NVIDIA Clara Train SDK on the AWS Cloud

Quick Start Reference Deployment

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This Quick Start was created by NVIDIA in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Quick Starts are automated reference deployments that use AWS CloudFormation templates to deploy key technologies on AWS, following AWS best practices.

Overview

Clara Train is NVIDIA’s domain-optimized application-development framework for medical-imaging researchers and artificial intelligence (AI) developers. This Quick Start reference deployment guide provides step-by-step instructions for deploying NVIDIA Clara Train SDK in a highly available (HA) configuration on the AWS Cloud. Clara Train includes an AI Assisted Annotation developer toolkit that can be integrated into existing medical viewers, accelerating the creation of AI-ready, annotated medical-imaging datasets. Clara Train also provides a TensorFlow-based training framework with domain-specific pretrained models that accelerate AI development with techniques like transfer learning, federated learning, and automated machine learning. Models trained with Clara Train are packaged as Medical Model Archives (MMARs), which provide a standardized format for training workflows and collaborations.

This Quick Start is for developers who want to use tools and APIs to carry out AI development. It’s also for health IT infrastructure architects, administrators, and DevOps professionals who are planning to implement or extend their Clara Train SDK workloads to the AWS Cloud.

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NVIDIA Clara Train SDK on AWS

This deployment provides scalable access to NVIDIA V100 Tensor Core graphics processing units (GPUs) and the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) P3 instance type, with pay-as-you-go pricing. This deployment is based on Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) and Amazon EC2. Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) is used for storage shared between containers.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ**

Customers are solely responsible for determining whether any federal, state, or local regulations apply to them and, if so, implement the required procedural and technical controls required of them by those regulations. AWS does not provide legal or compliance advice. Customers should consult with qualified legal counsel or consultants, as needed to ensure that their use of AWS complies with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

This deployment of the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK is meant to be run on de-identified medical images. For additional security, customers have the ability to implement encryption in-transit throughout the AWS environment deployed as part of this Quick Start.

Cost and licenses

You are responsible for the cost of the AWS services used while running this Quick Start reference deployment. There are no additional costs for using the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK or for using the Quick Start.

The AWS CloudFormation template for this Quick Start includes configuration parameters that you can customize. Some of these settings, such as instance type, affect the cost of deployment. For cost estimates, see the pricing pages for each AWS service you will use. Prices are subject to change.

**Tip:** After you deploy the Quick Start, we recommend that you enable the [AWS Cost and Usage Report](https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/aws-cost-and-usage-report/). This report delivers billing metrics to an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket in your account. It provides cost estimates based on usage throughout each month and finalizes the data at the end of the month. For more information about the report, see the [AWS documentation](https://aws.amazon.com/aws-cost-and-usage-report/).
By using this Quick Start, and by using the Clara Train SDK container and download models, you accept the terms and conditions of the included licenses. Licenses are available with the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK documentation and the model application .zip files.

Architecture

Deploying this Quick Start for a new virtual private cloud (VPC) with default parameters builds the following NVIDIA Clara Train SDK environment in the AWS Cloud.
As shown in Figure 1, the Quick Start sets up the following:

- A highly available architecture that spans two Availability Zones.*
- A VPC configured with public and private subnets, according to AWS best practices, to provide you with your own virtual network on AWS.*
- In the public subnets:
  - Managed network address translation (NAT) gateways to allow outbound internet access for resources in the private subnets.*
  - A Linux bastion host in an Auto Scaling group to allow inbound Secure Shell (SSH) access to Amazon EC2 host instances in the private subnets.*
- In the private subnets:
  - One instance of the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK container deployed with the Amazon EC2 launch type, on a GPU-enabled Amazon EC2 instance, in an Auto Scaling group.
  - One P3 Amazon EC2 instance.
- Amazon EFS, a fully managed elastic network file system (NFS) to persist and share data across container instances.
- Amazon ECS, a fully managed container orchestration service for running and managing Docker containers on a cluster.
- An Application Load Balancer to route traffic to the NVIDIA Clara Train APIs and over HTTPS.

* The template that deploys the Quick Start into an existing VPC skips the components marked by asterisks and prompts you for your existing VPC configuration.

Planning the deployment

Specialized knowledge

This Quick Start assumes familiarity with containers and with Amazon ECS.

This deployment guide also requires a moderate level of familiarity with AWS services. If you’re new to AWS, visit the Getting Started Resource Center and the AWS Training and Certification website. These sites provide materials for learning how to design, deploy, and operate your infrastructure and applications on the AWS Cloud. For more information about AWS services used in this Quick Start, see the Additional resources section.
To learn more about deep learning tools and AI-enabled medical-imaging workflows, see the NVIDIA Clara documentation.

For information about compliance on AWS, see the AWS Compliance page on the AWS website.

AWS account

If you don’t already have an AWS account, create one at https://aws.amazon.com by following the on-screen instructions. Part of the sign-up process involves receiving a phone call and entering a PIN using the phone keypad.

Your AWS account is automatically signed up for all AWS services. You are charged only for the services you use.

Technical requirements

Before you launch the Quick Start, your account must be configured as specified in the following table. Otherwise, deployment might fail.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Resources</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VPCs</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) security groups</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IAM roles</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto Scaling groups</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Load Balancers</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t2.micro instances</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p3.2xlarge instances</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If necessary, request service quota increases for the following resources. You might need to do this if an existing deployment uses these resources, and you might exceed the default quotas with this deployment. The Service Quotas console displays your usage and quotas for some aspects of some services. For more information, see the AWS documentation.

This deployment includes Amazon EFS, which isn’t currently supported in all AWS Regions. For a current list of supported Regions, see the endpoints and quotas webpage.
Key pair

Make sure that at least one Amazon EC2 key pair exists in your AWS account in the Region where you plan to deploy the Quick Start. Make note of the key pair name. You need it during deployment. To create a key pair, follow the instructions in the AWS documentation.

For testing or proof-of-concept purposes, we recommend creating a new key pair instead of using one that’s already being used by a production instance.

IAM permissions

Before launching the Quick Start, you must log in to the AWS Management Console with IAM permissions for the resources and actions the templates deploy. The AdministratorAccess managed policy within IAM provides sufficient permissions, although your organization may choose to use a custom policy with more restrictions.

Deployment options

This Quick Start provides two deployment options:

- **Deploy NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into a new VPC (end-to-end deployment).** This option builds a new AWS environment consisting of the VPC, subnets, NAT gateways, security groups, bastion hosts, and other infrastructure components. It then deploys NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into this new VPC.

- **Deploy NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into an existing VPC.** This option provisions NVIDIA Clara Train SDK in your existing AWS infrastructure.

The Quick Start provides separate templates for these options. It also lets you configure Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) blocks, instance types, and the number of NVIDIA Clara Train SDK service instances, as discussed later in this guide.

Deployment steps

Step 1. Sign in to your AWS account

1. Sign in to your AWS account at https://aws.amazon.com with an IAM user role that has the necessary permissions. For details, see Planning the deployment earlier in this guide.

2. Make sure that your AWS account is configured correctly, as discussed in the Technical requirements section.
Step 2. Launch the Quick Start

**Note:** You are responsible for the cost of the AWS services used while running this Quick Start reference deployment. There is no additional cost for using this Quick Start. For full details, see the pricing pages for each AWS service used by this Quick Start. Prices are subject to change.

1. Sign in to your AWS account, and choose one of the following options to launch the AWS CloudFormation template. For help with choosing an option, see **Deployment options** earlier in this guide.

   ![Deploy](deploy.png)
   
   **Deploy NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into a new VPC on AWS**

   **Deploy NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into an existing VPC on AWS**

   **Important:** If you’re deploying NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into an existing VPC, make sure that your VPC has two private subnets in different Availability Zones for the EC2 instances, and that the subnets aren’t shared. This Quick Start doesn’t support **shared subnets**. These subnets require **NAT gateways** in their route tables to allow the instances to download packages and software without exposing them to the internet.

   Also, make sure that the domain name option in the DHCP options is configured as explained in the **Amazon VPC documentation**. You provide your VPC settings when you launch the Quick Start.

   Each deployment takes about 30 minutes to complete.

2. Check the AWS Region that’s displayed in the upper-right corner of the navigation bar, and change it if necessary. This is where the network infrastructure for NVIDIA Clara Train SDK will be built. The template is launched in the US East (Ohio) Region by default.
Note: This deployment includes Amazon EFS, which isn’t currently supported in all AWS Regions. For a current list of supported Regions, see the endpoints and quotas webpage.

3. On the Create stack page, keep the default setting for the template URL, and then choose Next.

4. On the Specify stack details page, change the stack name if needed. Review the parameters for the template. Provide values for the parameters that require input. For all other parameters, review the default settings and customize them as necessary.

In the following tables, parameters are listed by category and described separately for the two deployment options:

- Parameters for deploying NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into a new VPC
- Parameters for deploying NVIDIA Clara Train SDK into an existing VPC

When you finish reviewing and customizing the parameters, choose Next.

**OPTION 1: PARAMETERS FOR DEPLOYING NVIDIA CLARA TRAIN SDK INTO A NEW VPC**

View template

**VPC network configuration:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter label (name)</th>
<th>Default</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Availability Zones</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Choose the Availability Zones to use for the subnets in the VPC. The Quick Start uses two Availability Zones from your list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VPC CIDR (VPCCIDR)</td>
<td>10.0.0.0/16</td>
<td>CIDR block for the VPC.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private subnet 1 CIDR (PrivateSubnet1CIDR)</td>
<td>10.0.0.0/19</td>
<td>CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private subnet 2 CIDR (PrivateSubnet2CIDR)</td>
<td>10.0.32.0/19</td>
<td>CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public subnet 1 CIDR (PublicSubnet1CIDR)</td>
<td>10.0.128.0/20</td>
<td>CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public subnet 2 CIDR (PublicSubnet2CIDR)</td>
<td>10.0.144.0/20</td>
<td>CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 2.</td>
</tr>
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**Linux bastion configuration:**

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<th>Parameter label (name)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bastion key pair name (BastionKeyPairName)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the public/private key pair you created in your preferred AWS Region; see the Technical requirements section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allowed bastion external access CIDR (BastionAccessCidr)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the CIDR IP range that is permitted to access NVIDIA Clara Train SDK via the bastion host. This provides command line interface (CLI) access to the SDK. We recommend that you set this value to a trusted IP range. For example, you might want to grant only your corporate network access to the software.</td>
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**EFS configuration:**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>EFS deletion policy (EFSDeletionPolicy)</td>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>Retain or delete the Amazon EFS resources after CloudFormation stack deletion. The permitted values are Delete and Retain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFS performance mode (PerformanceMode)</td>
<td>generalPurpose</td>
<td>Select the performance mode of the EFS file system. The permitted values are generalPurpose and maxIO. The default, generalPurpose, is recommended for most applications.</td>
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**ECS EC2 instance configuration:**

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<th>Default</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ECS EC2 Key pair name (KeyName)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the public/private key pair you created in your preferred AWS Region; see the Technical requirements section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECS EC2 instance type (ECSHostInstanceType)</td>
<td>p3.2xlarge</td>
<td>Choose the GPU instance type to use for the ECS hosts.</td>
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**ECS cluster configuration:**

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<tr>
<td>Allowed load balancer external access CIDR (SourceCidrIP)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the CIDR IP range that is permitted to access NVIDIA Clara Train SDK via the Application Load Balancer. We recommend that you set this value to a trusted IP range. For example, you might want to grant only your corporate network access to the software.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable end-to-end encryption of</td>
<td>HTTPS</td>
<td>Create an HTTPS listener on the Application Load Balancer, and launch the Clara Train API in Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)</td>
</tr>
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Parameter label (name) | Default | Description
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connections to the AI-Assisted Annotation service (UseHTTPS) |  | mode. This will provide end-to-end encryption of connections to the Clara Train API. Permitted values are HTTP (not recommended for production use) and HTTPS.
ARN for the ACM Certificate to use for TLS. Leave blank for HTTP connections (CertificateID) | Optional | Enter the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the server certificate to use with the Application Load Balancer. The Application Load Balancer uses an AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) SSL/TLS (Transport Layer Security) server certificate to terminate the front-end connection and then forward requests from clients to the targets. If UseHTTPS was set to HTTPS, encryption will be maintained to the targets. If UseHTTPS was set to HTTP, CertificateID should be an empty string, and API connections will not be encrypted.
Number of ECS hosts (ClusterSize) | 1 | Enter the number of ECS hosts to initially deploy.
Number of instances of this Clara Train task (DesiredServiceCount) | 1 | Enter the number of instances of the Clara Train SDK task to run across the cluster.

AWS Quick Start configuration:

**Note:** We recommend keeping the default settings for the following three parameters, unless you are customizing the Quick Start templates for your own deployment projects. Changing these parameter settings automatically updates code references to point to a new Quick Start location. For additional details, see the AWS Quick Start Contributor’s Guide.

Parameter label (name) | Default | Description
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Quick Start S3 bucket name (QSS3BucketName) | aws-quickstart | The S3 bucket you created for your copy of Quick Start assets if you decide to customize the Quick Start for your own use. The bucket name can include numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters, and hyphens, but should not start or end with a hyphen.
Quick Start S3 bucket region (QSS3BucketRegion) | us-east-1 | The AWS Region where the Quick Start S3 bucket (QSS3BucketName) is hosted. When using your own bucket, you must specify this value.
Quick Start S3 key prefix (QSS3KeyPrefix) | quickstart-nvidia-imaging-clara-train/ | The S3 key name prefix that is used to simulate a folder for your copy of Quick Start assets. You need to use this if you want to customize the Quick Start for your own use. This prefix can include numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters, hyphens, and forward slashes.
OPTION 2: PARAMETERS FOR DEPLOYING NVIDIA CLARA TRAIN SDK INTO AN EXISTING VPC

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Network configuration:

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<tr>
<td>VPC ID (VPC)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the ID of your existing VPC (e.g., vpc-0343606e).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VPC CIDR (VPCCIDR)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>CIDR block of your existing VPC (e.g. 10.180.0.0/16).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private subnet 1 ID (PrivateSubnet1AID)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the ID of the private subnet in Availability Zone 1 in your existing VPC (e.g., subnet-a0246dcd).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private subnet 2 ID (PrivateSubnet2AID)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the ID of the private subnet in Availability Zone 2 in your existing VPC (e.g., subnet-b58c3d67).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public subnet 1 ID (PublicSubnet1ID)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the ID of the public subnet in Availability Zone 1 in your existing VPC (e.g., subnet-a0246de9).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public subnet 2 ID (PublicSubnet2ID)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the ID of the public subnet in Availability Zone 2 in your existing VPC (e.g., subnet-a0246dc1).</td>
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<td>Key pair name (KeyName)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the public/private key pair you created in your preferred AWS Region; see the Technical requirements section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECS EC2 instance type (ECSHostInstanceType)</td>
<td>p3.2xlarge</td>
<td>Choose the GPU instance type to use for the ECS hosts.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enable end-to-end encryption of connections to the AI-Assisted Annotation service</strong> (UseHTTPS)</td>
<td>HTTPS</td>
<td>Create an HTTPS listener on the Application Load Balancer, and launch the Clara Train API in Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) mode. This will provide end-to-end encryption of connections to the Clara Train API. Permitted values are HTTP (not recommended for production use) and HTTPS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ARN for the Certificate to use for TLS. Otherwise leave blank for HTTP</strong> (CertificateID)</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Enter the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the server certificate to use with the Application Load Balancer. The Application Load Balancer uses an <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/acm/">AWS Certificate Manager</a> SSL/TLS (Transport Layer Security) server certificate to terminate the front-end connection and then forward requests from clients to the targets. If UseHTTPS was set to HTTPS, encryption will be maintained to the targets. If UseHTTPS was set to HTTP, CertificateID should be an empty string, and API connections will not be encrypted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Number of ECS hosts</strong> (ClusterSize)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Enter the number of ECS hosts to initially deploy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Number of Clara services instances</strong> (DesiredServiceCount)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Enter the number of instances of the Clara Train SDK task to run across the cluster.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Linux bastion security group</strong> (BastionSecurityGroupId)</td>
<td>Requires input</td>
<td>Enter the security group of the bastion host, allowed to connect to private IP addresses of Amazon ECS hosts.</td>
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**AWS Quick Start configuration:**

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<td>aws-quickstart</td>
<td>The S3 bucket you have created for your copy of Quick Start assets if you decide to customize the Quick Start for your own use. The bucket name can include numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters, and hyphens, but should not start or end with a hyphen.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(QSS3BucketName)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quick Start S3 bucket region</td>
<td>us-east-1</td>
<td>The AWS Region where the Quick Start S3 bucket (QSS3BucketName) is hosted. When using your own bucket, you must specify this value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(QSS3BucketRegion)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quick Start S3 key prefix</td>
<td>quickstart-nvidia-imaging-clara-train/</td>
<td>The S3 key name prefix that is used to simulate a folder for your copy of Quick Start assets. You need to use this if you want to customize the Quick Start for your own use. This prefix can include numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters, hyphens, and forward slashes.</td>
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<td>(QSS3KeyPrefix)</td>
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5. On the options page, you can [specify tags](#) (key-value pairs) for resources in your stack and [set advanced options](#). When you’re done, choose Next.

6. On the Review page, review and confirm the template settings. Under [Capabilities](#), select the two check boxes to acknowledge that the template creates IAM resources and might require the ability to automatically expand macros.

7. Choose Create stack to deploy the stack.

8. Monitor the status of the stack. When the status is CREATE_COMPLETE, the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK cluster is ready.

9. Use the URLs displayed in the [Outputs](#) tab for the stack, as shown in Figure 2, to view the Application Load Balancer and Amazon EFS that were created.
Figure 2: NVIDIA Clara Train SDK outputs after successful deployment
Step 3. Test the deployment

To test the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK deployment, point your browser to the URL of the Application Load Balancer displayed in the Outputs tab of the AWS CloudFormation console. If the deployment was successful, you will see the AI-Assisted Annotation API documentation, as shown in Figure 3.

![AI Annotation Assistance server API (1.0.0) documentation](image)

**Figure 3. NVIDIA Clara Train SDK AI-Assisted documentation page after a successful deployment**
Best practices for using NVIDIA Clara Train SDK on AWS

The NVIDIA Clara Train SDK deployed with this Quick Start provides web services and command-line tools to build and adapt medical-imaging AI models. The SDK requires an NVIDIA GPU, and the Quick Start provides a selection of suitable Amazon EC2 accelerated-computing instance types with compatible NVIDIA GPUs. The Quick Start will automatically deploy the latest Amazon ECS-optimized, GPU-enabled Amazon Machine Image (AMI) on the hosts, including suitable NVIDIA drivers.

You can reach the APIs and AI-Assisted Annotation Server at the Application Load Balancer URL displayed in the Outputs tab of the AWS CloudFormation console. Optionally, you can address the APIs and AI-Assisted Annotation Server with a static IP address by pointing an AWS Global Accelerator service accelerator to the Application Load Balancer. For the steps, see Getting Started with AWS Global Accelerator. We recommend using the default UseHTTPS setting to establish end-to-end encryption of connections to the API and AI-Assisted Annotation Server.

You can reach the command-line tools of the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK via SSH through the bastion host. (See Securely Connect to Linux Instances Running in a Private Amazon VPC.) To do this, follow these steps:

1. Connect by using SSH to the public IP address of the bastion host, using `ssh-add -K myPrivateKey.pem` to manage your private keys.

2. Connect by using SSH from the bastion host to the private IP address of the ECS host running the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK container. You can find the private IP address of the ECS host in the EC2 console.

3. Identify the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK container by running `docker ps`. Note the CONTAINER_ID.

4. Connect to the container by running the command `docker exec -it <CONTAINER_ID> /bin/bash`. 
Security

If data containing PHI will be analyzed, the workload may fall within the scope of the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). AWS does not provide legal or compliance advice. Customers should consult with qualified legal counsel or consultants, as needed, to ensure that their use of AWS complies with HIPAA, the terms of the AWS BAA, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

The default deployment of this infrastructure provides HTTPS access to the APIs and AI-Assisted Annotation Server for improved security. It is possible, to permit unencrypted connections to the APIs and AI-Assisted Annotation Server for compatibility with existing tools, like 3D Slicer and the corresponding NVIDIA plugin. Unencrypted network access should only be permitted if non-PHI data is being analyzed.

Network access to the bastion host and Application Load Balancer should be restricted to CIDR blocks corresponding to your network. These controls are described above.

Data used by the NVIDIA Clara Train SDK containers is stored on an Amazon EFS file system that is encrypted by default, and we recommend not changing this setting.

The EC2 ECS hosts are deployed in a private subnet for improved security. We do not recommend permitting direct access from the internet to the Amazon ECS cluster. You can access the command-line tools of the SDK through the bastion host, as described above.
FAQ

Q. I encountered a CREATE_FAILED error when I launched the Quick Start.
A. If AWS CloudFormation fails to create the stack, we recommend that you relaunch the template with Rollback on failure set to No. (This setting is under Advanced in the AWS CloudFormation console, Options page.) With this setting, the stack’s state is retained and the instance is left running, so you can troubleshoot the issue.

Important: When you set Rollback on failure to No, you continue to incur AWS charges for this stack. Please make sure to delete the stack when you finish troubleshooting.

For additional information, see Troubleshooting AWS CloudFormation on the AWS website.

Q. I encountered a size limitation error when I deployed the AWS CloudFormation templates.
A. We recommend that you launch the Quick Start templates from the links in this guide or from another S3 bucket. If you deploy the templates from a local copy on your computer or from a location other than an S3 bucket, you might encounter template size limitations. For more information about AWS CloudFormation quotas, see the AWS documentation.

Send us feedback
To post feedback, submit feature ideas, or report bugs, use the Issues section of the GitHub repository for this Quick Start. If you’d like to submit code, please review the Quick Start Contributor’s Guide.

Additional resources

AWS resources

• Getting Started Resource Center
• AWS General Reference
• AWS Glossary

AWS services

• AWS CloudFormation
- Amazon EFS
- Amazon EC2
- Amazon ECS
- IAM
- AWS Certificate Manager
- Amazon VPC

NVIDIA Clara Train SDK documentation
- Clara-Train-SDK Release notes
- Clara Train SDK User Guide
- Clara Train SDK Blog

Other Quick Start reference deployments
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- Reference Architecture for HIPAA on AWS
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