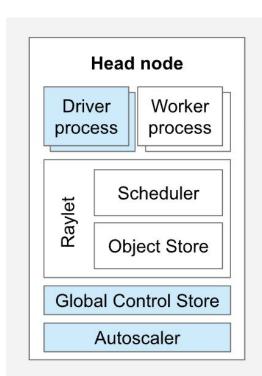
LLM Training on Vertex Al

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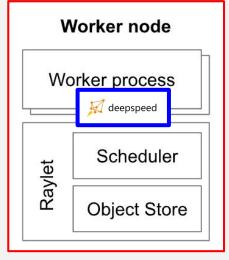
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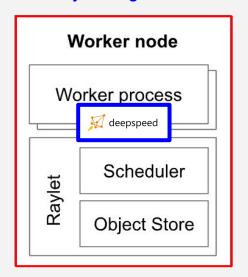
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Deepspeed with Ray on Vertex Al



deepspeed: GPU memory management



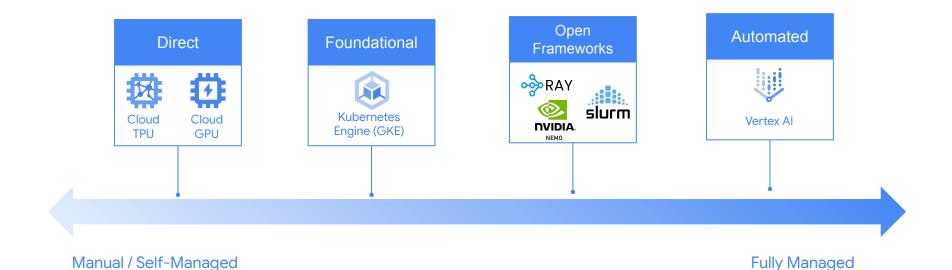


Ray Cluster : Distributed training



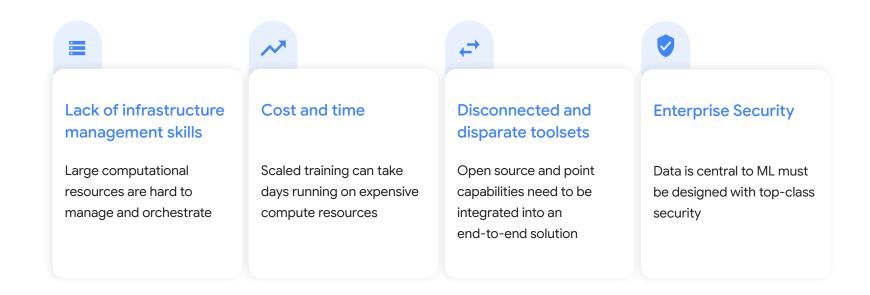
Vertex AI for managed training service

Fine tuning on GCP, Select your platform



Proprietary 05

Challenges to operationalizing ML training



Vertex Al



an easier way to run distributed training & to serve large models

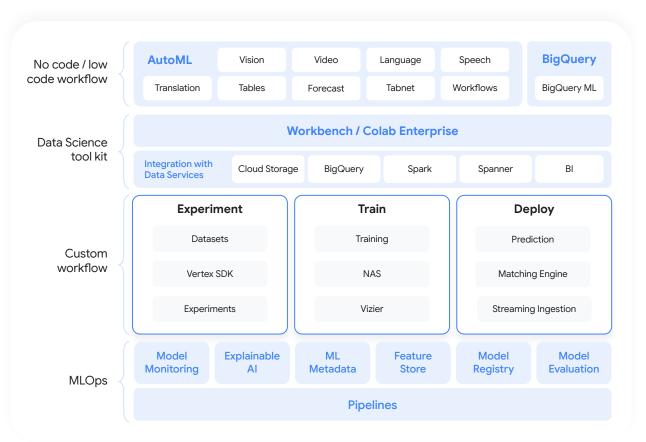
delivers similar performance to GKE

an one-stop shop for all Al needs

Vertex Al

A Unified ML Platform for Solving All Business Problems

- Unified development and deployment platform for machine learning at scale
- Increase productivity of data scientists and ML engineers
- Improve time to value

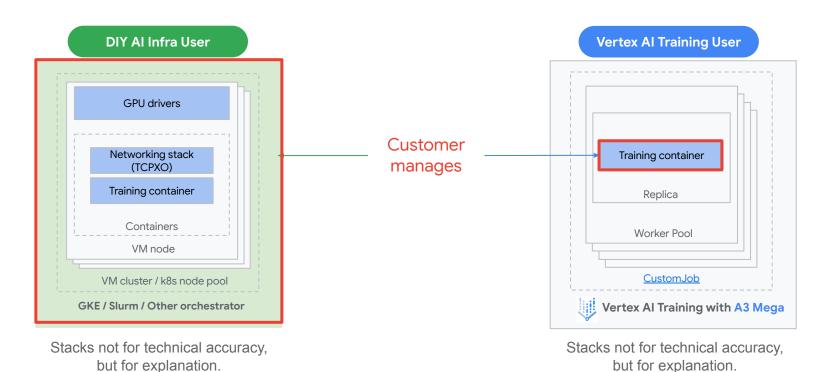


What is "Managed"?

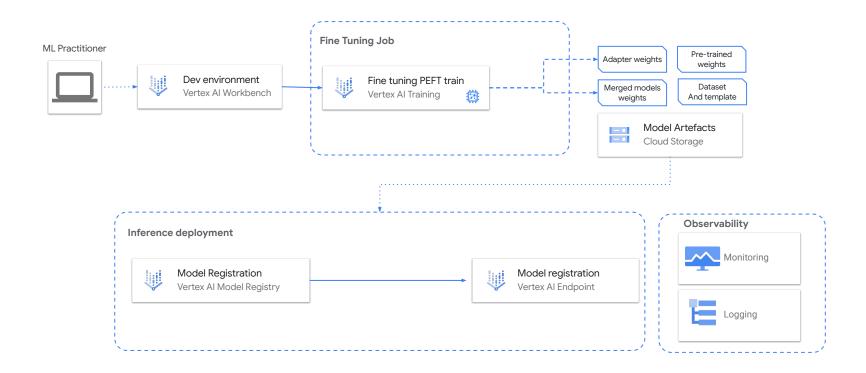
Vertex AI Training	Training on DIY Infra
Managed infrastructure (you don't see the underlying machines, and you can't customize them - e.g. choose an OS type)	Provision machines and/or clusters
GPU drivers are automatically installed on underlying machines	Manually install and configure GPU drivers (on VMs, node pools)
TCPXO/FasTrak for A3+ is automatically available for ML jobs. No need to install manually.	Manually install and configure TCPXO/FasTrak plugin (add TCPXO sidecar containers to pods running in privileged mode, etc)
Optimized collective communications for distributed jobs using Reduction Server, for machine shapes with 100 Gbps networking (e.g. A2).	Reduction Server is not available.
Built-in job lifecycle management. Ray on Vertex provided as a standalone managed offering (built on top of Vertex persistent resources)	Install your choice of cluster / job management (Slurm, Ray, etc). Job lifecycle management is based on your chosen ML stack.
DWS is transparently integrated into Vertex AI (via advanced scheduler)	Create manual DWS requests and coordinate jobs accordingly.
Pre-built training containers for a range of popular ML frameworks.	Build your own training container images.
Connect to other GCP resources through VPC-peering (e.g. storage).	Create and configure cloud resources, connect to your VMs and clusters.
Integrated with the rest of Vertex AI for MLOps (e.g. first party integration with Vertex AI Pipelines, TensorBoard, resource monitoring, etc)	Bring your own solution(s) for MLOps, build your own bespoke integrations.

• TCPXO stands for TCP Xtender Offload. It's a technology developed by Google Cloud that optimizes network communication between Virtual Machines (VMs) within the same Google Cloud project.

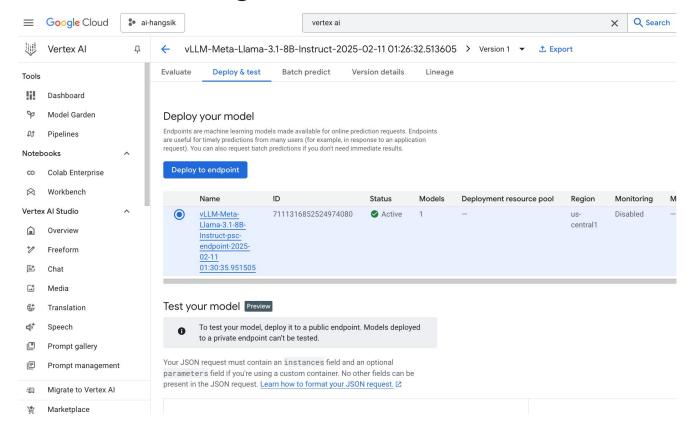
What is "Managed"? Focus on the training code, not on clusters



Solution overview - Open Source LLM Fine tuning on Vertex Al



Demo: GCP Console navigation





https://docs.ray.io/en/latest/ray-overview/index.html

Scaling ML today

Distributed System

Data Processing

Spark, Apache Beam, Dask, MARS, Modin,...

Distributed System

Model Training

TF, Keras, PyTorch, scikit-learn, XGBoost, Horovod

Distributed System

Hyperparameter Search

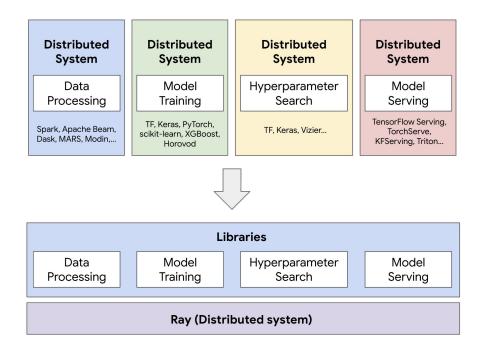
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Distributed System

Model Serving

TensorFlow Serving, TorchServe, KFServing, Triton...

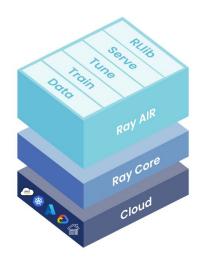
Scaling ML with Ray



Ray

is an Python open-source, scalable, and distributed computing framework designed to make it easy to build and run distributed ML applications.

Ray components



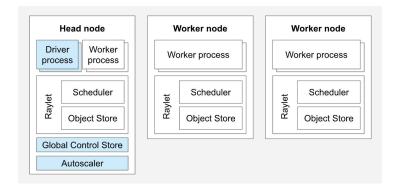
Ray Clusters - A set of clusters to scale up and down according to ML workloads.

Ray Core - An Python distributed computing library to accelerate any workloads.

Ray Al Libraries - A set of Python libraries to scale ML workloads.

Ray Cluster

- Consist of nodes (head and worker) to execute tasks
- Each node have Raylets to manage worker processes and they consist task scheduler and object store
 - Task scheduler ensure tasks have the necessary resources to run and handles dependency resolution with object store.
 - Object store ensures that workers can access objects created on different nodes by managing a shared pool of memory across workers.
- Head node has also autoscaler and GCS to verify the status of each nodes.

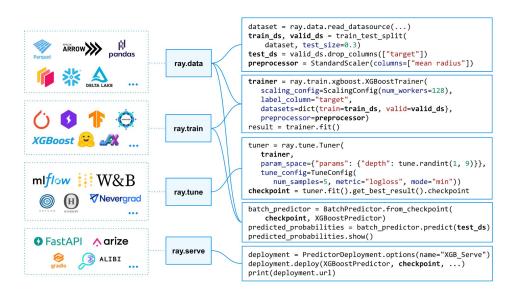


Ray Core

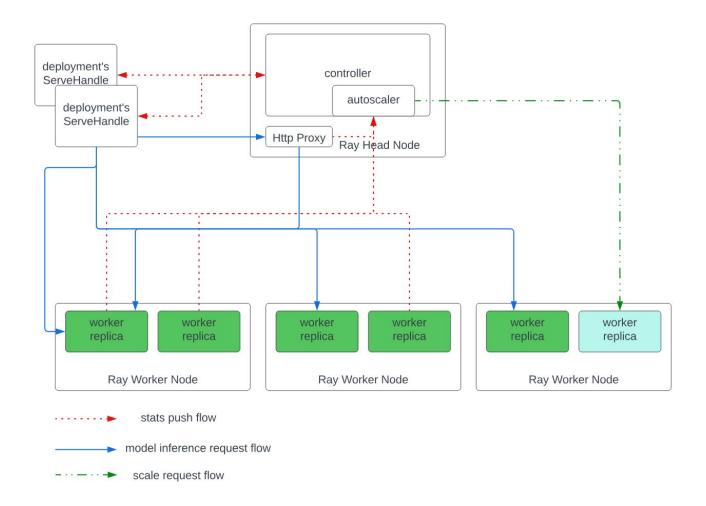
- Python library for distributed computing.
- It has three main concepts
 - Tasks which are Python functions decorated with @ray.remote become distributed tasks, allowing asynchronous execution on a cluster.
 - Actors which are @ray.remote-decorated Python classes create distributed actors,
 maintaining state and executing methods as remote tasks.
 - Objects which are Ray's distributed object store efficiently manages data, allowing tasks to share and pass results as objects.

Feature	Tasks	Actors
State	Stateless	Stateful
Lifetime	Short-lived	Long-lived
Execution	Independent, parallel	Encapsulated, sequential within an actor
Use Cases	Parallel computations, data processing	Distributed services, stateful operations

Ray Al Runtime Libraries (AIR)



An unified API to enable you to pass data and models seamlessly between data processing, training, tuning, and inference (online and offline).



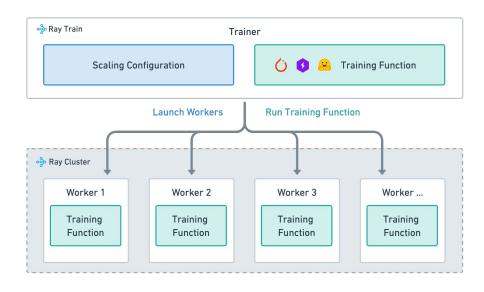
Demo: Ray simple demo - Core, Data

https://github.com/shins777/IlmOps_vertexAl/tree/main/training/ray/concept

```
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[24]: ray.init(num_cpus= num_logical_cpus)
     2025-02-11 09:52:57,766 INFO worker.py:1715 -- Started a local Ray instance. View the dashboard at 127.0.0
                          Python version: 3.10.16
                          Ray version:
                                        2.9.3
                          Dashboard:
                                        http://127.0.0.1:8265
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      def print_current_datetime():
          time.sleep(3)
          current_datetime = datetime.datetime.now()
          print(current_datetime)
```

Ray Train overview

- 1. <u>Training function</u>: A Python function that contains your model training logic.
- 2. <u>Worker</u>: A process that runs the training function.
- Scaling configuration: A configuration of the number of workers and compute resources (for example, CPUs or GPUs).
- Trainer: A Python class that ties together the training function, workers, and scaling configuration to execute a distributed training job



Ray Train provides support for many frameworks:

PyTorch Ecosystem	More Frameworks
PyTorch	TensorFlow
PyTorch Lightning	Keras
Hugging Face Transformers	Horovod
Hugging Face Accelerate	XGBoost
DeepSpeed	LightGBM

Tuning LLM on Ray on Vertex Al

Step 1: Set up for Ray on Vertex Al

Step 2: Create a Ray cluster

Step 3: Develop an application on the Ray on Vertex Al cluster

Step 4: Use Vertex Al Tensorboard to validate training

Step 5: Use Ray on Vertex AI to get batch predictions









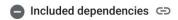


Ray container on Vertex AI (Link)

2.33.0 (Python 3.10) GPU (CUDA 11.x)

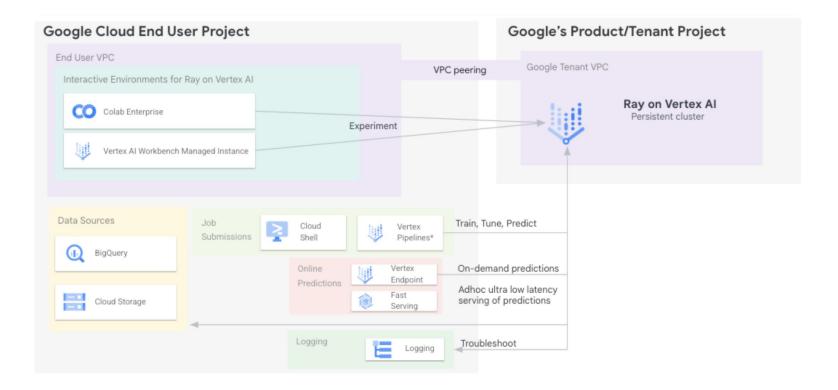
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Architecture of Ray on Vertex Al



Demo: pytorch distributed training with Ray on Vertex Al

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/tree/main/training/ray/pytorch

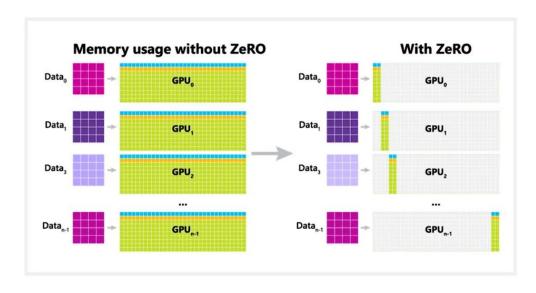
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deepspeed with Ray on Vertex Al

Deepspeed Concept

DeepSpeed + ZeRO



Scale

- 100B parameter
- 10X bigger

Speed

• Up to 5X faster

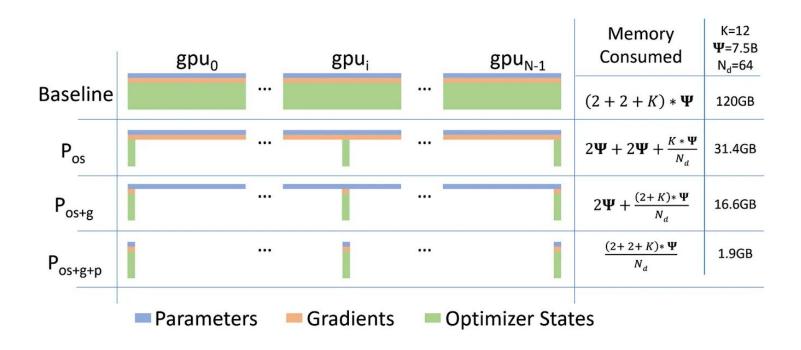
Cost

Up to 5X cheaper

Usability

• Minimal code change

Comparing the per-device memory consumption



Demo: deepspeed with Ray on Local machine

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/evaluation/compare_generative_ai_models.ipynb

deepspeed on Local Ray

• https://docs.ray.io/en/latest/train/examples/deepspeed/gptj_deepspeed_fine_tuning.html

Configuration

```
In [1]:
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                                  "ray[data,train,tune,serve]>=2.9.3" \
                                    "transformers==4.27.4" \
                                    "deepspeed>=0.14.4" \
                                    "torch==2.1.2"
 In [2]:
          import numpy as np
          import pandas as pd
          import os
          import ray
In [71]:
          model name = "EleutherAI/qpt-j-6B"
          use_gpu = True
          num_workers = 2
          cpus_per_worker = 2
```

Demo: deepspeed with Ray on Vertex Al

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/evaluation/compare_generative_ai_models.ipynb

Deepspeed with Ray on Vertex Al

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In [3]: ray.__version__

Out[3]: '2.33.0'
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https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/tree/main/inference

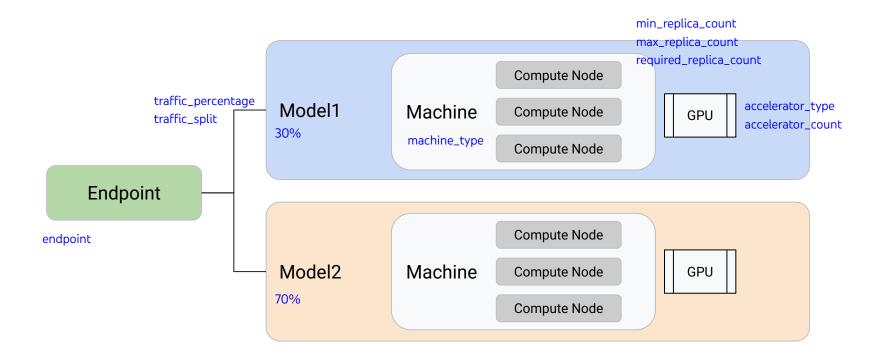
Model Upload(Link)

```
upload(
        display_name: typing.Optional[str] = None.
        description: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        project: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        location: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        credentials: typing.Optional[google.auth.credentials.Credentials] = None,
        labels: typing.Optional[typing.Dict[str, str]] = None.
        staging_bucket: typing.Optional[str] = None, sync=True,
        model_id: typing.Optional[str] = None.
        serving_container_image_uri: typing.Optional[str] = None, *,
        artifact_uri: typing.Optional[str] = None.
        serving_container_predict_route: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        serving_container_health_route: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        serving_container_command: typing.Optional[typing.Sequence[str]] = None,
        serving_container_args: typing.Optional[typing.Sequence[str]] = None,
        serving_container_environment_variables: typing.Optional[ typing.Dict[str, str] ] = None, serving_container_ports:
        typing.Optional[typing.Sequence[int]] = None,
        serving_container_grpc_ports: typing.Optional[typing.Sequence[int]] = None,
        local_model: typing.Optional[LocalModel] = None,
```

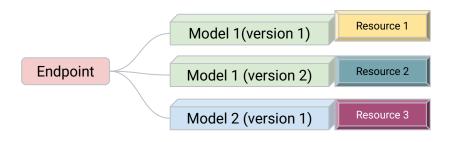
Model deploy (Link)

```
deploy(
        endpoint: typing.Optional[typing.Union[google.cloud.aiplatform.models.Endpoint, google.cloud.aiplatform.models.PrivateEndpoint,]] = None,
        deployed_model_display_name: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        traffic_percentage: typing.Optional[int] = 0,
        traffic_split: typing.Optional[typing.Dict[str, int]] = None.
        service_account: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        network: typing.Optional[str] = None, sync=True,
        machine_type: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        min_replica_count: int = 1,
        max_replica_count: int = 1,
        required_replica_count: typing.Optional[int] = 0,
        accelerator_type: typing.Optional[str] = None,
        accelerator_count: typing.Optional[int] = None,
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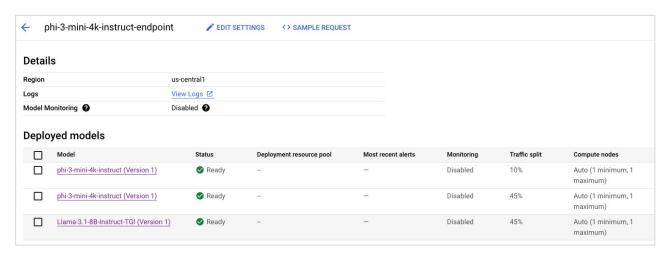
Endpoint - Model - Machine - Compute node



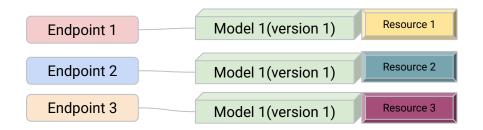
Deploy multiple model to the same endpoint(Link)



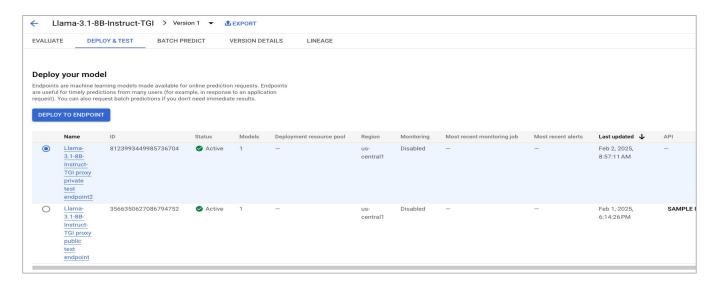
- Deploying <u>multiple models to the same endpoint</u> lets you gradually replace one model with the others.
- No latency when change the traffic split.



Deploy a model to more than one endpoint(<u>Link</u>)



 Deploy the same model with different resources for different application environments, such as testing and production or different SLOs



Scaling behavior (Link)

Compute resources

Choose how compute resources will serve prediction traffic to your model

- Autoscaling: If you set a minimum and maximum, compute nodes will scale to meet traffic demand within those boundaries
- No scaling: If you only set a minimum, then that number of compute nodes will always run regardless of traffic demand (the maximum will be set to minimum)

Once scaling settings are set, they can't be changed unless you redeploy the model. Pricing guide \boxtimes

Minimum number of compute nodes * ______1

Default is 1. If set to 1 or more, then compute resources will continuously run even without traffic demand. This can increase cost but avoid dropped requests due to node initialization.

```
Maximum number of compute nodes (optional) 3
```

Enter a number equal to or greater than the minimum nodes. Can reduce costs but may cause reliability issues for high traffic.

```
Autoscale nodes by CPU threshold (Optional)

60 %
```

Nodes will be added or removed automatically based on whether CPU usage exceeds or falls below the specified percent. Node count will never exceed the maximum node value.

- Need to consider Quota and price.
 - a2-highgpu-2g machine type, each active replica will count as 24 CPUs and 2 GPUs against your project's quota
- The prediction nodes for batch prediction don't automatically scale.
- Only CPU
 - o 60 % default target value
- CPU + GPU(if machineSpec.accelerator_count is greater than 0)
 - autoscaling_target_cpu_utilization
 - autoscaling_target_accelerator_duty_cycle
 - Depending on CPU or GPU usage,
 whichever is higher, matches the default
 60% target value.

Scaling behavior - Manage resource usage, Thread handling (Link)

- Keep in mind that each replica runs only a single container.
- This means that if a prediction container can't fully use the selected compute resource, such as single threaded code for a multi-core machine, or a custom model that calls another service as part of making the prediction, your nodes may not scale up.
- if you are using FastAPI, or any model server that has a configurable number of workers or threads
 - We generally recommend starting with <u>one worker or thread per core</u>. If you notice that CPU utilization is low, especially under high load, or your model isn't scaling up because CPU utilization is low, then increase the number of workers.
 - On the other hand, if you notice that utilization is too high and your latencies increase more than expected under load, try using fewer workers. If you are already using only a single worker, try using a smaller machine type.

Scaling behavior and lag (Link)

- Vertex AI adjusts the number of replicas every 15 seconds using data from the previous 5 minutes window. For each 15 second cycle, the system measures the server utilization and generates a target number of replicas based on the following formula:
- target # of replicas = Ceil(current # of replicas * (current utilization / target utilization))
- For example, if you have two replicas that are being utilized at 100%, the target is 4:
 - 4 = Ceil(3.33) = Ceil(2 * (100% / 60%))
- Another example, if you have 10 replicas and utilization drops to 1%, the target is 1:
 - 1 = Ceil(.167) = Ceil(10 * (1% / 60%))
- Keep in mind that even after Vertex Al adjusts the number of replicas, it takes time to start up or turn down the replicas.
 - the time to provision and start the Compute Engine VMs
 - the time to download the container from the registry
 - the time to load the model from storage
- The best way to understand the real world scaling behavior of your model is to run a load test and optimize the characteristics that matter for your model and your use case. If the autoscaler isn't scaling up fast enough for your application, provision enough min replicas to handle your expected baseline traffic.

Endpoint monitoring metrics(Link)

Performance metrics

- Predictions per second: The number of predictions per second across both online and batch predictions. If you have more than one instance per request, each instance is counted in this chart.
- Prediction error percentage: The rate of errors that your model is producing. A high error rate might indicate an issue with the model or with the requests to the model.
 View the response codes chart to determine which errors are occurring.
- Model latency (for tabular and custom models only): The time spent performing computation.
- Overhead latency (for tabular and custom models only):
 The total time spent processing a request, outside of computation.
- Total latency duration: The total time that a request spends in the service, which is the <u>model latency plus the</u> overhead latency.

Resource usage

- Replica count: The number of active replicas used by the deployed model.
- Replica target: The number of active replicas required for the deployed model.
- CPU usage: Current CPU core usage rate of the deployed model replica. 100% represents one fully utilized CPU core, so a replica may achieve more than 100% utilization if its machine type has multiple cores.
- Memory usage: The amount of memory allocated by the deployed model replica and currently in use.
- Network bytes sent: The number of bytes sent over the network by the deployed model replica.
- Network bytes received: The number of bytes received over the network by the deployed model replica.
- Accelerator average duty cycle: The average fraction of time over the past sample period during which one or more accelerators were actively processing.
- Accelerator memory usage: The amount of memory allocated by the deployed model replica.

Demo: private endpoint with vLLM on Vertex Al

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/inference/private_endpoint/psc_endpoint_vllm.ipynb

Deepspeed with Ray on Vertex Al

https://docs.ray.io/en/latest/train/examples/deepspeed/gptj_deepspeed_fine_tuning.html

Configuration

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Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

In [2]: import numpy as np import pandas as pd import os import ray

In [3]: ray.__version__

Out[3]: '2.33.0'
```



Evaluation services for LLM

Evaluation criteria

Pointwise

- Evaluate one model or n models and generate scores based on the criteria
- When you need a score for each model being evaluated
- When it not difficult to define the rubric for each score.
- Examples:
 - Understanding how your model behaves in production.
 - Explore strengths and weaknesses of a single model.
 - Identifying which behaviors to focus on when tuning.

Pairwise

- Compare two models against each other, generating a preference based on the criteria
- When you want to compare two models and a score is not necessary
- When the score rubric for pointwise is difficult to define.
- · Examples:
 - Determining which model to put into production.
 - Choose between model types. For example, Gemini-Proversus Claude 3.
 - Choose between different prompts.

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Demo: Evaluation process: Text quality

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/evaluation/gen_ai_evaluation.ipynb

Gen Al Evaluation Service

```
In [1]: # @title Install Vertex AI Python SDK
pip install --user --quiet google-cloud-aiplatform[evaluation]

Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

In [2]: # @title Set GCP information
PROJECT_ID = "ai-hangsik" # @param {type:"string"}
LOCATION = "us-central1" # @param {type:"string"}
EXPERIMENT_NAME = "my-eval-task-experiment" # @param {type:"string"}

In [3]: # @title Authentication to GCP import sys

if "google.colab" in sys.modules:
    from google.colab import auth auth.authenticate_user()
```

Set Google Cloud project information and initialize Vertex AI SDK

```
In [4]: # @title Initialize Vertex AI SDK
import vertexai

vertexai.init(project=PROJECT_ID, location=LOCATION)
```

Demo: Evaluation process: Model comparison

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/evaluation/compare_generative_ai_models.ipynb

Compare Generative Al Models | Gen Al Evaluation SDK

• Compare Generative Al Models | Gen Al Evaluation SDK Tutorial

Demo: Evaluation process: Model parameter comparison

https://github.com/shins777/llmOps_vertexAl/blob/main/evaluation/compare_gemini_model_settings.ipynb

Evaluate and Compare Gen Al Model Settings

• Evaluate and Compare Gen Al Model Settings | Gen Al Evaluation SDK Tutorial

```
In [1]:
         # @title Install Vertex AI Python SDK
         %pip install --upgrade --user --quiet google-cloud-aiplatform[evaluation]
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         WARNING: The script tb-qcp-uploader is installed in '/root/.local/bin' which is not on PATH.
         Consider adding this directory to PATH or, if you prefer to suppress this warning, use --no-warn-script-l
       n.
In [2]:
         # @title Define constants
         PROJECT ID="ai-hangsik" # @param {type:"string"}
         LOCATION="us-central1" # @param {type:"string"}
In [3]:
         # @title GCP Authentication
         # Use OAuth to access the GCP environment.
         import svs
         if "google.colab" in sys.modules:
             from google.colab import auth
             auth_authenticate user(project id=PROJECT ID)
```

Thank You