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## Web Applications Embedded in Cloudera Data Science Workbench

This topic describes how Cloudera Data Science Workbench allows you to embed web applications for frameworks such as Spark 2, TensorFlow, Shiny, and so on within sessions.

Many data science libraries and processing frameworks include user interfaces to help track progress of your jobs and break down workflows. These are instrumental in debugging and using the platforms themselves. For example, Spark provides a Spark Web UI to monitor running applications and TensorFlow visualizations can be run on TensorBoard. Other web application frameworks such as Shiny and Flask are popular ways for data scientists to display additional interactive analysis in the languages they already know.

Cloudera Data Science Workbench allows you to access these web UIs directly from sessions and jobs. This feature is particularly helpful when you want to monitor and track progress for batch jobs. Even though jobs don't give you access to the interactive workbench console, you can still track long running jobs through the UI. However, note that the UI is only active so long as the job/session is active. If your session times out after 60 minutes (default timeout value), so will the UI.



**Note:** If you want to share your web application as a long-running standalone application that other business users can access, Cloudera recommends you now use the Applications feature to support long-running web applications on ML workspaces. If you are only running a server-backed visualization as part of your own analysis, then you can continue to keep embedding web applications in sessions as described in this topic. Note that running web applications in sessions is also the recommended way to develop, test, and debug analytical apps before deployment.

Cloudera Data Science Workbench exposes web applications for Spark and other machine learning frameworks as described here.

### Spark 2 Web UIs (CDSW\_SPARK\_PORT)

Spark 2 exposes one web UI for each Spark application driver running in Cloudera Data Science Workbench. The UI will be running within the container, on the port specified by the environmental variable CDSW\_SPARK\_PORT.

By default, CDSW\_SPARK\_PORT is set to 20049. The web UI will exist only as long as a SparkContext is active within a session. The port is freed up when the SparkContext is shutdown.

Spark 2 web UI is available as a tab in the session, or alternatively in browsers at `https://spark-<$CDSW_ENGINE_ID>.<$CDSW_DOMAIN>`. For a running job, navigate to the **Job Overview** page and click the History tab. Click on the running job and select Spark UI.

### TensorBoard, Shiny, and others (CDSW\_APP\_PORT or CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT)

CDSW\_APP\_PORT and CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT are environment variables that point to general purpose public ports.



**Note:** Previously, this section referred to CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT, which is deprecated as of Cloudera Data Science Workbench 1.6.0. Based on your use case, use CDSW\_APP\_PORT or CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT instead. However, the example below still uses CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT.

HTTP services running in containers that bind to CDSW\_APP\_PORT, CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT, and CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT are available in browsers at the following urls:

- CDSW\_APP\_PORT is available at

```
https://<$CDSW_ENGINE_ID>.<$CDSW_DOMAIN>
```

- CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT is available at

```
https://read-only-<$CDSW_ENGINE_ID>.<$CDSW_DOMAIN>
```

- CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT is available at

```
https://public-<$CDSW_ENGINE_ID>.<$CDSW_DOMAIN>
```

Therefore, TensorBoard, Shiny, Flask or any other web framework accompanying a project can be accessed directly from within a session or job, as long as it is run on CDSW\_APP\_PORT or CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT.

CDSW\_APP\_PORT is meant for applications that grant some level of control to the project, such as access to the active session or terminal. CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT must be used for applications that grant read-only access to project results.

The host address should be localhost.

To access the UI while you are in an active session, click the grid icon in the upper right hand corner of the Cloudera Data Science Workbench web application, and select the UI from the dropdown. For a job, navigate to the job overview page and click the History tab. Click on a job run to open the session output for the job. You can now click the grid icon in the upper right hand corner of the Cloudera Data Science Workbench web application to access the UI for this session.

## Limitations with Port Availability

Cloudera Data Science Workbench exposes only one port per-access level.

In version 1.6.0, you can run a maximum of 3 web applications simultaneously.

- One on CDSW\_APP\_PORT, which can be used for applications that grant some level of control over the project to Contributors and Admins,
- One on CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT, which can be used for applications that only need to give read-only access to project collaborators,
- One on the now-deprecated CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT, which is accessible by all users.

However, by default the editors feature (introduced in version 1.6) runs third-party browser-based editors on CDSW\_APP\_PORT. Therefore, for projects that are already using browser-based third-party editors, you are left with only 2 other ports to run applications on: CDSW\_READONLY\_PORT and CDSW\_PUBLIC\_PORT. Keep in mind the level of access you want to grant users when you are selecting one of these ports for a web application.

## Example: A Shiny Application

This example demonstrates how to create and run a Shiny application and view the associated UI while in an active session.

Create a new, blank project and run an R console. Create the files, ui.R and server.R, in the project, and copy the contents of the following example files provided by [Shiny by RStudio](#):

R

```
# ui.R

library(shiny)

# Define UI for application that draws a histogram
shinyUI(fluidPage(
```

```
# Application title
titlePanel("Hello Shiny!"),

# Sidebar with a slider input for the number of bins
sidebarLayout(
  sidebarPanel(
    sliderInput("bins",
               "Number of bins:",
               min = 1,
               max = 50,
               value = 30)
  ),

  # Show a plot of the generated distribution
  mainPanel(
    plotOutput("distPlot")
  )
)
))
```

R

```
# server.R
library(shiny)
# Define server logic required to draw a histogram
shinyServer(function(input, output) {

  # Expression that generates a histogram. The expression is
  # wrapped in a call to renderPlot to indicate that:
  #
  # 1) It is "reactive" and therefore should re-execute automatically
  #    when inputs change
  # 2) Its output type is a plot

  output$distPlot <- renderPlot({
    x <- faithful[, 2] # Old Faithful Geyser data
    bins <- seq(min(x), max(x), length.out = input$bins + 1)
    # draw the histogram with the specified number of bins
    hist(x, breaks = bins, col = 'darkgray', border = 'white')
  })
})
```

Run the following code in the interactive workbench prompt to install the Shiny package, load the library into the engine, and run the Shiny application.

R

```
install.packages('shiny')

library('shiny')

runApp(port=as.numeric(Sys.getenv("CDSW_PUBLIC_PORT")), host="127.0.0.1",
       launch.browser="FALSE")
```

Finally, to access the web application, either:

- Click the grid icon in the upper right hand corner of the Cloudera Data Science Workbench web application, and select the Shiny UI, Hello Shiny!, from the dropdown.
- Access the web application directly by visiting the URL: [https://public-\[session-id\].\[CML host\]/](https://public-[session-id].[CML host]/)

The UI will be active as long as the session is still running.