

Spark Connect Sessions (Technical Preview)

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External IDE connectivity through Spark Connect-based sessions (Technical Preview)

You can learn what an external IDE Spark Connect session is, certain known limitations, and the supported Runtime component versions.

What an external IDE Spark Connect session is



Important: External IDE connectivity through Spark Connect-based sessions is supported from 1.5.5 CHF1 or higher versions.

A session is an interactive short-lived development environment for running Spark commands. A Spark Connect Session is a type of [Session](#) that exposes the [Spark Connect interface](#). A Spark Connect Session allows you to connect to Spark from any remote Python environment.

Supported versions of components

Ensure that you are using the following software versions of the components before you use Spark Connect Sessions:

- Spark 3.5
- 7.3.1

Supported Spark Connectors

The following Spark Connectors are supported with the previously listed Runtime component versions:

- Hive
- HDFS
- Hive tables Parquet storage
- Hive tables ORC storage
- Ranger - table-level access controls

Limitations

Spark Connect Sessions do not support the following:

- [Profile support](#): Spark Connect does not support profiles in the configuration files even though the clients support "Profiles" in the configuration files.
- Documentation links within the Spark Connect UI point to incorrect documents.
- Session creation allows a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters in the session names. However, using uppercase letters causes Spark Connect Sessions to connect incorrectly. As a workaround, use only lowercase letters in session names.
- Access control support: Spark Connect Sessions do not support access control. After a session is created, anyone with access to the virtual cluster can connect to it.
- PySpark: In Spark 3.4, Spark Connect supports most PySpark APIs, including DataFrame, Functions, and Column. Some APIs, such as SparkContext and RDD are not supported. You can check which APIs are currently supported in the [Apache Spark API Reference](#) documentation. Supported APIs are labeled "Supports Spark Connect", so before migrating existing code to Spark Connect, you can check whether the APIs you are using are available. For more information, see the [Apache Spark documentation](#).
- Scala: In Spark 3.5, Spark Connect supports most Scala APIs, including Dataset, functions, Column, Catalog, and KeyValueGroupedDataset. For more information, see the [Apache Spark documentation](#).
- User-Defined Functions (UDFs) are supported, by default, for the shell and in standalone applications, with additional setup requirements.

- The majority of the Streaming API is supported, including `DataStreamReader`, `DataStreamWriter`, `StreamingQuery`, and `StreamingQueryListener`. For more information, see the [Apache Spark documentation](#).
- APIs, such as `SparkContext` and `RDD` are deprecated in all Spark Connect versions.

Configuring external IDE Spark Connect sessions

Learn about how to configure a Spark Connect Session with .

Before you begin

Before you create a Spark Connect Session, perform the following steps:

1. [Create a Service](#).
2. [Create a Virtual cluster](#). You must select All Purpose (Tier 2) in the Virtual Cluster option and Spark 3.4.1 as the Spark version.
3. [Initialize the virtual cluster](#).
4. [Configure Hadoop Authentication](#).
5. If you are using an OpenShift cluster, then run the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-ingress-operator annotate ingresscontrollers/default ingress.operator.openshift.io/default-enable-http2=true
```

Procedure

1. Perform the following steps on each user's machine:

- Create the `~/.cde/config.yaml` configuration file and add the `vcluster-endpoint` and `cdp-endpoint` parameters.

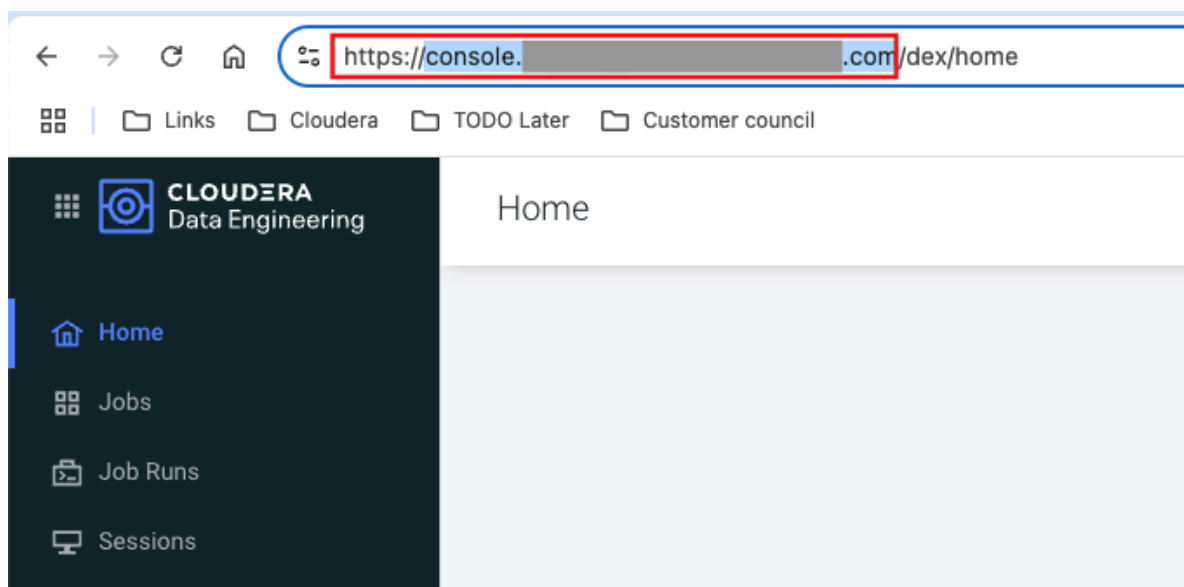
This allows the client machine to identify a virtual cluster.



Note: The `cdp-endpoint` value is the same as the console URL. From the console URL, copy the protocol (`https://`), the subdomain (`console`), the second-level domain, and the top-level domain (`.com`).

Example: `https://console.[***SECOND-LEVEL-DOMAIN***].com`

Figure 1: Getting the endpoint URL from the console URL



For more information, see [vcluster-endpoint](#) and [cdp-endpoint](#).

For example,

```
cdp-endpoint: https://console.cdp.apps.example.com
credentials-file: /Users/user1/.cde/credentials
vcluster-endpoint: https://ffws6v27.cde-c9b822vr.apps.example.com/dex/api/v1
```

- Create an [access key](#) and update the `credentials-file` parameter in the `~/.cde/config.yaml` configuration file with the path where the credentials file is located. This allows the client machine to acquire the short-lived access tokens.



Note: Access keys configured with the default profile are supported.

For example,

```
[default]
cdp_access_key_id=571ff....
cdp_private_key=dvbYd....
```

2. Create a Spark Connect Session using one of the following methods:

- Using the UI: Create a new session as per [Creating Sessions in](#) but when you select the session type, select Spark Connect (Tech Preview) from the Type drop-down list.

* Name

* Type

Spark Connect (Tech Preview)

Timeout ⓘ

8 hours

Description

Configurations (Optional)

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Compute Options

Configure the compute options for this session

Number Executors	<div><div></div><div>1</div><div>30</div></div>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Driver Cores	<div><div></div><div>1</div><div>16</div></div>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Executor Cores	<div><div></div><div>1</div><div>16</div></div>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Driver Memory (GB)	<div><div></div><div>1</div><div>32</div></div>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Executor Memory (GB)	<div><div></div><div>1</div><div>32</div></div>	<input type="text" value="1"/>

- Using the CLI: Create a Spark Connect Session by running the following command:

```
cde session create --name [***SPARK-SESSION-NAME***] --type spark-connect
```

**Note:**

To get all the attributes of a cde session command, run the `cde session -h` command.

- On the Home page, click Sessions and then select the Spark Connect Session that you have created.
- Go to the Connect tab and download the required TAR file and PySpark 3.4 TAR file as displayed on the screen.

test-connect-2

STATUS	TYPE	CREATED BY	START TIME	TIMEOUT
Available	Spark Connect	cdpuser1	Jan 31, 2024, 2:34:35 PM	—

Configuration **Connect** Logs

Connect with Spark Connect

Interact with this session using the python client. This requires a few steps outlined below. More information can be found in our documentation [\[\]](#)

Step 1 : Configure

- Download the required CDE Tarball file to work with your Spark Connect Session
- Download the Pyspark 3.4 tarball required by the CDESparkConnectSession package
- Install in your python environment by running

```
pip install <cde connect tarball>
pip install <pyspark tarball>
```

- Configure the python package

Step 2 : Connect

- Use the package to connect with this session

```
from cde import CDESparkConnectSession
spark = CDESparkConnectSession.builder.sessionName('test-connect-2').get()
```

Need help? [Follow our detailed guide \[\]](#)



Note: The Copy Link option can be used to retrieve a URL and download the client using cURL.

**Note:**

- The Copy Link option can be used to retrieve a URL and download the client using cURL.
- The PySpark TAR file version must be same as the Virtual Cluster's Spark version.

- Create a new Python virtual environment or use your existing one and install the TAR file after activating your Python virtual environment.

```
python3 -m venv cdeconnect
. cdeconnect/bin/activate

pip install [***CDECONNECT TARBALL***]
pip install [***PYSPARK TARBALL***]
```

- If you have used the self-signed certificates while [Initializing the virtual cluster](#), then you must configure the certificates for the Virtual Cluster, Spark Connect gRPC server, and the control plane hosts to be trusted. Append all the certificates belonging to those hosts to the Python "certifi cacerts ca" truststore. Usually, the path of the

truststore is `venv/lib/python3.7/site-packages/certifi/cacert.pem`. For trusting gRPC connections, export the following variable:



Note: If you do not have self-signed certificates, manually [create cacerts.pem](#) file.

```
# In bash_profile or terminal
export GRPC_DEFAULT_SSL_ROOTS_FILE_PATH=venv/lib/python3.7/site-packages/certifi/cacert.pem

# In a Jupyter notebook use the inbuilt %env magic
%env GRPC_DEFAULT_SSL_ROOTS_FILE_PATH=~<path-to-cert>
```

Sample code to connect to an external IDE Spark Connect session

After configuring Spark Connect Sessions, learn how you can run the CLI commands from a remote Python host to connect to a session and execute Spark SQL commands through an example.

You can use the following sample code to connect to the Spark Connect session. Use the `spark` variable to interact with Spark as you connect to the jobs or sessions.

```
> python
Python 3.9.13 (main, Jul 29 2022, 12:22:24)
[Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.27.3)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> from cde import CDESparkConnectSession
>>> spark = CDESparkConnectSession.builder.sessionName('connect-session').get()
>>> spark.version
'3.4.1.1.20.7180.0-33'
>>> spark.sql("use retaildb").show()
++
||
++
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>>> spark.sql("select * from products_external").show()
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+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|product_id|product_category_id|product_name|product_description|product_price|product_image|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|1|2|Quest Q64 10 FT. ...| |59.98|http://images.acm...|
|2|2|Under Armour Men'...| |129.99|http://images.acm...|
|3|2|Under Armour Men'...| |89.99|http://images.acm...|
|4|2|Under Armour Men'...| |89.99|http://images.acm...|
|5|2|Riddell Youth Rev...| |199.99|http://images.acm...|
|6|2|Jordan Men's VI R...| |134.99|http://images.acm...|
|7|2|Schutt Youth Recr...| |99.99|http://images.acm...|
```

```

|      8|      2| Nike Men's Vapor ...|
| 129.99|http://images.acm...|
|      9|      2| Nike Adult Vapor ...|
| 50.0|http://images.acm...|
|     10|      2| Under Armour Men'...|
| 129.99|http://images.acm...|
|     11|      2| Fitness Gear 300 ...|
| 209.99|http://images.acm...|
|     12|      2| Under Armour Men'...|
| 139.99|http://images.acm...|
|     13|      2| Under Armour Men'...|
| 89.99|http://images.acm...|
|     14|      2| Quik Shade Summit...|
| 199.99|http://images.acm...|
|     15|      2| Under Armour Kids...|
| 59.99|http://images.acm...|
|     16|      2| Riddell Youth 360...|
| 299.99|http://images.acm...|
|     17|      2| Under Armour Men'...|
| 129.99|http://images.acm...|
|     18|      2| Reebok Men's Full...|
| 29.97|http://images.acm...|
|     19|      2| Nike Men's Finger...|
| 124.99|http://images.acm...|
|     20|      2| Under Armour Men'...|
| 129.99|http://images.acm...|
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```

Troubleshooting errors when working with an external IDE Spark Connect session

While working with the Spark Connect Sessions in , you might encounter errors. Learn how you can troubleshoot those errors.

Condition

If the session is killed or the driver exits due to an error when the code is being executed, Spark Connect shows the following error.

```

pyspark.errors.exceptions.connect.SparkConnectGrpcException: <_MultiThreaded
Rendezvous of RPC that terminated with:
  status = StatusCode.UNKNOWN
  details = "Stream removed"
  debug_error_string = "UNKNOWN:Error received from peer {grpc_message:"Str
eam removed", grpc_status:2, created_time:"2024-01-31T13:28:23.35214+05:30"}
"
>

```

Remedy

Procedure

Check the actual error from the session driver logs using [UI](#) or [CDE CLI](#).

Creating cacerts.pem file

You can create a cacerts.pem file including all the self-signed certificates in it.

About this task

You can collect all the self-signed certificates of the control plane, virtual cluster, Spark Connect, and service hostnames and add all of them to a cacerts.pem file.

Procedure

1. Identify the control plane hostname.

The control plane hostname is the host name present in the URL used to access the control plane. For example, if `https://console-cdp.apps.example.cloudera.com` is the control plane URL, then `console-cdp.apps.example.cloudera.com` is the control plane hostname.

2. Identify the virtual cluster hostname as follows:

- a) Select the service containing the virtual cluster that you want to activate.
- b) Click Cluster Details.
- c) Click JOBS API URL to copy the URL to your clipboard.
- d) Paste the URL into a text editor to identify the endpoint host.

For example, if the copied URL is `https://dfdj6kgx.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com/dex/api/v1`, then the endpoint host is `dfdj6kgx.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com`.

3. Identify the Spark Connect hostname: Using the virtual cluster hostname identified in the preceeding step, prefix "sc-" to this hostname to obtain the Spark Connect hostname. For example, if the virtual cluster hostname is `dfdj6kgx.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com`, then the Spark Connect hostname is `sc-dfdj6kgx.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com`.

4. Identify the service hostname as follows:

- a) Select the service containing the virtual cluster that you want to activate.
- b) Click Cluster Details.
- c) Click Grafana Charts to copy the URL to your clipboard.
- d) Paste the URL into a text editor to identify the endpoint host.

For example, if the copied URL is `https://service.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com/grafana/249u4dnkfnkdf` then the endpoint host is `service.cde-2cdxw5x5.apps.ecs-demo.example.com`.

5. Run the following commands to add all the certificates into a single cacerts.pem file:

```
openssl s_client -connect [***CONTROL PLANE HOSTNAME***]:443 2>/dev/null
</dev/null | sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p' >> c
acerts.pem
openssl s_client -connect [***VIRTUAL CLUSTER HOSTNAME***]:443 2>/dev/null
</dev/null | sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p' >> c
acerts.pem
openssl s_client -connect [***SPARK CONNECT HOSTNAME***]:443 2>/dev/null
</dev/null | sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p' >> c
acerts.pem
openssl s_client -connect [***CDE SERVICE HOSTNAME***]:443 2>/dev/null </
dev/null | sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p' >> cac
erts.pem
```