
pod/seldon-open	rator-controlle	er-manager-0		1/1
Running 1	91s			
pod/spartakus-v	olunteer-5fdf	ddb779-17qkm		1/1
Running 0	92s			
pod/tensorboard	d-6544748d94-nl	h8b2		1/1
Running 0	92s			
pod/tf-job-dash	nboard-56f79c5	9dd-6w59t		1/1
Running 0	92s			
pod/tf-job-open	rator-79cbfd6d1	oc-rb58c		1/1
Running 0	91s			
pod/workflow-co	ontroller-db64	4d554-cwrnb		1/1
Running 0	97s			
NAME			TYPE	
CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE	
service/admiss	lon-webhook-se	rvice	ClusterI	
10.233.51.169	<none></none>	443/TCP	97s	
service/applica	ation-controlle	er-service	ClusterI	
10.233.4.54	<none></none>	443/TCP	98s	
service/argo-u	L		NodePort	
10.233.47.191	<none></none>	80:31799/TCP	97s	
service/central	ldashboard		ClusterI	
10.233.8.36	<none></none>	80/TCP	97s	
service/jupyte	r-web-app-serv	ice	ClusterI	
10.233.1.42	<none></none>	80/TCP	97s	
service/katib-c	controller		ClusterI	

10.233.25.226	<none></none>	443/TCP	96s
service/katib-dk	)		ClusterIP
	<none></none>	3306/TCP	97s
service/katib-ma	_		ClusterIP
	<none></none>	6789/TCP	96s
service/katib-ma	_		ClusterIP
	<none></none>	80/TCP	96s
		sianoptimization	ClusterIP
10.233.49.191	<none></none>	6789/TCP	95s
service/katib-su			ClusterIP
	<none></none>	6789/TCP	95s
service/katib-su			ClusterIP
10.233.22.2	<none></none>	6789/TCP	95s
service/katib-su			ClusterIP
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deployment.apps/katib-manager	1/1	1
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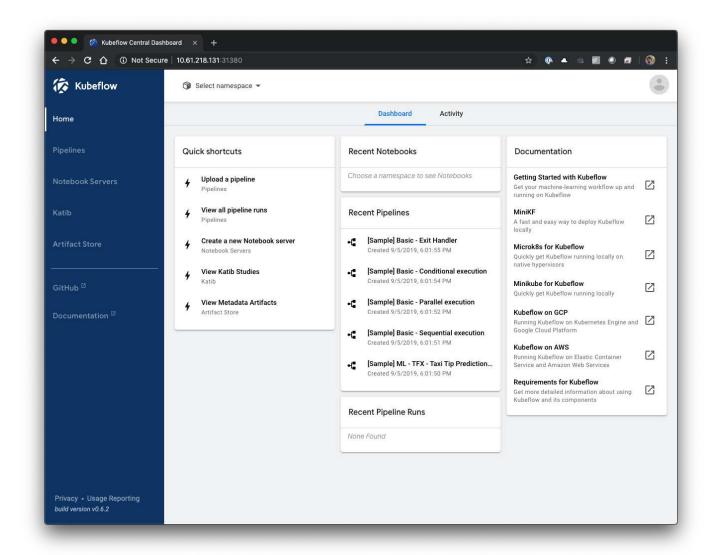
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1 1	96s		
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NAME
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statefulset.apps/metacontroller				1/1	98s
statefulset.apps/seldon-operator-controller-manager				1/1	92s
<pre>\$ kubectl get pvc -n kubeflow</pre>					
NAME	STATUS	VOLUME			
CAPACITY ACCES	S MODES	STORAGECLASS	AGE		
katib-mysql	Bound	pvc-b07f293e-d028-11e9-9b9	d-00505	681a82d	
10Gi RWO		ontap-ai-flexvols-retain	27m		
metadata-mysql	Bound	pvc-b0f3f032-d028-11e9-9b9	d-00505	681a82d	
10Gi RWO		ontap-ai-flexvols-retain	27m		
minio-pv-claim	Bound	pvc-b22727ee-d028-11e9-9b9	d-00505	681a82d	
20Gi RWO		ontap-ai-flexvols-retain	27m		
mysql-pv-claim	Bound	pvc-b2429afd-d028-11e9-9b9	d-00505	681a82d	
20Gi RWO		ontap-ai-flexvols-retain	27m		

4. In your web browser, access the Kubeflow central dashboard by navigating to the URL that you noted down in step 2.

The default username is admin@kubeflow.org, and the default password is 12341234. To create additional users, follow the instructions in the official Kubeflow documentation.



Next: Example Kubeflow Operations and Tasks.

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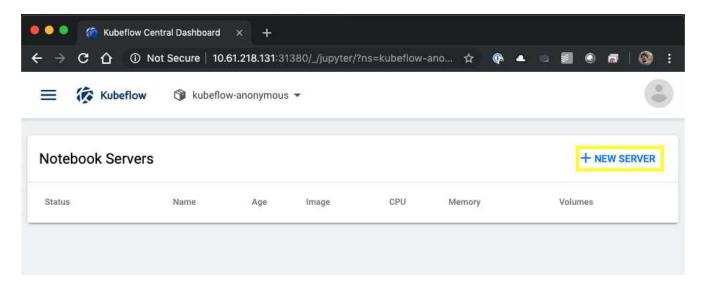
Kubeflow is capable of rapidly provisioning new Jupyter Notebook servers to act as data scientist workspaces. To provision a new Jupyter Notebook server with Kubeflow, perform the following tasks. For more information

about Jupyter Notebooks within the Kubeflow context, see the official Kubeflow documentation.

1. From the Kubeflow central dashboard, click Notebook Servers in the main menu to navigate to the Jupyter Notebook server administration page.

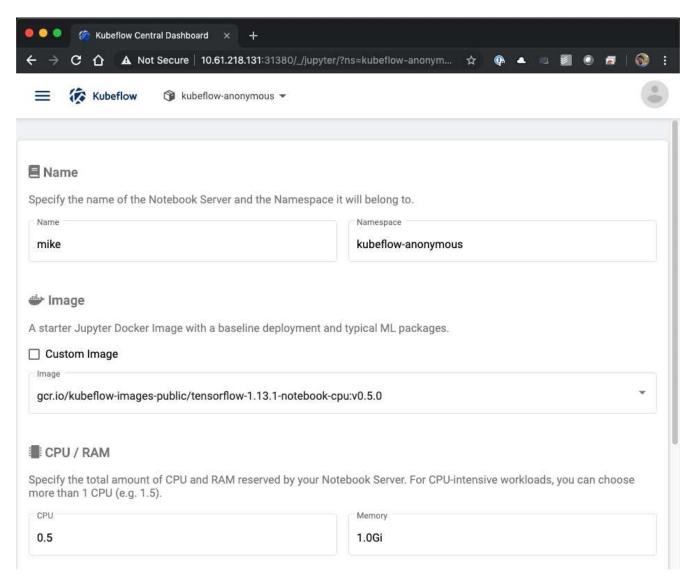


2. Click New Server to provision a new Jupyter Notebook server.



3. Give your new server a name, choose the Docker image that you want your server to be based on, and specify the amount of CPU and RAM to be reserved by your server. If the Namespace field is blank, use the Select Namespace menu in the page header to choose a namespace. The Namespace field is then auto-populated with the chosen namespace.

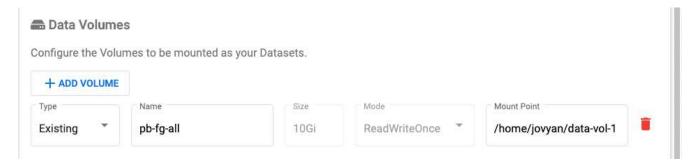
In the following example, the kubeflow-anonymous namespace is chosen. In addition, the default values for Docker image, CPU, and RAM are accepted.



4. Specify the workspace volume details. If you choose to create a new volume, then that volume or PVC is provisioned using the default StorageClass. Because a StorageClass utilizing Trident was designated as the default StorageClass in the section Kubeflow Deployment, the volume or PVC is provisioned with Trident. This volume is automatically mounted as the default workspace within the Jupyter Notebook Server container. Any notebooks that a user creates on the server that are not saved to a separate data volume are automatically saved to this workspace volume. Therefore, the notebooks are persistent across reboots.



5. Add data volumes. The following example specifies an existing PVC named 'pb-fg-all' and accepts the default mount point.



6. **Optional:** Request that the desired number of GPUs be allocated to your notebook server. In the following example, one GPU is requested.



- 7. Click Launch to provision your new notebook server.
- 8. Wait for your notebook server to be fully provisioned. This can take several minutes if you have never provisioned a server using the Docker image that you specified because the image needs to be downloaded. When your server has been fully provisioned, you see a green check mark in the Status column on the Jupyter Notebook server administration page.



- 9. Click Connect to connect to your new server web interface.
- 10. Confirm that the dataset volume that was specified in step 6 is mounted on the server. Note that this volume is mounted within the default workspace by default. From the perspective of the user, this is just another folder within the workspace. The user, who is likely a data scientist and not an infrastructure expert, does not need to possess any storage expertise in order to use this volume.

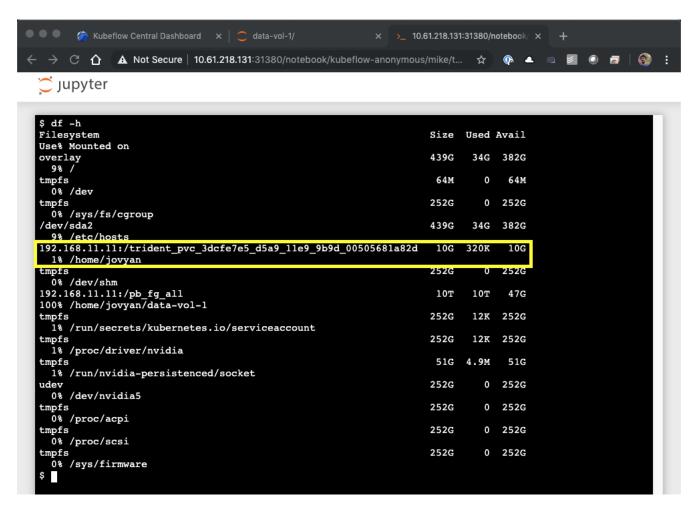




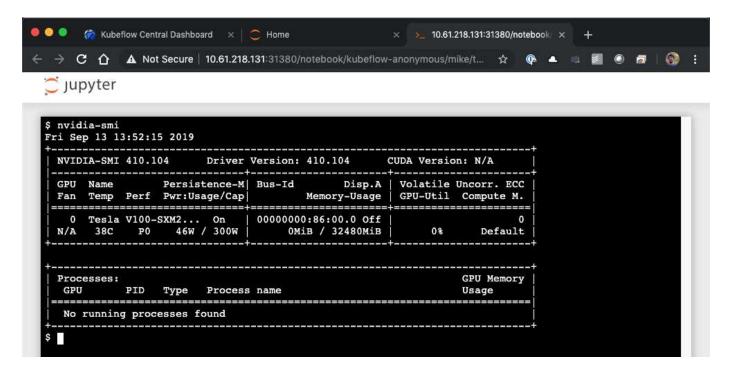
11. Open a Terminal and, assuming that a new volume was requested in step 5, execute df -h to confirm that a new Trident-provisioned persistent volume is mounted as the default workspace.

The default workspace directory is the base directory that you are presented with when you first access the server's web interface. Therefore, any artifacts that you create by using the web interface are stored on this Trident-provisioned persistent volume.





12. Using the terminal, run nvidia-smi to confirm that the correct number of GPUs were allocated to the notebook server. In the following example, one GPU has been allocated to the notebook server as requested in step 7.



Next: Example Notebooks and Pipelines.

## **Example Notebooks and Pipelines**

The NetApp Data Science Toolkit for Kubernetes can be used in conjunction with Kubeflow. Using the NetApp Data Science Toolkit with Kubeflow provides the following benefits:

- Data scientists can perform advanced NetApp data management operations directly from within a Jupyter Notebook.
- Advanced NetApp data management operations can be incorporated into automated workflows using the Kubeflow Pipelines framework.

Refer to the Kubeflow Examples section within the NetApp Data Science Toolkit GitHub repository for details on using the toolkit with Kubeflow.

Next: Apache Airflow Deployment.

# **Apache Airflow Deployment**

NetApp recommends running Apache Airflow on top of Kubernetes. This section describes the tasks that you must complete to deploy Airflow in your Kubernetes cluster.



It is possible to deploy Airflow on platforms other than Kubernetes. Deploying Airflow on platforms other than Kubernetes is outside of the scope of this solution.

# **Prerequisites**

Before you perform the deployment exercise that is outlined in this section, we assume that you have already performed the following tasks:

- 1. You already have a working Kubernetes cluster.
- 2. You have already installed and configured NetApp Trident in your Kubernetes cluster as outlined in the section "NetApp Trident Deployment and Configuration."

#### **Install Helm**

Airflow is deployed using Helm, a popular package manager for Kubernetes. Before you deploy Airflow, you must install Helm on the deployment jump host. To install Helm on the deployment jump host, follow the installation instructions in the official Helm documentation.

#### Set Default Kubernetes StorageClass

Before you deploy Airflow, you must designate a default StorageClass within your Kubernetes cluster. The Airflow deployment process attempts to provision new persistent volumes using the default StorageClass. If no StorageClass is designated as the default StorageClass, then the deployment fails. To designate a default StorageClass within your cluster, follow the instructions outlined in the section Kubeflow Deployment. If you have already designated a default StorageClass within your cluster, then you can skip this step.

#### **Use Helm to Deploy Airflow**

To deploy Airflow in your Kubernetes cluster using Helm, perform the following tasks from the deployment jump host:

1. Deploy Airflow using Helm by following the deployment instructions for the official Airflow chart on the Artifact Hub. The example commands that follow show the deployment of Airflow using Helm. Modify, add, and/or remove values in the custom- values.yaml file as needed depending on your environment and desired configuration.

```
$ cat << EOF > custom-values.yaml
# Airflow - Common Configs
airflow:
 ## the airflow executor type to use
 ##
 executor: "CeleryExecutor"
 ## environment variables for the web/scheduler/worker Pods (for
airflow configs)
 ##
# Airflow - WebUI Configs
web:
 ## configs for the Service of the web Pods
 ##
 service:
  type: NodePort
# Airflow - Logs Configs
logs:
 persistence:
  enabled: true
# Airflow - DAGs Configs
dags:
 ## configs for the DAG git repository & sync container
 ##
 gitSync:
  enabled: true
  ## url of the git repository
  ##
  repo: "git@github.com:mboglesby/airflow-dev.git"
  ## the branch/tag/shal which we clone
  ##
  branch: master
  revision: HEAD
```

```
## the name of a pre-created secret containing files for ~/.ssh/
    ##
    ## NOTE:
    ## - this is ONLY RELEVANT for SSH git repos
    ## - the secret commonly includes files: id rsa, id rsa.pub,
known hosts
    ## - known hosts is NOT NEEDED if `git.sshKeyscan` is true
    ##
    sshSecret: "airflow-ssh-git-secret"
    ## the name of the private key file in your `git.secret`
    ##
    ## NOTE:
    ## - this is ONLY RELEVANT for PRIVATE SSH git repos
    ##
    sshSecretKey: id rsa
    ## the git sync interval in seconds
    ##
    syncWait: 60
EOF
$ helm install airflow airflow-stable/airflow -n airflow --version 8.0.8
--values ./custom-values.yaml
Congratulations. You have just deployed Apache Airflow!
1. Get the Airflow Service URL by running these commands:
   export NODE PORT=$(kubectl get --namespace airflow -o
jsonpath="{.spec.ports[0].nodePort}" services airflow-web)
   export NODE IP=$(kubectl get nodes --namespace airflow -o
jsonpath="{.items[0].status.addresses[0].address}")
   echo http://$NODE IP:$NODE PORT/
2. Open Airflow in your web browser
```

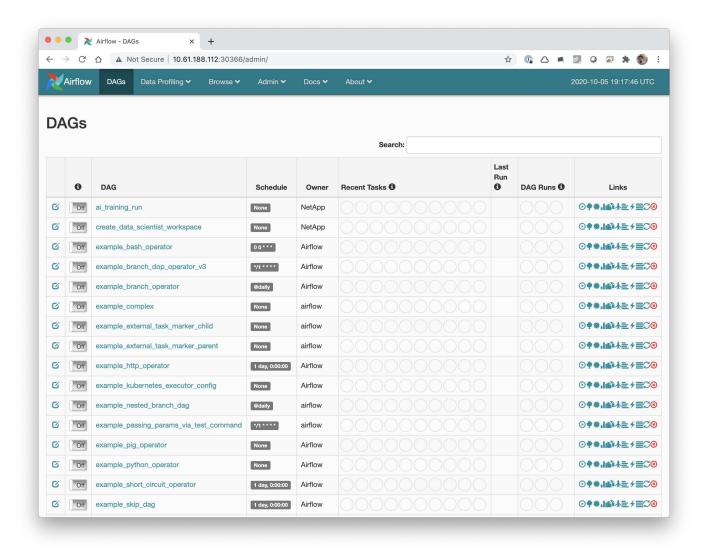
Confirm that all Airflow pods are up and running. It may take a few minutes for all pods to start.

```
$ kubectl -n airflow get pod
NAME
                                  READY
                                          STATUS RESTARTS
                                                              AGE
airflow-flower-b5656d44f-h8qjk
                                  1/1
                                          Running
                                                              2h
                                                   0
airflow-postgresql-0
                                  1/1
                                         Running 0
                                                              2h
airflow-redis-master-0
                                  1/1
                                         Running 0
                                                              2h
airflow-scheduler-9d95fcdf9-clf4b
                                  2/2
                                         Running 2
                                                              2h
airflow-web-59c94db9c5-z7rg4
                                  1/1
                                          Running 0
                                                              2h
airflow-worker-0
                                  2/2
                                          Running 2
                                                              2h
```

3. Obtain the Airflow web service URL by following the instructions that were printed to the console when you deployed Airflow using Helm in step 1.

```
$ export NODE_PORT=$(kubectl get --namespace airflow -o
jsonpath="{.spec.ports[0].nodePort}" services airflow-web)
$ export NODE_IP=$(kubectl get nodes --namespace airflow -o
jsonpath="{.items[0].status.addresses[0].address}")
$ echo http://$NODE_IP:$NODE_PORT/
```

4. Confirm that you can access the Airflow web service.



Next: Example Apache Airflow Workflows.

# **Example Apache Airflow Workflows**

The NetApp Data Science Toolkit for Kubernetes can be used in conjunction with Airflow. Using the NetApp Data Science Toolkit with Airflow enables you to incorporate NetApp data management operations into automated workflows that are orchestrated by Airflow.

Refer to the Airflow Examples section within the NetApp Data Science Toolkit GitHub repository for details on using the toolkit with Airflow.

# **Example Trident Operations**

This section includes examples of various operations that you may want to perform with Trident.

## Import an Existing Volume

If there are existing volumes on your NetApp storage system/platform that you want to mount on containers within your Kubernetes cluster, but that are not tied to PVCs in the cluster, then you must import these volumes. You can use the Trident volume import functionality to import these volumes.

The example commands that follow show the importing of the same volume, named pb\_fg\_all, twice, once for each Trident Backend that was created in the example in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP Al Deployments, step 1. Importing the same volume twice in this manner enables you to mount the volume (an existing FlexGroup volume) multiple times across different LIFs, as described in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP Al Deployments, step 1. For more information about PVCs, see the official Kubernetes documentation. For more information about the volume import functionality, see the Trident documentation.

An accessModes value of ReadOnlyMany is specified in the example PVC spec files. For more information about the accessMode field, see the official Kubernetes documentation.



The Backend names that are specified in the following example import commands correspond to the Backends that were created in the example in the section Example Trident Backends for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 1. The StorageClass names that are specified in the following example PVC definition files correspond to the StorageClasses that were created in the example in the section Example Kubernetes StorageClasses for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 1.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./pvc-import-pb fg all-iface1.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
 name: pb-fg-all-iface1
 namespace: default
spec:
 accessModes:
   - ReadOnlyMany
 storageClassName: ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
EOF
$ tridentctl import volume ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface1 pb fg all -f ./pvc-
import-pb fg all-iface1.yaml -n trident
+----+----
+----+----
+----+
        NAME
                         | SIZE | STORAGE CLASS
| PROTOCOL |
                  BACKEND UUID
                                                | STATE |
MANAGED |
```

```
+----+
+----+
| default-pb-fg-all-iface1-7d9f1 | 10 TiB | ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
iface1 | file | b74cbddb-e0b8-40b7-b263-b6da6dec0bdd | online | true
+----+----
+----+----
+----+
$ cat << EOF > ./pvc-import-pb fg all-iface2.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
name: pb-fg-all-iface2
namespace: default
spec:
accessModes:
  - ReadOnlyMany
 storageClassName: ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
EOF
$ tridentctl import volume ontap-ai-flexgroups-iface2 pb fg all -f ./pvc-
import-pb fg all-iface2.yaml -n trident
+----+----
+----+----
+----+
                | SIZE | STORAGE CLASS
     NAME
            BACKEND UUID
| PROTOCOL |
                               | STATE |
MANAGED |
+----+----
+----+----
+----+
| default-pb-fg-all-iface2-85aee | 10 TiB | ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
+-----
+-----
+----+
$ tridentctl get volume -n trident
+-----
+-----
+----+
        NAME
                  | SIZE |
                             STORAGE CLASS
| PROTOCOL |
            BACKEND UUID
                         | STATE | MANAGED |
+----
+----+----
+----+
| default-pb-fg-all-iface1-7d9f1 | 10 TiB | ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
```

```
iface1 | file
              | b74cbddb-e0b8-40b7-b263-b6da6dec0bdd | online | true
| default-pb-fg-all-iface2-85aee | 10 TiB | ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-
iface2 | file
              | 61814d48-c770-436b-9cb4-cf7ee661274d | online | true
+-----
+----+----
+----+
$ kubectl get pvc
NAME
                 STATUS
                        VOLUME
                                                    CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES
            STORAGECLASS
                                         AGE
pb-fg-all-iface1
                Bound
                        default-pb-fg-all-iface1-7d9f1
                          ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
10995116277760
             ROX
                                                       25h
                        default-pb-fg-all-iface2-85aee
pb-fg-all-iface2
                Bound
10995116277760
             ROX
                          ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                                       25h
```

#### **Provision a New Volume**

You can use Trident to provision a new volume on your NetApp storage system or platform. The following example commands show the provisioning of a new FlexVol volume. In this example, the volume is provisioned using the StorageClass that was created in the example in the section Example Kubernetes StorageClasses for ONTAP AI Deployments, step 2.

An accessModes value of ReadWriteMany is specified in the following example PVC definition file. For more information about the accessMode field, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./pvc-tensorflow-results.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
 name: tensorflow-results
spec:
 accessModes:
   - ReadWriteMany
 resources:
   requests:
     storage: 1Gi
 storageClassName: ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./pvc-tensorflow-results.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/tensorflow-results created
$ kubectl get pvc
NAME
                                STATUS VOLUME
CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
                                                                 AGE
                              STORAGECLASS
pb-fg-all-iface1
                                Bound default-pb-fg-all-iface1-7d9f1
10995116277760 ROX
                             ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface1
pb-fg-all-iface2
                                Bound default-pb-fg-all-iface2-85aee
10995116277760 ROX
                              ontap-ai-flexgroups-retain-iface2
                                                                 26h
tensorflow-results
                                Bound default-tensorflow-results-
2fd60 1073741824
                      RWX
                                     ontap-ai-flexvols-retain
25h
```

Next: Example High-Performance Jobs for ONTAP AI Deployments Overview.

# **Example High-performance Jobs for ONTAP AI Deployments**

This section includes examples of various high-performance jobs that can be executed when Kubernetes is deployed on an ONTAP AI pod.

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# **Execute a Single-Node Al Workload**

To execute a single-node AI and ML job in your Kubernetes cluster, perform the following tasks from the deployment jump host. With Trident, you can quickly and easily make a

data volume, potentially containing petabytes of data, accessible to a Kubernetes workload. To make such a data volume accessible from within a Kubernetes pod, simply specify a PVC in the pod definition. This step is a Kubernetes-native operation; no NetApp expertise is required.



This section assumes that you have already containerized (in the Docker container format) the specific AI and ML workload that you are attempting to execute in your Kubernetes cluster.

1. The following example commands show the creation of a Kubernetes job for a TensorFlow benchmark workload that uses the ImageNet dataset. For more information about the ImageNet dataset, see the ImageNet website.

This example job requests eight GPUs and therefore can run on a single GPU worker node that features eight or more GPUs. This example job could be submitted in a cluster for which a worker node featuring eight or more GPUs is not present or is currently occupied with another workload. If so, then the job remains in a pending state until such a worker node becomes available.

Additionally, in order to maximize storage bandwidth, the volume that contains the needed training data is mounted twice within the pod that this job creates. Another volume is also mounted in the pod. This second volume will be used to store results and metrics. These volumes are referenced in the job definition by using the names of the PVCs. For more information about Kubernetes jobs, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

An emptyDir volume with a medium value of Memory is mounted to /dev/shm in the pod that this example job creates. The default size of the /dev/shm virtual volume that is automatically created by the Docker container runtime can sometimes be insufficient for TensorFlow's needs. Mounting an emptyDir volume as in the following example provides a sufficiently large /dev/shm virtual volume. For more information about emptyDir volumes, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

The single container that is specified in this example job definition is given a securityContext > privileged value of true. This value means that the container effectively has root access on the host. This annotation is used in this case because the specific workload that is being executed requires root access. Specifically, a clear cache operation that the workload performs requires root access. Whether or not this privileged: true annotation is necessary depends on the requirements of the specific workload that you are executing.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet.yaml
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: Job
metadata:
   name: netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet
spec:
   backoffLimit: 5
   template:
      spec:
      volumes:
      - name: dshm
      emptyDir:
         medium: Memory
      - name: testdata-ifacel
```

```
persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface1
      - name: testdata-iface2
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface2
      - name: results
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: tensorflow-results
      containers:
      - name: netapp-tensorflow-py2
        image: netapp/tensorflow-py2:19.03.0
        command: ["python", "/netapp/scripts/run.py", "--
dataset dir=/mnt/mount 0/dataset/imagenet", "--dgx version=dgx1", "--
num devices=8"]
        resources:
          limits:
            nvidia.com/gpu: 8
        volumeMounts:
        - mountPath: /dev/shm
          name: dshm
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 0
          name: testdata-iface1
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 1
          name: testdata-iface2
        - mountPath: /tmp
          name: results
        securityContext:
          privileged: true
      restartPolicy: Never
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet.yaml
job.batch/netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet created
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                            COMPLETIONS
                                                          DURATION
                                                                     AGE
                                            0/1
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet
                                                          24s
                                                                      24s
```

2. Confirm that the job that you created in step 1 is running correctly. The following example command confirms that a single pod was created for the job, as specified in the job definition, and that this pod is currently running on one of the GPU worker nodes.

```
$ kubectl get pods -o wide
NAME
                                               READY
                                                       STATUS
RESTARTS AGE
ΙP
               NODE
                               NOMINATED NODE
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92
                                               1/1
                                                       Running
                                                                   0
3m
     10.233.68.61
                     10.61.218.154
                                    <none>
```

3. Confirm that the job that you created in step 1 completes successfully. The following example commands confirm that the job completed successfully.

```
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                                COMPLETIONS
                                                             DURATION
AGE
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet
                                               1/1
                                                             5m42s
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                     READY
                                                             STATUS
RESTARTS AGE
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92
                                                     0/1
                                                             Completed
          11m
$ kubectl logs netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92
[netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92:00008] PMIX ERROR: NO-
PERMISSIONS in file gds dstore.c at line 702
[netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92:00008] PMIX ERROR: NO-
PERMISSIONS in file gds dstore.c at line 711
Total images/sec = 6530.59125
======== Clean Cache !!! ==========
mpirun -allow-run-as-root -np 1 -H localhost:1 bash -c 'sync; echo 1 >
/proc/sys/vm/drop caches'
_____
mpirun -allow-run-as-root -np 8 -H localhost:8 -bind-to none -map-by
slot -x NCCL DEBUG=INFO -x LD LIBRARY PATH -x PATH python
/netapp/tensorflow/benchmarks 190205/scripts/tf cnn benchmarks/tf cnn be
nchmarks.py --model=resnet50 --batch size=256 --device=qpu
--force qpu compatible=True --num intra threads=1 --num inter threads=48
--variable update=horovod --batch group size=20 --num batches=500
--nodistortions --num gpus=1 --data format=NCHW --use fp16=True
--use tf layers=False --data name=imagenet --use datasets=True
--data dir=/mnt/mount 0/dataset/imagenet
--datasets parallel interleave cycle length=10
--datasets sloppy parallel interleave=False --num mounts=2
--mount prefix=/mnt/mount %d --datasets prefetch buffer size=2000
--datasets use prefetch=True --datasets num private threads=4
--horovod device=gpu >
/tmp/20190814 105450 tensorflow horovod rdma resnet50 gpu 8 256 b500 ima
genet nodistort fp16 r10 m2 nockpt.txt 2>&1
```

4. **Optional:** Clean up job artifacts. The following example commands show the deletion of the job object that was created in step 1.

When you delete the job object, Kubernetes automatically deletes any associated pods.

```
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                                   COMPLETIONS
                                                                 DURATION
AGE
                                                   1/1
                                                                  5m42s
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet
10m
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                         READY
                                                                 STATUS
RESTARTS
           AGE
netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet-m7x92
                                                         0/1
                                                                 Completed
           11m
$ kubectl delete job netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet
job.batch "netapp-tensorflow-single-imagenet" deleted
$ kubectl get jobs
No resources found.
$ kubectl get pods
No resources found.
```

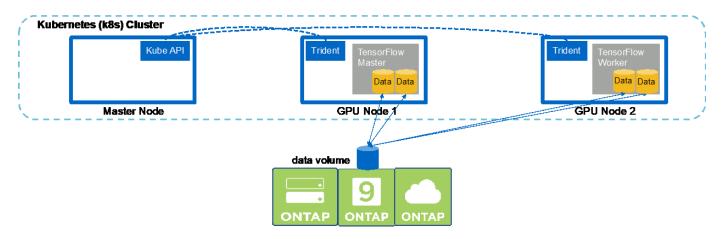
Next: Execute a Synchronous Distributed Al Workload.

# **Execute a Synchronous Distributed Al Workload**

To execute a synchronous multinode AI and ML job in your Kubernetes cluster, perform the following tasks on the deployment jump host. This process enables you to take advantage of data that is stored on a NetApp volume and to use more GPUs than a single worker node can provide. See the following figure for a depiction of a synchronous distributed AI job.



Synchronous distributed jobs can help increase performance and training accuracy compared with asynchronous distributed jobs. A discussion of the pros and cons of synchronous jobs versus asynchronous jobs is outside the scope of this document.



1. The following example commands show the creation of one worker that participates in the synchronous distributed execution of the same TensorFlow benchmark job that was executed on a single node in the example in the section Execute a Single-Node Al Workload. In this specific example, only a single worker

is deployed because the job is executed across two worker nodes.

This example worker deployment requests eight GPUs and thus can run on a single GPU worker node that features eight or more GPUs. If your GPU worker nodes feature more than eight GPUs, to maximize performance, you might want to increase this number to be equal to the number of GPUs that your worker nodes feature. For more information about Kubernetes deployments, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

A Kubernetes deployment is created in this example because this specific containerized worker would never complete on its own. Therefore, it doesn't make sense to deploy it by using the Kubernetes job construct. If your worker is designed or written to complete on its own, then it might make sense to use the job construct to deploy your worker.

The pod that is specified in this example deployment specification is given a hostNetwork value of true. This value means that the pod uses the host worker node's networking stack instead of the virtual networking stack that Kubernetes usually creates for each pod. This annotation is used in this case because the specific workload relies on Open MPI, NCCL, and Horovod to execute the workload in a synchronous distributed manner. Therefore, it requires access to the host networking stack. A discussion about Open MPI, NCCL, and Horovod is outside the scope of this document. Whether or not this hostNetwork: true annotation is necessary depends on the requirements of the specific workload that you are executing. For more information about the hostNetwork field, see the official Kubernetes documentation.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
    spec:
      hostNetwork: true
      volumes:
      - name: dshm
        emptyDir:
          medium: Memory
      - name: testdata-iface1
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface1
      - name: testdata-iface2
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface2
```

```
- name: results
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: tensorflow-results
      containers:
      - name: netapp-tensorflow-py2
        image: netapp/tensorflow-py2:19.03.0
        command: ["bash", "/netapp/scripts/start-slave-multi.sh",
"22122"]
        resources:
          limits:
            nvidia.com/gpu: 8
        volumeMounts:
        - mountPath: /dev/shm
          name: dshm
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 0
          name: testdata-iface1
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 1
          name: testdata-iface2
        - mountPath: /tmp
          name: results
        securityContext:
          privileged: true
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker.yaml
deployment.apps/netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker created
$ kubectl get deployments
                                           DESIRED
NAME
                                                     CURRENT
                                                               UP-TO-DATE
AVAILABLE
            AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
1
            4s
```

2. Confirm that the worker deployment that you created in step 1 launched successfully. The following example commands confirm that a single worker pod was created for the deployment, as indicated in the deployment definition, and that this pod is currently running on one of the GPU worker nodes.

```
$ kubectl get pods -o wide
NAME
                                                            READY
STATUS
          RESTARTS
                     AGE
                                NOMINATED NODE
                NODE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker-654fc7f486-v6725
                                                            1/1
                     60s
                           10.61.218.154 10.61.218.154
Running
                                                            <none>
$ kubectl logs netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker-654fc7f486-v6725
22122
```

3. Create a Kubernetes job for a master that kicks off, participates in, and tracks the execution of the

synchronous multinode job. The following example commands create one master that kicks off, participates in, and tracks the synchronous distributed execution of the same TensorFlow benchmark job that was executed on a single node in the example in the section Execute a Single-Node Al Workload.

This example master job requests eight GPUs and thus can run on a single GPU worker node that features eight or more GPUs. If your GPU worker nodes feature more than eight GPUs, to maximize performance, you might want to increase this number to be equal to the number of GPUs that your worker nodes feature.

The master pod that is specified in this example job definition is given a hostNetwork value of true, just as the worker pod was given a hostNetwork value of true in step 1. See step 1 for details about why this value is necessary.

```
$ cat << EOF > ./netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master.yaml
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: Job
metadata:
  name: netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master
spec:
  backoffLimit: 5
  template:
    spec:
      hostNetwork: true
      volumes:
      - name: dshm
        emptyDir:
          medium: Memory
      - name: testdata-iface1
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface1
      - name: testdata-iface2
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pb-fg-all-iface2
      - name: results
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: tensorflow-results
      containers:
      - name: netapp-tensorflow-py2
        image: netapp/tensorflow-py2:19.03.0
        command: ["python", "/netapp/scripts/run.py", "--
dataset dir=/mnt/mount 0/dataset/imagenet", "--port=22122", "--
num_devices=16", "--dgx_version=dgx1", "--
nodes=10.61.218.152,10.61.218.154"]
        resources:
          limits:
            nvidia.com/gpu: 8
        volumeMounts:
        - mountPath: /dev/shm
```

```
name: dshm
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 0
          name: testdata-iface1
        - mountPath: /mnt/mount 1
          name: testdata-iface2
        - mountPath: /tmp
          name: results
        securityContext:
          privileged: true
      restartPolicy: Never
EOF
$ kubectl create -f ./netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master.yaml
job.batch/netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master created
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                           COMPLETIONS
                                                          DURATION
                                                                     AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master
                                           0/1
                                                          25s
                                                                     25s
```

4. Confirm that the master job that you created in step 3 is running correctly. The following example command confirms that a single master pod was created for the job, as indicated in the job definition, and that this pod is currently running on one of the GPU worker nodes. You should also see that the worker pod that you originally saw in step 1 is still running and that the master and worker pods are running on different nodes.

```
$ kubectl get pods -o wide
NAME
                                                           READY
STATUS
          RESTARTS
                    AGE
ΙP
               NODE
                               NOMINATED NODE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
                                                           1/1
                         10.61.218.152 10.61.218.152
                                                           <none>
                     45s
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker-654fc7f486-v6725
                                                           1/1
Running
                     26m
                           10.61.218.154 10.61.218.154
                                                           <none>
```

5. Confirm that the master job that you created in step 3 completes successfully. The following example commands confirm that the job completed successfully.

```
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                           COMPLETIONS
                                                          DURATION
                                                                     AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master
                                           1/1
                                                          5m50s
                                                                     9m18s
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                             READY
            RESTARTS
                       AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
                                                             0/1
Completed
                       9m38s
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker-654fc7f486-v6725
                                                             1/1
Running
                       35m
$ kubectl logs netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
```

```
[10.61.218.152:00008] WARNING: local probe returned unhandled
shell:unknown assuming bash
rm: cannot remove '/lib': Is a directory
[10.61.218.154:00033] PMIX ERROR: NO-PERMISSIONS in file gds dstore.c at
[10.61.218.154:00033] PMIX ERROR: NO-PERMISSIONS in file qds dstore.c at
line 711
[10.61.218.152:00008] PMIX ERROR: NO-PERMISSIONS in file gds dstore.c at
[10.61.218.152:00008] PMIX ERROR: NO-PERMISSIONS in file gds dstore.c at
line 711
Total images/sec = 12881.33875
======== Clean Cache !!! ==========
mpirun -allow-run-as-root -np 2 -H 10.61.218.152:1,10.61.218.154:1 -mca
pml obl -mca btl ^openib -mca btl tcp if include enpls0f0 -mca
plm rsh agent ssh -mca plm rsh args "-p 22122" bash -c 'sync; echo 1 >
/proc/sys/vm/drop caches'
_____
mpirun -allow-run-as-root -np 16 -H 10.61.218.152:8,10.61.218.154:8
-bind-to none -map-by slot -x NCCL DEBUG=INFO -x LD LIBRARY PATH -x PATH
-mca pml ob1 -mca btl ^openib -mca btl tcp if include enp1s0f0 -x
NCCL IB HCA=mlx5 -x NCCL NET GDR READ=1 -x NCCL IB SL=3 -x
NCCL IB GID INDEX=3 -x
NCCL SOCKET IFNAME=enp5s0.3091,enp12s0.3092,enp132s0.3093,enp139s0.3094
-x NCCL IB CUDA SUPPORT=1 -mca orte base help aggregate 0 -mca
plm rsh agent ssh -mca plm rsh args "-p 22122" python
/netapp/tensorflow/benchmarks 190205/scripts/tf cnn benchmarks/tf cnn be
nchmarks.py --model=resnet50 --batch size=256 --device=qpu
--force gpu compatible=True --num intra threads=1 --num inter threads=48
--variable update=horovod --batch group size=20 --num batches=500
--nodistortions --num gpus=1 --data format=NCHW --use fp16=True
--use tf layers=False --data name=imagenet --use datasets=True
--data dir=/mnt/mount 0/dataset/imagenet
--datasets parallel interleave cycle length=10
--datasets sloppy parallel interleave=False --num mounts=2
--mount prefix=/mnt/mount %d --datasets prefetch buffer size=2000 --
datasets use prefetch=True --datasets num private threads=4
--horovod device=gpu >
/tmp/20190814 161609 tensorflow horovod rdma resnet50 gpu 16 256 b500 im
agenet nodistort fp16 r10 m2 nockpt.txt 2>&1
```

6. Delete the worker deployment when you no longer need it. The following example commands show the deletion of the worker deployment object that was created in step 1.

When you delete the worker deployment object, Kubernetes automatically deletes any associated worker pods.

```
$ kubectl get deployments
NAME
                                                               UP-TO-DATE
                                           DESIRED
                                                     CURRENT
AVAILABLE
            AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
                                                     1
                                                               1
            43m
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                            READY
STATUS
            RESTARTS
                       AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
                                                            0/1
Completed
            0
                       17m
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker-654fc7f486-v6725
                                                            1/1
                       43m
$ kubectl delete deployment netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker
deployment.extensions "netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-worker" deleted
$ kubectl get deployments
No resources found.
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                 READY
                                                         STATUS
RESTARTS
           AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
                                                 0/1
                                                         Completed
18m
```

7. **Optional:** Clean up the master job artifacts. The following example commands show the deletion of the master job object that was created in step 3.

When you delete the master job object, Kubernetes automatically deletes any associated master pods.

```
$ kubectl get jobs
NAME
                                           COMPLETIONS
                                                         DURATION
                                                                    AGE
                                                                    19m
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master
                                           1/1
                                                         5m50s
$ kubectl get pods
NAME
                                                 READY
                                                         STATUS
RESTARTS
          AGE
netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master-ppwwj
                                                 0/1
                                                         Completed
19m
$ kubectl delete job netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master
job.batch "netapp-tensorflow-multi-imagenet-master" deleted
$ kubectl get jobs
No resources found.
$ kubectl get pods
No resources found.
```

Next: Performance Testing.

# **Performance Testing**

We performed a simple performance comparison as part of the creation of this solution. We executed several standard NetApp AI benchmarking jobs by using Kubernetes, and we compared the benchmark results with executions that were performed by using a simple Docker run command. We did not see any noticeable differences in performance. Therefore, we concluded that the use of Kubernetes to orchestrate containerized AI training jobs does not adversely affect performance. See the following table for the results of our performance comparison.

Benchmark	Dataset	Docker Run (images/sec)	Kubernetes (images/sec)
Single-node TensorFlow	Synthetic data	6,667.2475	6,661.93125
Single-node TensorFlow	ImageNet	6,570.2025	6,530.59125
Synchronous distributed two-node TensorFlow	Synthetic data	13,213.70625	13,218.288125
Synchronous distributed two-node TensorFlow	ImageNet	12,941.69125	12,881.33875

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# Conclusion

Companies and organizations of all sizes and across all industries are turning to artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL) to solve real-world problems, deliver innovative products and services, and to get an edge in an increasingly competitive marketplace. As organizations increase their use of AI, ML, and DL, they face many challenges, including workload scalability and data availability. These challenges can be addressed through the use of the NetApp AI Control Plane solution.

This solution enables you to rapidly clone a data namespace. Additionally, it allows you to define and implement AI, ML, and DL training workflows that incorporate the near-instant creation of data and model baselines for traceability and versioning. With this solution, you can trace every single model training run back to the exact dataset(s) that the model was trained and/or validated with. Lastly, this solution enables you to swiftly provision Jupyter Notebook workspaces with access to massive datasets.

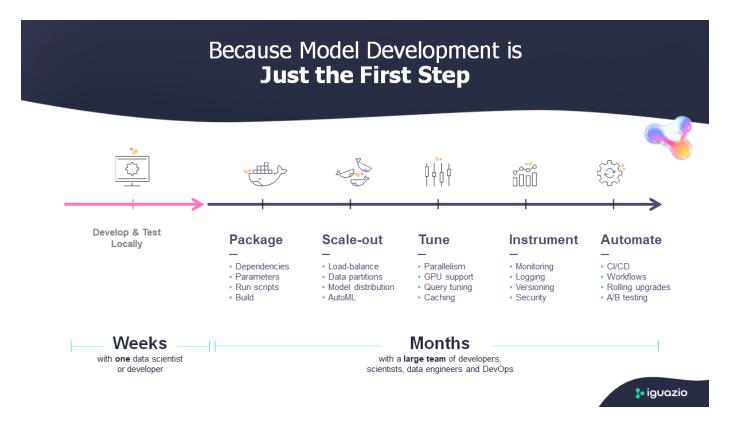
Because this solution is targeted towards data scientists and data engineers, minimal NetApp or NetApp ONTAP expertise is required. With this solution, data management functions can be executed using simple and familiar tools and interfaces. Furthermore, this solution utilizes fully open-source and free components. Therefore, if you already have NetApp storage in your environment, you can implement this solution today. If you want to test drive this solution but you do not have already have NetApp storage, visit cloud.netapp.com, and you can be up and running with a cloud-based NetApp storage solution in no time.

# **MLRun Pipeline with Iguazio**

# TR-4834: NetApp and Iguazio for MLRun Pipeline

Rick Huang, David Arnette, NetApp Marcelo Litovsky, Iguazio This document covers the details of the MLRun pipeline using NetApp ONTAP AI, NetApp AI Control Plane, NetApp Cloud Volumes software, and the Iguazio Data Science Platform. We used Nuclio serverless function, Kubernetes Persistent Volumes, NetApp Cloud Volumes, NetApp Snapshot copies, Grafana dashboard, and other services on the Iguazio platform to build an end-to-end data pipeline for the simulation of network failure detection. We integrated Iguazio and NetApp technologies to enable fast model deployment, data replication, and production monitoring capabilities on premises as well as in the cloud.

The work of a data scientist should be focused on the training and tuning of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) models. However, according to research by Google, data scientists spend ~80% of their time figuring out how to make their models work with enterprise applications and run at scale, as shown in the following image depicting model development in the AI/ML workflow.



To manage end-to-end AI/ML projects, a wider understanding of enterprise components is needed. Although DevOps have taken over the definition, integration, and deployment these types of components, machine learning operations target a similar flow that includes AI/ML projects. To get an idea of what an end-to-end AI/ML pipeline touches in the enterprise, see the following list of required components:

- Storage
- Networking
- Databases
- File systems
- Containers
- Continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipeline
- Development integrated development environment (IDE)
- Security
- Data access policies
- Hardware

- Cloud
- Virtualization
- · Data science toolsets and libraries

In this paper, we demonstrate how the partnership between NetApp and Iguazio drastically simplifies the development of an end-to-end AI/ML pipeline. This simplification accelerates the time to market for all of your AI/ML applications.

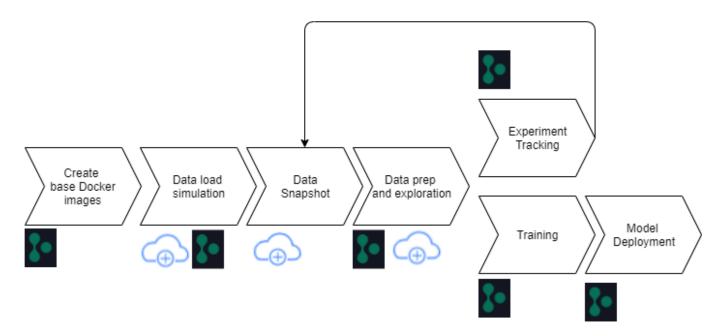
# **Target Audience**

The world of data science touches multiple disciplines in information technology and business.

- The data scientist needs the flexibility to use their tools and libraries of choice.
- The data engineer needs to know how the data flows and where it resides.
- A DevOps engineer needs the tools to integrate new AI/ML applications into their CI/CD pipelines.
- Business users want to have access to AI/ML applications. We describe how NetApp and Iguazio help each of these roles bring value to business with our platforms.

#### **Solution Overview**

This solution follows the lifecycle of an AI/ML application. We start with the work of data scientists to define the different steps needed to prep data and train and deploy models. We follow with the work needed to create a full pipeline with the ability to track artifacts, experiment with execution, and deploy to Kubeflow. To complete the full cycle, we integrate the pipeline with NetApp Cloud Volumes to enable data versioning, as seen in the following image.





**Next: Technology Overview** 

# **Technology Overview**

## **NetApp Overview**

NetApp is the data authority for the hybrid cloud. NetApp provides a full range of hybrid cloud data services that simplify management of applications and data across cloud and on-premises environments to accelerate digital transformation. Together with our partners, NetApp empowers global organizations to unleash the full potential of their data to expand customer touch points, foster greater innovation, and optimize their operations.

## **NetApp ONTAP AI**

NetApp ONTAP AI, powered by NVIDIA DGX systems and NetApp cloud-connected all-flash storage, streamlines the flow of data reliably and speeds up analytics, training, and inference with your data fabric that spans from edge to core to cloud. It gives IT organizations an architecture that provides the following benefits:

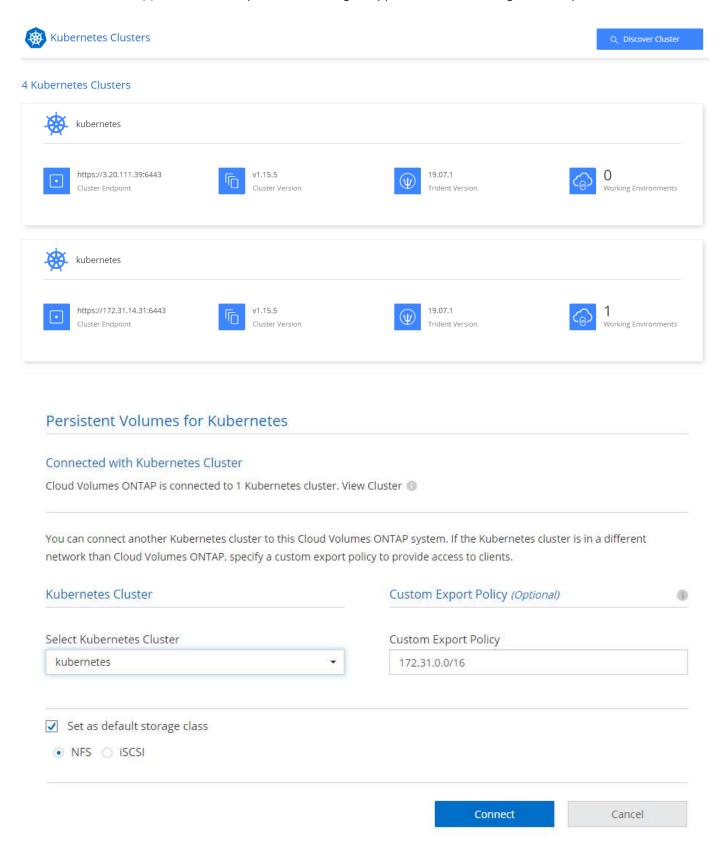
- · Eliminates design complexities
- · Allows independent scaling of compute and storage
- Enables customers to start small and scale seamlessly
- Offers a range of storage options for various performance and cost pointsNetApp ONTAP AI offers
  converged infrastructure stacks incorporating NVIDIA DGX-1, a petaflop-scale AI system, and NVIDIA
  Mellanox high-performance Ethernet switches to unify AI workloads, simplify deployment, and accelerate
  ROI. We leveraged ONTAP AI with one DGX-1 and NetApp AFF A800 storage system for this technical
  report. The following image shows the topology of ONTAP AI with the DGX-1 system used in this
  validation.



#### **NetApp AI Control Plane**

The NetApp AI Control Plane enables you to unleash AI and ML with a solution that offers extreme scalability, streamlined deployment, and nonstop data availability. The AI Control Plane solution integrates Kubernetes and Kubeflow with a data fabric enabled by NetApp. Kubernetes, the industry-standard container orchestration platform for cloud-native deployments, enables workload scalability and portability. Kubeflow is an open-source machine-learning platform that simplifies management and deployment, enabling developers to do more data science in less time. A data fabric enabled by NetApp offers uncompromising data availability and portability to make sure that your data is accessible across the pipeline, from edge to core to cloud. This technical report

uses the NetApp AI Control Plane in an MLRun pipeline. The following image shows Kubernetes cluster management page where you can have different endpoints for each cluster. We connected NFS Persistent Volumes to the Kubernetes cluster, and the following images show an Persistent Volume connected to the cluster, where NetApp Trident offers persistent storage support and data management capabilities.





Volumes	Instances	Cost	Replications	Sync to 53
			***	

# Volumes



## Iguazio Overview

The Iguazio Data Science Platform is a fully integrated and secure data- science platform as a service (PaaS) that simplifies development, accelerates performance, facilitates collaboration, and addresses operational challenges. This platform incorporates the following components, and the Iguazio Data Science Platform is presented in the following image:

- A data-science workbench that includes Jupyter Notebooks, integrated analytics engines, and Python packages
- · Model management with experiments tracking and automated pipeline capabilities
- Managed data and ML services over a scalable Kubernetes cluster
- Nuclio, a real-time serverless functions framework
- An extremely fast and secure data layer that supports SQL, NoSQL, time-series databases, files (simple objects), and streaming
- Integration with third-party data sources such as NetApp, Amazon S3, HDFS, SQL databases, and streaming or messaging protocols
- · Real-time dashboards based on Grafana



Next: Software and Hardware Requirements

# **Software and Hardware Requirements**

## **Network Configuration**

The following is the network configuration requirement for setting up in the cloud:

- The Iquazio cluster and NetApp Cloud Volumes must be in the same virtual private cloud.
- The cloud manager must have access to port 6443 on the Iguazio app nodes.
- We used Amazon Web Services in this technical report. However, users have the option of deploying the solution in any Cloud provider. For on-premises testing in ONTAP AI with NVIDIA DGX-1, we used the Iguazio hosted DNS service for convenience.

Clients must be able to access dynamically created DNS domains. Customers can use their own DNS if desired.

## **Hardware Requirements**

You can install Iguazio on-premises in your own cluster. We have verified the solution in NetApp ONTAP AI with an NVIDIA DGX-1 system. The following table lists the hardware used to test this solution.

Hardware	Quantity
DGX-1 systems	1
NetApp AFF A800 system	1 high-availability (HA) pair, includes 2 controllers and 48 NVMe SSDs (3.8TB or above)
Cisco Nexus 3232C network switches	2

The following table lists the software components required for on-premise testing:

Software	Version or Other Information
NetApp ONTAP data management software	9.7
Cisco NX-OS switch firmware	7.0(3)I6(1)
NVIDIA DGX OS	4.4 - Ubuntu 18.04 LTS
Docker container platform	19.03.5
Container version	20.01-tf1-py2
Machine learning framework	TensorFlow 1.15.0
Iguazio	Version 2.8+
ESX Server	6.5

This solution was fully tested with Iguazio version 2.5 and NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP for AWS. The Iguazio cluster and NetApp software are both running on AWS.

Software	Version or Type
Iguazio	Version 2.8+
App node	M5.4xlarge
Data node	I3.4xlarge

Next: Network Device Failure Prediction Use Case Summary

# **Network Device Failure Prediction Use Case Summary**

This use case is based on an Iguazio customer in the telecommunications space in Asia. With 100K enterprise customers and 125k network outage events per year, there was a critical need to predict and take proactive action to prevent network failures from affecting customers. This solution provided them with the following benefits:

- · Predictive analytics for network failures
- · Integration with a ticketing system
- Taking proactive action to prevent network failuresAs a result of this implementation of Iguazio, 60% of failures were proactively prevented.

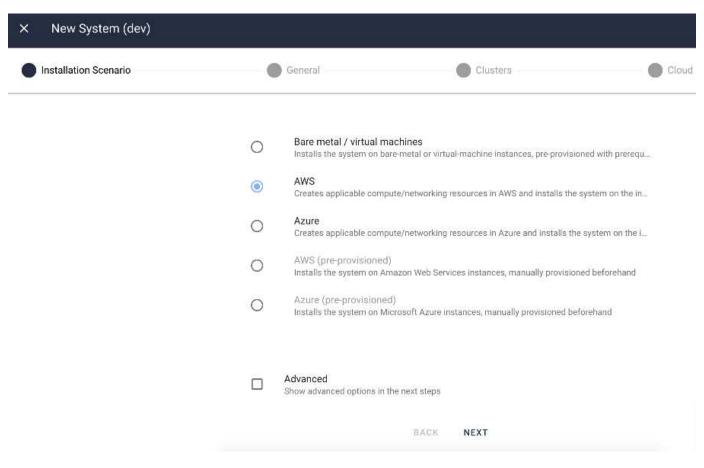
**Next: Setup Overview** 

# **Setup Overview**

#### Iquazio Installation

Iguazio can be installed on-premises or on a cloud provider. Provisioning can be done as a service and managed by Iguazio or by the customer. In both cases, Iguazio provides a deployment application (Provazio) to deploy and manage clusters.

For on-premises installation, please refer to NVA-1121 for compute, network, and storage setup. On-premises deployment of Iguazio is provided by Iguazio without additional cost to the customer. See this page for DNS and SMTP server configurations. The Provazio installation page is shown as follows.



# Next: Configuring Kubernetes Cluster

## **Configuring Kubernetes Cluster**

This section is divided into two parts for cloud and on-premises deployment respectively.

## **Cloud Deployment Kubernetes Configuration**

Through NetApp Cloud Manager, you can define the connection to the Iguazio Kubernetes cluster. Trident requires access to multiple resources in the cluster to make the volume available.

- 1. To enable access, obtain the Kubernetes config file from one the Iguazio nodes. The file is located under /home/Iguazio/.kube/config. Download this file to your desktop.
- 2. Go to Discover Cluster to configure.



3. Upload the Kubernetes config file. See the following image.

# **Upload Kubernetes Configuration File**

Upload the Kubernetes configuration file (kubeconfig) so Cloud Manager can install Trident on the Kubernetes cluster.

Connecting Cloud Volumes ONTAP with a Kubernetes cluster enables users to request and manage persistent volumes using native Kubernetes interfaces and constructs. Users can take advantage of ONTAP's advanced data management features without having to know anything about it. Storage provisioning is enabled by using NetApp Trident.

Learn more about Trident for Kubernetes.

**Upload File** 

4. Deploy Trident and associate a volume with the cluster. See the following image on defining and assigning a Persistent Volume to the Iguazio cluster. This process creates a Persistent Volume (PV) in Iguazio's Kubernetes cluster. Before you can use it, you must define a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC).

# Persistent Volumes for Kubernetes



## **On-Premises Deployment Kubernetes Configuration**

For on-premises installation of NetApp Trident, see TR-4798 for details. After configuring your Kubernetes cluster and installing NetApp Trident, you can connect Trident to the Iguazio cluster to enable NetApp data management capabilities, such as taking Snapshot copies of your data and model.

Next: Define Persistent Volume Claim

#### **Define Persistent Volume Claim**

1. Save the following YAML to a file to create a PVC of type Basic.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: basic
spec:
   accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
   resources:
    requests:
     storage: 100Gi
   storageClassName: netapp-file
```

2. Apply the YAML file to your Iguazio Kubernetes cluster.

```
Kubectl -n default-tenant apply -f <your yaml file>
```

#### Attach NetApp Volume to the Jupyter Notebook

Iguazio offers several managed services to provide data scientists with a full end-to-end stack for development and deployment of AI/ML applications. You can read more about these components at the Iguazio Overview of Application Services and Tools.

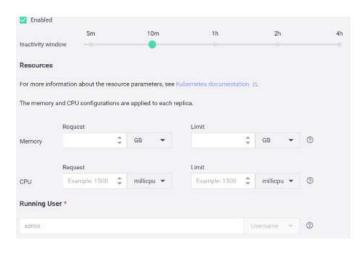
One of the managed services is Jupyter Notebook. Each developer gets its own deployment of a notebook container with the resources they need for development. To give them access to the NetApp Cloud Volume, you can assign the volume to their container and resource allocation, running user, and environment variable settings for Persistent Volume Claims is presented in the following image.

For an on-premises configuration, you can refer to TR-4798 on the Trident setup to enable NetApp ONTAP data management capabilities, such as taking Snapshot copies of your data or model for versioning control. Add the following line in your Trident back- end config file to make Snapshot directories visible:

```
{
    ...
    "defaults": {
        "snapshotDir": "true"
    }
}
```

You must create a Trident back- end config file in JSON format, and then run the following Trident command to reference it:

tridentctl create backend -f <backend-file>





**Next: Deploying the Application** 

# **Deploying the Application**

The following sections describe how to install and deploy the application.

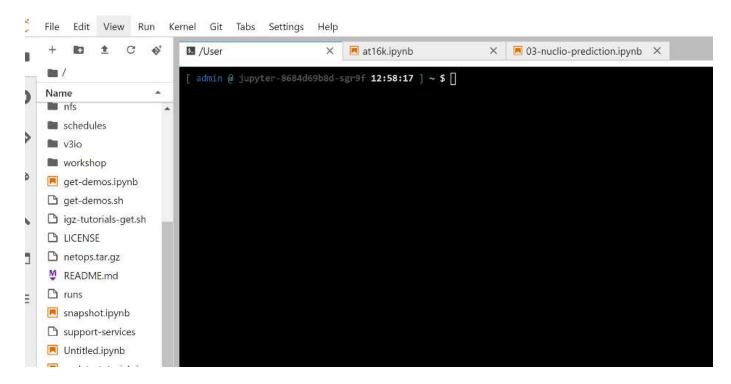
Next: Get Code from GitHub.

## Get Code from GitHub

Now that the NetApp Cloud Volume or NetApp Trident volume is available to the Iguazio cluster and the developer environment, you can start reviewing the application.

Users have their own workspace (directory). On every notebook, the path to the user directory is /User. The Iguazio platform manages the directory. If you follow the instructions above, the NetApp Cloud volume is available in the /netapp directory.

Get the code from GitHub using a Jupyter terminal.



At the Jupyter terminal prompt, clone the project.

```
cd /User git clone .
```

You should now see the netops- netapp folder on the file tree in Jupyter workspace.

**Next: Configure Working Environment** 

## **Configure Working Environment**

Copy the Notebook set\_env-Example.ipynb as set\_env.ipynb. Open and edit set\_env.ipynb. This notebook sets variables for credentials, file locations, and

execution drivers.

If you follow the instructions above, the following steps are the only changes to make:

1. Obtain this value from the Iguazio services dashboard: docker registry

```
Example: docker-registry.default-tenant.app.clusterq.iguaziodev.com:80
```

Change admin to your Iguazio username:

```
IGZ CONTAINER PATH = '/users/admin'
```

The following are the ONTAP system connection details. Include the volume name that was generated when Trident was installed. The following setting is for an on-premises ONTAP cluster:

```
ontapClusterMgmtHostname = '0.0.0.0'
ontapClusterAdminUsername = 'USER'
ontapClusterAdminPassword = 'PASSWORD'
sourceVolumeName = 'SOURCE VOLUME'
```

The following setting is for Cloud Volumes ONTAP:

```
MANAGER=ontapClusterMgmtHostname
svm='svm'
email='email'
password=ontapClusterAdminPassword
weid="weid"
volume=sourceVolumeName
```

#### **Create Base Docker Images**

Everything you need to build an ML pipeline is included in the Iguazio platform. The developer can define the specifications of the Docker images required to run the pipeline and execute the image creation from Jupyter Notebook. Open the notebook create- images.ipynb and Run All Cells.

This notebook creates two images that we use in the pipeline.

• iguazio/netapp. Used to handle ML tasks.

# Create image for training pipeline

```
[4]: fn.build_config(image=docker_registry+'/iguazio/netapp', commands=['pip install \
v3io_frames fsspec>=0.3.3 PyYAML==5.1.2 pyarrow==0.15.1 pandas==0.25.3 matplotlib seaborn yellowb
fn.deploy()
```

• netapp/pipeline. Contains utilities to handle NetApp Snapshot copies.

## Create image for Ontap utilitites

fn.build\_config(image=docker\_registry + '/netapp/pipeline:latest',commands={'apt -y update','pip install v3io\_frames netapp\_ontaption.deploy()

## **Review Individual Jupyter Notebooks**

The following table lists the libraries and frameworks we used to build this task. All these components have been fully integrated with Iguazio's role- based access and security controls.

Libraries/Framework	Description
MLRun	An managed by Iguazio to enable the assembly, execution, and monitoring of an ML/AI pipeline.
Nuclio	A serverless functions framework integrated with Iguazio. Also available as an open-source project managed by Iguazio.
Kubeflow	A Kubernetes-based framework to deploy the pipeline. This is also an open-source project to which Iguazio contributes. It is integrated with Iguazio for added security and integration with the rest of the infrastructure.
Docker	A Docker registry run as a service in the Iguazio platform. You can also change this to connect to your registry.
NetApp Cloud Volumes	Cloud Volumes running on AWS give us access to large amounts of data and the ability to take Snapshot copies to version the datasets used for training.
Trident	Trident is an open-source project managed by NetApp. It facilitates the integration with storage and compute resources in Kubernetes.

We used several notebooks to construct the ML pipeline. Each notebook can be tested individually before being brought together in the pipeline. We cover each notebook individually following the deployment flow of this demonstration application.

The desired result is a pipeline that trains a model based on a Snapshot copy of the data and deploys the model for inference. A block diagram of a completed MLRun pipeline is shown in the following image.



## **Deploy Data Generation Function**

This section describes how we used Nuclio serverless functions to generate network device data. The use case is adapted from an Iguazio client that deployed the pipeline and used Iguazio services to monitor and predict network device failures.

We simulated data coming from network devices. Executing the Jupyter notebook data- generator.ipynb creates a serverless function that runs every 10 minutes and generates a Parquet file with new data. To deploy the function, run all the cells in this notebook. See the Nuclio website to review any unfamiliar components in this notebook.

A cell with the following comment is ignored when generating the function. Every cell in the notebook is assumed to be part of the function. Import the Nuclio module to enable %nuclio magic.

```
# nuclio: ignore
import nuclio
```

In the spec for the function, we defined the environment in which the function executes, how it is triggered, and the resources it consumes.

The init context function is invoked by the Nuclio framework upon initialization of the function.

```
def init_context(context):
    ....
```

Any code not in a function is invoked when the function initializes. When you invoke it, a handler function is executed. You can change the name of the handler and specify it in the function spec.

```
def handler(context, event):
    ...
```

You can test the function from the notebook prior to deployment.

```
%%time
# nuclio: ignore
init_context(context)
event = nuclio.Event(body='')
output = handler(context, event)
output
```

The function can be deployed from the notebook or it can be deployed from a CI/CD pipeline (adapting this code).

```
addr = nuclio.deploy_file(name='generator',project='netops',spec=spec,
tag='v1.1')
```

#### **Pipeline Notebooks**

These notebooks are not meant to be executed individually for this setup. This is just a review of each notebook. We invoked them as part of the pipeline. To execute them individually, review the MLRun documentation to execute them as Kubernetes jobs.

## snap\_cv.ipynb

This notebook handles the Cloud Volume Snapshot copies at the beginning of the pipeline. It passes the name of the volume to the pipeline context. This notebook invokes a shell script to handle the Snapshot copy. While running in the pipeline, the execution context contains variables to help locate all files needed for execution.

While writing this code, the developer does not have to worry about the file location in the container that executes it. As described later, this application is deployed with all its dependencies, and it is the definition of the pipeline parameters that provides the execution context.

```
command = os.path.join(context.get_param('APP_DIR'), "snap_cv.sh")
```

The created Snapshot copy location is placed in the MLRun context to be consumed by steps in the pipeline.

```
context.log_result('snapVolumeDetails', snap_path)
```

The next three notebooks are run in parallel.

## data-prep.ipynb

Raw metrics must be turned into features to enable model training. This notebook reads the raw metrics from the Snapshot directory and writes the features for model training to the NetApp volume.

When running in the context of the pipeline, the input DATA DIR contains the Snapshot copy location.

## describe.ipynb

To visualize the incoming metrics, we deploy a pipeline step that provides plots and graphs that are available through the Kubeflow and MLRun Uls. Each execution has its own version of this visualization tool.

```
ax.set_title("features correlation")
plt.savefig(os.path.join(base_path, "plots/corr.png"))
context.log_artifact(PlotArtifact("correlation", body=plt.gcf()),
local_path="plots/corr.html")
```

## deploy-feature-function.ipynb

We continuously monitor the metrics looking for anomalies. This notebook creates a serverless function that generates the features need to run prediction on incoming metrics. This notebook invokes the creation of the function. The function code is in the notebook data- prep.ipynb. Notice that we use the same notebook as a step in the pipeline for this purpose.

#### training.ipynb

After we create the features, we trigger the model training. The output of this step is the model to be used for inferencing. We also collect statistics to keep track of each execution (experiment).

For example, the following command enters the accuracy score into the context for that experiment. This value is visible in Kubeflow and MLRun.

```
context.log_result('accuracy', score)
```

## deploy-inference-function.ipynb

The last step in the pipeline is to deploy the model as a serverless function for continuous inferencing. This notebook invokes the creation of the serverless function defined in nuclio-inference- function.ipynb.

#### **Review and Build Pipeline**

The combination of running all the notebooks in a pipeline enables the continuous run of experiments to reassess the accuracy of the model against new metrics. First, open the pipeline.ipynb notebook. We take you through details that show how NetApp and Iguazio simplify the deployment of this ML pipeline.

We use MLRun to provide context and handle resource allocation to each step of the pipeline. The MLRun API service runs in the Iguazio platform and is the point of interaction with Kubernetes resources. Each developer cannot directly request resources; the API handles the requests and enables access controls.

```
# MLRun API connection definition
mlconf.dbpath = 'http://mlrun-api:8080'
```

The pipeline can work with NetApp Cloud Volumes and on-premises volumes. We built this demonstration to use Cloud Volumes, but you can see in the code the option to run on-premises.

```
# Initialize the NetApp snap fucntion once for all functions in a notebook
if [ NETAPP CLOUD VOLUME ]:
    snapfn =
code to function('snap',project='NetApp',kind='job',filename="snap cv.ipyn
b").apply(mount v3io())
    snap params = {
    "metrics table" : metrics table,
    "NETAPP MOUNT PATH" : NETAPP MOUNT PATH,
    'MANAGER' : MANAGER,
    'svm' : svm,
    'email': email,
    'password': password ,
    'weid': weid,
    'volume': volume,
    "APP DIR" : APP DIR
else:
    snapfn =
code to function('snap',project='NetApp',kind='job',filename="snapshot.ipy
nb").apply(mount v3io())
snapfn.spec.image = docker registry + '/netapp/pipeline:latest'
snapfn.spec.volume mounts =
[snapfn.spec.volume mounts[0], netapp volume mounts]
      snapfn.spec.volumes = [ snapfn.spec.volumes[0],netapp volumes]
```

The first action needed to turn a Jupyter notebook into a Kubeflow step is to turn the code into a function. A function has all the specifications required to run that notebook. As you scroll down the notebook, you can see that we define a function for every step in the pipeline.

Part of the Notebook	Description		
<code_to_function> (part of the MLRun module)</code_to_function>	Name of the function: Project name. used to organize all project artifacts. This is visible in the MLRun UI. Kind. In this case, a Kubernetes job. This could be Dask, mpi, sparkk8s, and more. See the MLRun documentation for more details. File. The name of the notebook. This can also be a location in Git (HTTP).		
image	The name of the Docker image we are using for this step. We created this earlier with the create-image.ipynb notebook.		
volume_mounts & volumes	Details to mount the NetApp Cloud Volume at run time.		

We also define parameters for the steps.

```
"FEATURES TABLE": FEATURES TABLE,
params={
           "SAVE TO" : SAVE TO,
           "metrics_table" : metrics_table,
           'FROM TSDB': 0,
           'PREDICTIONS TABLE': PREDICTIONS TABLE,
           'TRAIN ON LAST': '1d',
           'TRAIN SIZE':0.7,
           'NUMBER OF SHARDS' : 4,
           'MODEL FILENAME' : 'netops.v3.model.pickle',
           'APP DIR' : APP DIR,
           'FUNCTION NAME' : 'netops-inference',
           'PROJECT NAME' : 'netops',
           'NETAPP SIM' : NETAPP SIM,
           'NETAPP MOUNT PATH': NETAPP MOUNT PATH,
           'NETAPP PVC CLAIM' : NETAPP PVC CLAIM,
           'IGZ CONTAINER PATH' : IGZ CONTAINER PATH,
           'IGZ MOUNT PATH' : IGZ MOUNT PATH
```

After you have the function definition for all steps, you can construct the pipeline. We use the kfp module to make this definition. The difference between using MLRun and building on your own is the simplification and shortening of the coding.

The functions we defined are turned into step components using the as step function of MLRun.

#### **Snapshot Step Definition**

Initiate a Snapshot function, output, and mount v3io as source:

```
snap = snapfn.as_step(NewTask(handler='handler',params=snap_params),
name='NetApp_Cloud_Volume_Snapshot',outputs=['snapVolumeDetails','training
_parquet_file']).apply(mount_v3io())
```

Parameters	Details
NewTask	NewTask is the definition of the function run.
(MLRun module)	Handler. Name of the Python function to invoke. We used the name handler in the notebook, but it is not required. params. The parameters we passed to the execution. Inside our code, we use context.get_param ('PARAMETER') to get the values.

Parameters	Details
as_step	Name. Name of the Kubeflow pipeline step. outputs. These are the values that the step adds to the dictionary on completion. Take a look at the snap_cv.ipynb notebook. mount_v3io(). This configures the step to mount /User for the user executing the pipeline.

Parameters	Details
inputs	You can pass to a step the outputs of a previous step. In this case, snap.outputs['snapVolumeDetails'] is the name of the Snapshot copy we created on the snap step.
out_path	A location to place artifacts generating using the MLRun module log_artifacts.

You can run pipeline.ipynb from top to bottom. You can then go to the Pipelines tab from the Iguazio dashboard to monitor progress as seen in the Iguazio dashboard Pipelines tab.



Because we logged the accuracy of training step in every run, we have a record of accuracy for each experiment, as seen in the record of training accuracy.

Run name	Status	Duration	Pipeline Version	Recurring	Start time	accuracy
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-24 18-51	<b>Ø</b>	0:08:43	[View pipeline]	-	3/24/2020, 2:51:09 PM	0.985
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-19 13-31	<b>Ø</b>	0:08:14	[View pipeline]	<u> </u>	3/19/2020, 9:31:19 AM	0.980
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-18 12-56	<b>Ø</b>	0:08:11	[View pipeline]	-	3/18/2020, 8:56:08 AM	0.990
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-17 19-49	<b>Ø</b>	0:08:03	[View pipeline]	8	3/17/2020, 3:49:31 PM	0.985
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-17 18-34	<b>Ø</b>	0:05:54	[View pipeline]	=	3/17/2020, 2:34:56 PM	0.980
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-17 17-34	<b>Ø</b>	0:04:48	[View pipeline]	=	3/17/2020, 1:34:16 PM	0.982
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-17 17-01	<b>Ø</b>	0:05:25	[View pipeline]	-	3/17/2020, 1:01:58 PM	0.987
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-16 16-47	<b>Ø</b>	0:06:08	[View pipeline]	-	3/16/2020, 12:47:19	0.983
xgb_pipeline 2020-03-16 13-57	<b>Ø</b>	0:05:18	[View pipeline]	-	3/16/2020, 9:57:03 AM	0.980

If you select the Snapshot step, you can see the name of the Snapshot copy that was used to run this experiment.



The described step has visual artifacts to explore the metrics we used. You can expand to view the full plot as seen in the following image.



The MLRun API database also tracks inputs, outputs, and artifacts for each run organized by project. An example of inputs, outputs, and artifacts for each run can be seen in the following image.



For each job, we store additional details.



There is more information about MLRun than we can cover in this document. Al artifacts, including the definition of the steps and functions, can be saved to the API database, versioned, and invoked individually or as a full project. Projects can also be saved and pushed to Git for later use. We encourage you to learn more at the MLRun GitHub site.

Next: Deploy Grafana Dashboard

# **Deploy Grafana Dashboard**

After everything is deployed, we run inferences on new data. The models predict failure on network device equipment. The results of the prediction are stored in an Iguazio TimeSeries table. You can visualize the results with Grafana in the platform integrated with Iguazio's security and data access policy.

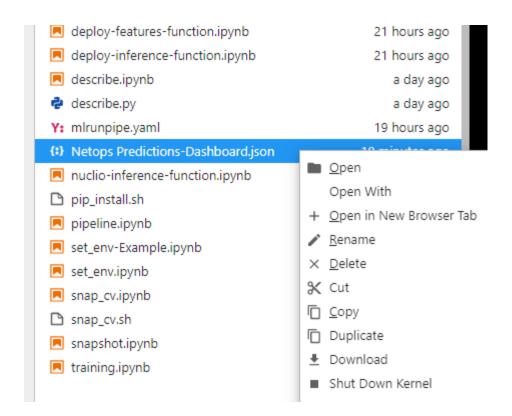
You can deploy the dashboard by importing the provided JSON file into the Grafana interfaces in the cluster.

1. To verify that the Grafana service is running, look under Services.

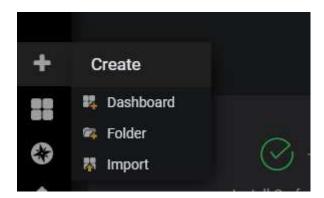
# Services



- 2. If it is not present, deploy an instance from the Services section:
  - a. Click New Service.
  - b. Select Grafana from the list.
  - c. Accept the defaults.
  - d. Click Next Step.
  - e. Enter your user ID.
  - f. Click Save Service.
  - g. Click Apply Changes at the top.
- 3. To deploy the dashboard, download the file NetopsPredictions-Dashboard.json through the Jupyter interface.



4. Open Grafana from the Services section and import the dashboard.



5. Click Upload \*.json File and select the file that you downloaded earlier (NetopsPredictions-Dashboard.json). The dashboard displays after the upload is completed.



#### **Deploy Cleanup Function**

When you generate a lot of data, it is important to keep things clean and organized. To do so, deploy the cleanup function with the cleanup.ipynb notebook.

#### **Benefits**

NetApp and Iguazio speed up and simplify the deployment of AI and ML applications by building in essential frameworks, such as Kubeflow, Apache Spark, and TensorFlow, along with orchestration tools like Docker and Kubernetes. By unifying the end-to-end data pipeline, NetApp and Iguazio reduce the latency and complexity inherent in many advanced computing workloads, effectively bridging the gap between development and operations. Data scientists can run queries on large datasets and securely share data and algorithmic models with authorized users during the training phase. After the containerized models are ready for production, you can easily move them from development environments to operational environments.

#### **Next: Conclusion**

## Conclusion

When building your own AI/ML pipelines, configuring the integration, management, security, and accessibility of the components in an architecture is a challenging task. Giving developers access and control of their environment presents another set of challenges.

The combination of NetApp and Iguazio brings these technologies together as managed services to accelerate technology adoption and improve the time to market for new AI/ML applications.

**Next: Where to Find Additional Information** 

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