

Cloudera Data Engineering Overview

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Cloudera Data Engineering service

Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE) is a service for CDP Private Cloud Data Services that allows you to submit jobs to auto-scaling virtual clusters.

Cloudera Data Engineering allows you to create, manage, and schedule Apache Spark jobs without the overhead of creating and maintaining Spark clusters. With Cloudera Data Engineering, you define virtual clusters with a range of CPU and memory resources, and the virtual cluster scales up and down as needed to run your Spark workloads.

The CDE service involves several components:

Environment

A logical subset of your private cloud deployment, including a datalake and multiple compute resources. For more information, see [Environments](#).

CDE Service

A logical subset of the long-running Kubernetes cluster and services that manage the virtual clusters. The CDE service must be enabled on an environment before you can create any virtual clusters.

Virtual Cluster

An individual auto-scaling cluster with defined CPU and memory ranges. Virtual Clusters in CDE can be created and deleted on demand. Jobs are associated with clusters.

Job

Application code along with defined configurations and resources. Jobs can be run on demand or scheduled. An individual job execution is called a job run.

Resource

A defined collection of files such as a Python file or application JAR, dependencies, and any other reference files required for a job.

Job run

An individual job run.

Cloudera Data Engineering resources

A *resource* in Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE) is a named collection of files used by a job. Resources can include application code, configuration files, custom Docker images, and Python virtual environment specifications (requirements.txt).

Resources are associated with virtual clusters. A resource can be used by multiple jobs, and jobs can use multiple resources. The resource types supported by CDE are files and python-env.

files

An arbitrary collection of files that a job can reference. The application code for the job, including any necessary configuration files or supporting libraries, can be stored in a files resource. Files can be uploaded to and removed from a resource as needed.

python-env

A defined virtual Python environment that a job runs in. The only file that can be uploaded to a python-env resource is a [requirements.txt](#) file. When you associate a python-env resource with a job, the job runs within a Python virtual environment built according to the requirements.txt specification.

custom-runtime-image

A Docker container image. When you run a job using a custom-runtime-image resource, the executors that are launched use your custom image.