

IBM Watson Machine Learning Community Edition

Deep Learning Frameworks

Highlights

- Includes popular open source deep learning frameworks
 - Provides tools for ease of development and increased productivity
 - Speeds up training times for Data Scientists
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Data, in all forms, is expanding as a resource to be utilized. Yet in many industries and professions, the data explosion is outstripping the human capacity to understand the hidden insights. AI can unlock the potential in data—internal, external, structured, unstructured, voice and visual—and make it work together. Enterprises can make better operational decisions, understand customer wants and needs, communicate in real time and optimize business processes—infused with the cognitive ability to understand, reason and learn.

Watson Machine Learning Community Edition helps accelerate the journey to AI by bringing together a collection of the most popular open source frameworks for deep learning, along with supporting software and libraries in a single installable package. Designed to simplify the acquisition, installation and system optimization required to bring up a deep learning infrastructure, and to provide the most comprehensive set of integrated development tools to build out a complete end-to-end deep learning solution, Watson Machine Learning Community Edition allows users to spend less time on data preparation, implementation and integration, and more time training neural networks for results.

Customers of Watson Machine Learning Community Edition may choose to purchase optional technical support for the entire platform.

What's new in Watson Machine Learning Community Edition 1.5.4

Version 1.5.4 of Watson Machine Learning Community Edition builds upon the strength of prior releases.

In this release:

- IBM enables Watson Machine Learning Community Edition as a container on Ubuntu 18.04 allowing customers a new choice in operating systems.
- IBM continues Snap.ML enhancement and introduces compatibility with Spark, helping users work with and process larger data sets quickly.
- IBM continues currency of the most popular frameworks.



Watson Machine Learning Logo

Distributed Deep Learning

To accelerate the time dedicated training a model, the Watson Machine Learning Community Edition stack uses technologies to deliver exceptional training performance by distributing a single training job across a cluster of servers. Watson Machine Learning Community Edition's Distributed Deep Learning (DDL) brings intelligence about the structure and the layout of the underlying cluster (topology) which includes intelligence about the location of the cluster's different compute resources such as Graphical Process Units (GPUs) and CPUs. Watson Machine Learning Community Edition is unique in that this capability is incorporated in to the Deep Learning frameworks as an integrated binary, reducing complexity for clients as they bring in high-performance cluster capability. Because of this capability, Watson Machine Learning Community Edition with DDL can scale jobs across large numbers of cluster resources with very little loss to communication overhead. DDL is available with Watson Machine Learning Community Edition 1.5.4 and is compatible with bundled TensorFlow, IBM Caffe and Pytorch frameworks.

Large Model Support

One of the challenges customers face in this space is that they are limited by the size of memory available within GPUs. As models grow in complexity and data sets increase in size, data scientists are forced to make tradeoffs to stay within the 16 or 32 GB memory limits each GPU.

With Large Model Support (LMS), enabled by Watson Machine Learning Community Edition's unique NVIDIA® NVLink™ connection between CPU (memory) and GPU, the entire model and data set can be loaded into system memory and cached down to the GPU for action. Users can increase model sizes, data elements and batch or set sizes significantly, with the outcomes of executing far larger models and expanding up to nearly one terabyte (TB) of system memory across 4 GPUs. This capability is unique to Watson Machine Learning Community Edition and opens the opportunity to address larger challenges and get much more work done within a Watson Machine Learning Community Edition single server, increasing organizational efficiency. With Watson Machine Learning Community Edition 1.5.4, LMS is compatible with TensorFlow and IBM Caffe, and is in Tech Preview with bundled Pytorch framework.

Watson Machine Learning Community Edition version 1.5.4 includes the following deep learning frameworks in one installation:

- BVLC Caffe
- IBM Caffe
- TensorFlow
- TensorFlow-Keras
- PyTorch

Hardware platform description and ordering information

Watson Machine Learning Community Edition is optimized for use with the following hardware configurations:

IBM Power Systems AC922 server (Model 8335-GTG) with NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs
IBM Power Systems S822LC for High Performance Computing (Model 8335-GTB) with NVIDIA Tesla P100 GPUs

<https://www.ibm.com/us-en/marketplace/power-systems-ac922>

Please contact IBM for help configuring or placing an order.

Watson Machine Learning Community Edition is distributed as a binary for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.5. Watson Machine Learning Community Edition 1.5.4 is orderable through eConfig. Watson Machine Learning Community Edition is also available as a container, downloadable from Docker Hub

Release Guide

A complete Release Guide with package lists, prerequisites, deployment guide and developer information is available at

<https://developer.ibm.com/linuxonpower/deep-learning-powerai/releases/>

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For more information

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