Private Cluster Support (Preview)

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Private Cluster Support

Each type of network architecture supported by CDP has a unique set of tradeoffs among ease of setup, security, workloads (Experiences) supported, and so on.

Private Clusters provide a simple way to create a secure cluster, where the API server and the workloads themselves only rely on private IP addresses that are not accessible from the internet. Connectivity to the cluster from the CDP control place is provided by the Cluster Connectivity Manager v2 (CCM v2). CCMv2 uses an agent running in the cluster, and an inverting proxy running on CDP, which creates a HTTPS tunnel between the workload and the control plane.

Requirements

Ensure the following entitlements are needed to enable provisioning of private Kubernetes clusters. Customers should file SRE Jira tickets to request these entitlements, if necessary.

- CDP_CCM_V2_JUMPGATE
- CCMV2 JUMPGATE
- ML_ENABLE_PRIVATE_ClUSTER

Enable the Private Cluster

To enable a private cluster, select the option when provisioning the workspace.

1. In ML Workspaces, select Provision Workspace.
2. Enter a Workspace Name, and select Environment.
3. Select the Advanced Options toggle.
5. Make any other settings needed, and select Provision Workspace.

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The workspace is provisioned using a fully private cluster.

**Notes**

- In a private cluster configuration, the Kubernetes API server has a private IP address, and it is not routable from the internet, thus reducing the attack surface for the cluster. If a customer wants to have internet access, they need to peer their on-premises network to the CDP environment through VPN peering, for example. The API server is not restricted to only having a private IP address. There are some cases such as with Azure, where for example the load balancer has a public IP address provisioned by Microsoft.
- An alternative configuration that is supported is to provide a non-transparent proxy server for the private cluster (for AWS only). For more information, see https://docs.cloudera.com/machine-learning/cloud/requirements-aws/topics/ml-non-transparent-proxy-aws.html