SimNet
A Neural Network Based Partial Differential Equation Solver

Installation Guidelines
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There are two ways you can install SimNet, by using the **Docker image** or using **Bare Metal Installation**. Due to dependencies such as TensorFlow and Horovod, NVIDIA highly recommends using SimNet with the docker image provided, because it contains TensorFlow and Horovod which are required. Using this docker image allows for maximal utilization of the GPUs as well.

**System Requirements**

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<th>Operating System</th>
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<td><strong>Driver &amp; GPU Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Bare Metal version: NVIDIA driver 465.19 required only if SDF library is used</td>
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<td>Docker container: NVIDIA driver 465.19 or higher driver must be used. If using a Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 440.30 or 418.xx however any drivers older than 465 will not support the SDF library. (<a href="https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/frameworks/support-matrix/index.html">https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/frameworks/support-matrix/index.html</a>)</td>
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<td>Required installations for Bare Metal version</td>
<td>Python 3.6</td>
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<td>Tensorflow 1.15</td>
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<td>Horovod 0.21.0</td>
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<td><strong>Supported Processors</strong></td>
<td>64-bit x86 (this dependency is only when the SDF library is used since the SDF library is compiled on x86. If you need the SDF compiled on Power9 architecture then please e-mail us at: <a href="mailto:simnet-team@nvidia.com">simnet-team@nvidia.com</a>)</td>
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<td>○ Nvidia Ampere GPU Architecture (A100)</td>
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<td>○ Volta (V100, Titan V, Quadro GV100)</td>
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<td>○ Pascal (P100, P40, P4, Titan Xp, Titan X)</td>
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All studies in the User Guide are done using V100 on DGX-1. A100 has also been tested.

**NOTE:** To get the benefits of all the performance improvements (e.g. AMP, multi-GPU scaling, etc.), use the NVIDIA Tensorflow container for SimNet. This container comes with all the prerequisites and dependencies and allows you to get started efficiently with SimNet.

**SimNet with Docker Image (Recommended)**

To install SimNet using the docker image, first ensure that you have the docker engine installed.

**Install the Docker Engine**

To start working with SimNet, ensure that you have Docker Engine installed. The steps to install docker can be found here: [https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/](https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/)

You will also need to install the nvidia docker toolkit found here: [https://github.com/NVIDIA/nvidia-docker](https://github.com/NVIDIA/nvidia-docker). This should work on most debian based systems: `sudo apt-get install nvidia-docker2`. Running SimNet in the docker image while using SDF library may require nvidia-container-toolkit version greater or equal to 1.0.4.

To run the docker commands without `sudo`, add yourself to the `docker` group by following the steps 1-4 found in Manage Docker as a non-root user: [https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/linux-postinstall/](https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/linux-postinstall/)

**Install SimNet**

Download the SimNet image file:
Load the SimNet container into docker using the following command (This may take several minutes):

```bash
docker load -i simnet_image_v21.06.tar.gz
```

Once complete, Loaded image: simnet:21.06 will get printed in the console.

### Using the SimNet examples

All examples can be found in the SimNet examples tar ball.

You can run the docker image and mount the SimNet examples using:

```bash
tar -xvzf ./SimNet_examples.tar.gz
docker run --shm-size=1g --ulimit memlock=-1 --ulimit stack=67108864 --runtime nvidia -v ${PWD}/examples:/examples -it simnet:21.06 bash
```

To verify the installation has been done correctly, you can run the following commands:

```bash
cd helmholtz/
python helmholtz.py
```

If you see `network_checkpoint_hemholtz/` directory created after the execution of the command (~5 min), the installation is successful.

**Note:** If you intend to use the quadrature functionality of SimNet (e.g. User Guide Section 9.6), please install the `quadpy` package inside the container using the following commands:

```bash
pip install quadpy
```
SimNet Bare Metal Installation

While NVIDIA recommends using the docker image provided to run SimNet, installation instructions for Ubuntu 18.04 are also provided. SimNet requires Cuda to be installed. For compatibility with TensorFlow 1.15, use Cuda 10.2 or later. SimNet requires Python 3.6 or later.

Other dependencies can be installed using:

```
pip3 install matplotlib transforms3d future typing numpy quadpy
   numpy-stl==2.11.2 h5py sympy==1.5.1 termcolor psutil
   symengine==0.6.1 numba Cython chaospy
pip3 install -U https://github.com/paulo-herrera/PyEVTK/archive/v1.1.2.tar.gz
```

**Note:** Currently, SimNet has only been tested for numpy-stl 2.11.2, sympy 1.5.1, symengine 0.6.1 and pyevtk 1.1.2 versions. Using other versions for these packages might give errors.

Once all dependencies are installed, the SimNet source code can be downloaded.

SimNet can be installed from the SimNet source tar ball using:

```
tar -xvzf ./SimNet_source.tar.gz
cd ./SimNet/
python setup.py install
```
To run examples using the STL point cloud generation you will need to put `libsdfl.so` in your library path and install the accompanying PySDF library. This can be done using,

```bash
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$(pwd)/SimNet/external/pysdf/build/:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
cd ./SimNet/external/pysdf/
python setup.py install
```

### Using the SimNet examples

All examples can be found in the SimNet examples tar ball.

To verify the installation has been done correctly, you can run the following commands:

```bash
tar -xvzf ./SimNet_examples.tar.gz
cd examples/helmholtz/
python helmholtz.py
```

If you see `network_checkpoint_hemholtz/` directory created after the execution of the command (~5 min), the installation is successful.

**Note:** To verify the installation of SDF library and the STL geometry support, you can run the following:

```bash
cd examples/aneurysm/
python aneurysm.py
```
Running Jobs using Multiple GPUs

Use these steps to run jobs using multiple GPUs:

1. Find out the available GPU devices. This can be done using:
   ```
   nvidia-smi
   ```

2. Run the multi GPU job using `horovodrun -np #GPUs`. The below command shows how to run a job using 2 GPUs.
   ```
   cd examples/ldc/
   horovodrun -np 2 python ldc_2d.py
   ```