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LUMI AI Guide

AI group – LUMI User Support Team

State of AI use on LUMI



- LUMI end-user survey 2024:
 - 29% of LUMI users state AI as main field of computation
 - 41% use Machine Learning frameworks on LUMI in one way or another
 - PyTorch by far most popular framework, followed by Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Jax, ...
 - Number of AI users increases every year

- LUMI was not designed as a supercomputer optimized for AI tasks
 - ... but we are working on making it more and more user friendly

Challenges for new AI users on LUMI



- Software installations (EasyBuild modules, singularity containers, virtual environments, ...)
- AMD GPUs instead of more commonly used NVidia hardware
- "Many small files problem" - compatibility with Lustre file system
- Scaling training jobs to multiple GPUs and nodes
- Monitoring and profiling training jobs
- ...

Events and Training → [Moving your AI training jobs to LUMI: A Hands-On Workshop](#)

Upcoming Events

26.3.2025

Online

LUMI user coffee breaks

27.-28.3.2025

CSC, Espoo, Finland

GPU Programming with HIP

2.4.2025

Pikku-Finlandia, Helsinki, Finland and online

LUMI AI Factory Launch

12.-16.5.2025

Oslo, Norway

Hackathon: Optimizing for

Moving your AI training jobs to LUMI: A Hands-On Workshop

4.-5.2.2025

Espoo, Finland

Join our two-day workshop, “Getting Started with AI on LUMI,” designed to familiarize you with the capabilities of the LUMI supercomputer for artificial intelligence applications. This workshop is ideal for those looking to transition from smaller-scale computing environments like laptops, workstations, or cloud VMs to the robust, GPU-intensive LUMI platform.

Participants are invited to **bring their own AI training scripts to the workshop**, where they will receive personalized support to adapt and run them on LUMI’s advanced GPU system. Whether you aim to leverage a single GPU or scale up to multiple GPUs, our workshop will provide valuable insights and practical skills to enhance your AI projects with LUMI’s powerful computing infrastructure.

Event Info

Dates: 4.-5. February 2025

Time: 9:00 – 17 EET each day

Location: Espoo, Finland

Organizer: LUMI User Support Team (LUST), EuroCC National Competence Centers (NCCs) in Finland and GreenNLP

Welcome

Welcome to the LUMI supercomputer user guide. To navigate this guide, select a category from the navigation bar at the top of the page or use the search function.

You have not connected to LUMI yet? Please visit the first steps section to get started.

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Overview

Training Material

The LUMI training material is hosted at lumi-supercomputer.github.io/LUMI-training-materials.

It contains all slides and recordings of all past LUMI training events, including introductory and advanced courses, AI workshops, hackathons, and profiling courses. The training material also provides recordings of the [LUMI user coffee break talks](#) and [user update events](#).

LUMI AI Guide

The LUMI AI Guide is hosted at github.com/Lumi-supercomputer/LUMI-AI-Guide.

This guide is designed to assist users in migrating their machine learning applications from smaller-scale computing environments to LUMI. We will walk you through a detailed example of training an image classification model using PyTorch's [Vision](#)

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- Designed to assist users in migrating their machine learning applications from smaller-scale computing environments to LUMI
- Includes an A-Z example of training an image classification model using a Vision Transformer (ViT) on the ImageNet dataset on LUMI

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Requirements



- A basic understanding of machine learning concepts and Python programming. The guide will focus primarily on aspects specific to training models on LUMI.
- An active user account on LUMI and familiarity with its basic operations.
- If you wish to run the included examples, you need to be part of a project with GPU hours on LUMI.

Some highlights



Chapter 2. Setting up your own environment

- Provided containers on LUMI
- Interacting with a containerized environment
- Installing additional Python packages in a container
- Using Custom container images

•Chapter 3. File formats for training data

- Squashfs
- HDF5
- LMDB
- Performance benchmarks
- Scripts to convert data from one format to another

Some highlights



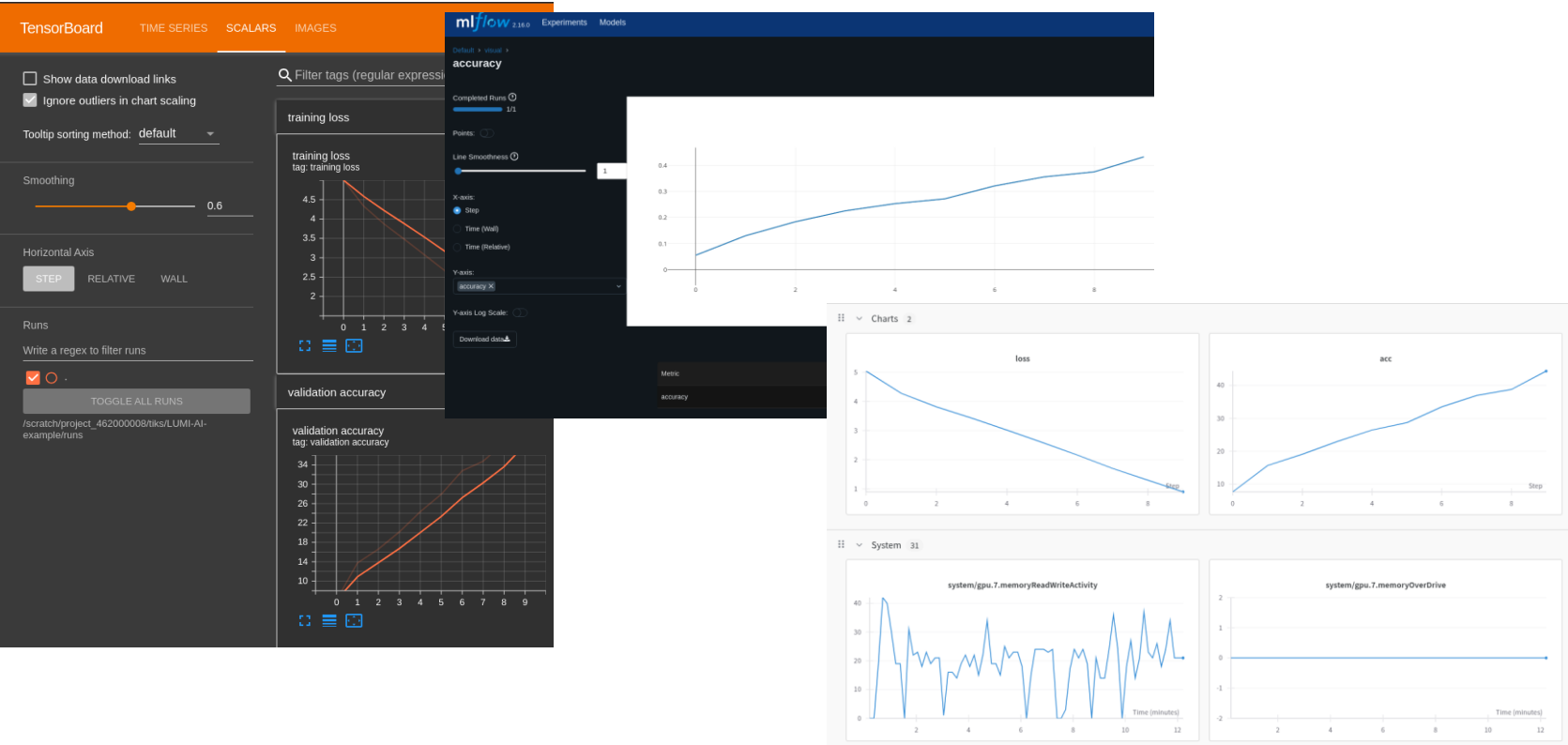
Chapter 4. Data Storage Options

- LUMI-P
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- RAMfs
- File striping

Chapter 5. Multi-GPU and Multi-Node Training

- PyTorch DDP
- Torchrn
- DeepSpeed
- Optimal CPU-GPU bindings
- RCCL environment variables

Chapter 7 – 9: Visualization tools: TensorBoard, MLflow, Wandb



Code examples for all chapters



You can run included examples yourself!

- `set_up_environment.sh` script copies container and training data to your directory
- Python and Slurm scripts included for every chapter
- ViT (Vision Transformer) example starts in first chapter on a single GPU
- Scripts are modified for every chapter

The screenshot displays three code snippets from the LUMI-AI-Guide repository, each in a separate editor window. The top window shows `visualtransformer.py` (71 lines, 63 loc, 2.61 KB) with imports for `DataLoader`, `torch`, `torchvision`, and `sys`. The middle window shows `ddp_visualtransformer.py` (133 lines, 105 loc, 4.23 KB) with imports for `torch`, `os`, `time`, `psutil`, `torchvision.transforms`, `torch.utils.data`, and `torch.nn`. The bottom window shows `mlflow_ddp_visualtransformer.py` (136 lines, 107 loc, 4.41 KB) with imports for `torch`, `os`, `torchvision.transforms`, `vit_b_16`, `DataLoader`, `DistributedDataParallel`, `DistributedSampler`, `psutil`, `mlflow`, and `sys`. It also includes a `set_cpu_affinity` function with a `LUMI_GPU_CPU_map` dictionary.

Please provide feedback



- Find guide at <https://github.com/Lumi-supercomputer/LUMI-AI-Guide>
- Reach out to us via tickets or GitHub issues
- Is an essential part missing in the Guide?
- AI Guide will be regularly updated and maybe extended based on your feedback