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## Creating and managing CDE Sessions

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# Creating Sessions in Cloudera Data Engineering

A Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE) Session is an interactive short-lived development environment for running Spark commands to help you iterate upon and build your Spark workloads.

## About this task

The commands that are run in a CDE Session are called Statements. You can submit the Statements through the connect CLI command or the Interact tab in the CDE UI for a Session. Python and Scala are the supported Session types. Learn how to use Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE) Sessions using the user interface and CLI.

## Before you begin

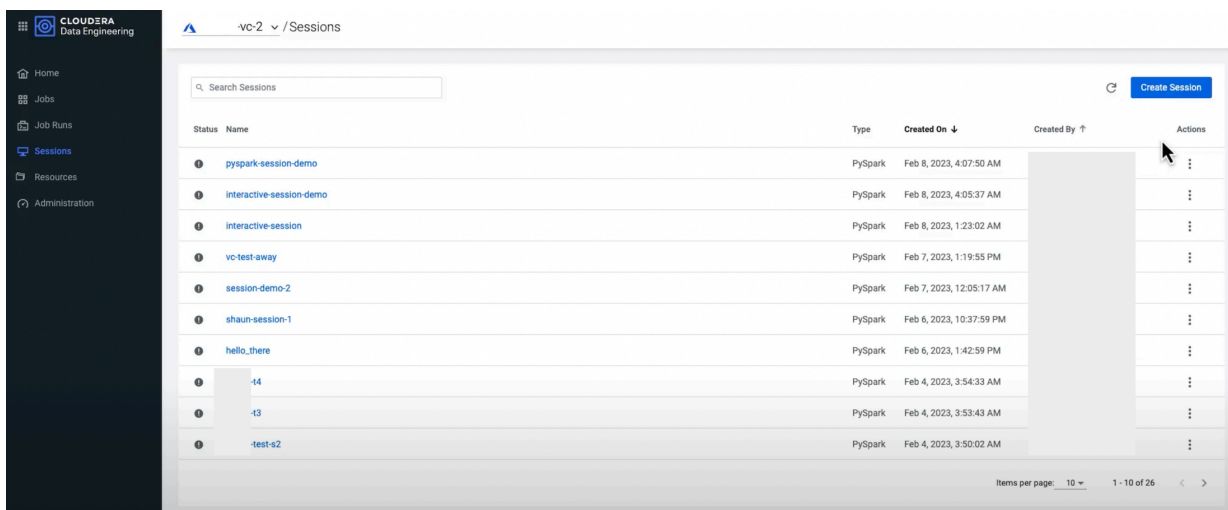


**Important:** You must create the cluster, initialize each cluster, and configure each user who need to run sessions before creating sessions.

In Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE), sessions are associated with virtual clusters. Before you can create a session, you must create a virtual cluster that can run it. For more information, see [Creating virtual clusters](#).

## Procedure

1. In the Cloudera Data Platform (CDP) console, click the Data Engineering tile. The Home page displays.
2. Click Sessions in the left navigation menu and then click Create Session.



3. Enter a Name for the Session.
4. Select a Type, for example, PySpark or Scala.
5. Select a Timeout value.  
The Session will stop after the indicated time has passed.
6. Optionally, enter a Description for the session.
7. Optionally, enter the Configurations.
8. Set the Compute options.
  - Optional: GPU Acceleration (Technical Preview): You can accelerate your session using GPUs. Click Enable GPU Accelerations checkbox to enable the GPU acceleration and configure selectors and tolerations if you want to run the job on specific GPU nodes. When you run this session, this particular session will request GPU resources.

9. Click Create.

The Connect tab displays a list of connectivity options available to interact with the Session. The Interact tab allows you to interact with the Session, and becomes available once the Session is running.

10. To delete a Session, open the Session and click Delete.



**Note:** If you Delete a Session, doing so will result in the termination of an active session and the loss of any attached logs and details.

## Interacting with a Session in Cloudera Data Engineering

Once a Session is created in Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE), you can begin your interaction.

### Procedure

1. In the Cloudera Data Platform (CDP) console, click the Data Engineering tile. The Home page displays.
2. Click Sessions in the left navigation menu.
3. Click the Interactive Shell tab.
4. In the Input box, enter your commands.
5. Click Run. A history of executed commands displays in the sequence of their execution.
6. Optional: Click Terminal Settings to customize.

## Viewing logs for Cloudera Data Engineering Sessions

Once a Session is created in Cloudera Data Engineering (CDE), you can view logs of the Spark driver and executors from the Session.

### Procedure

1. In the Cloudera Data Platform (CDP) console, click the Data Engineering tile. The Home page displays.
2. Click Sessions in the left navigation menu.
3. Click the Session name that you want to view the logs for.
4. Click the Logs tab.
5. In the Select Log Type drop-down, select the Driver or Executor that you want to view the logs for.
6. Click Download All Logs to save your log files.