

## **DGX Station**

User Guide

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## About this Guide

DGX Station User Guide explains how to install, set up, and maintain the NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> DGX Station<sup>TM</sup>.

This guide is aimed at users and administrators who are familiar with the Ubuntu Desktop Linux OS, including use of the command line and the sudo command.

**Note:** The instructions in this guide for software administration apply only to the DGX OS Desktop. They don't apply if the DGX OS Desktop software that is supplied with the DGX Station has been replaced with the DGX software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS.

For additional information to help you use the DGX Station, see the following table.

Task	Additional Information
Use the Ubuntu Desktop Linux OS	<ul> <li><u>Ubuntu 20.04 Desktop Guide (https://help.ubuntu.com/20.04/ubuntu-help/index.html)</u></li> <li><u>Ubuntu 18.04 Desktop Guide (https://help.ubuntu.com/18.04/ubuntu-help/index.html)</u></li> <li><u>Ubuntu 16.04 Desktop Guide (https://help.ubuntu.com/16.04/ubuntu-help/index.html)</u></li> </ul>
Find out about the DGX OS Desktop software for the DGX Station	DGX OS Desktop Release Notes
Use the DGX Station to download and run containers for deep learning frameworks	NGC Container Registry for DGX User Guide
Use deep learning frameworks optimized for NVIDIA DGX systems	<u>NVIDIA Deep Learning Frameworks</u> <u>Documentation (https://docs.nvidia.com/</u> <u>deeplearning/dgx/)</u>
Use the tools and libraries in the DGX OS Desktop for development of deep learning frameworks	NVIDIA Deep Learning SDK Documentation (https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/sdk/)

## Chapter 1. Introduction to the NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> DGX Station<sup>™</sup>

The NVIDIA DGX Station is a fast, multi-GPU workstation for deep learning and AI analytics. You can use the DGX Station to run neural networks, and deploy deep learning models. Because the DGX Station is software compatible with the NVIDIA DGX-1 server, you can also use the DGX Station to optimize applications to run on a production DGX-1 cluster.



## 1.1. What's in the Box

- DGX Station
- Accessory boxes containing:
  - Quick Start Guide
  - AC power cable
  - ▶ 3 DisplayPort<sup>™</sup> 1.2 to HDMI 2.0 adapters
  - USB recovery flash drive containing a backup copy of the operating system image and CUDA toolkit
  - DVD-ROM containing source code of open-source software installed on the DGX Station
  - ► Toxic Substance Notice and Safety Instructions
  - Declaration of Conformity
  - Repacking Instructions/Intra-Transit

Inspect each piece of equipment in the packing box. If anything is missing or damaged, contact your supplier.

## 1.2. DGX OS Desktop Software Summary

The DGX OS Desktop software that is supplied with the DGX Station includes the software that you need for downloading and running containers for deep learning frameworks. The software is already installed on the DGX Station, except where licensing requirements mandate that the software be supplied separately. Any software that must be supplied separately is installed automatically when the DGX Station is first powered on.

For details about the DGX OS Desktop software, refer to DGX OS Desktop Release Notes.

#### Note:

You can replace the DGX OS Desktop software that is supplied with the DGX Station by installing the DGX software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS. For instructions, see:

- DGX Software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Installation Guide
- DGX Software for CentOS Installation Guide

## 1.3. DGX Station Hardware Summary

#### Processors

Component	Qty	Description			
CPU	1	Intel Xeon E5-2698 v4 2.2 GHz (20-Core)			
GPU - current units	4	NVIDIA Tesla $^{\textcircled{B}}$ V100-DGXS-32GB with 32 GB per GPU (128 GB total) of GPU memory			
GPU - earlier units	4	NVIDIA Tesla V100-DGXS-16GB with 16 GB per GPU (64 GB total) of GPU memory			

#### System Memory and Storage

Component	Qty	Unit Capacity	Total Capacity	Description
System memory	8	32 GB	256 GB	ECC Registered RDIMM DDR4 SDRAM
				Note: You can replace all eight factory- installed 32-GB DIMMs with 64-GB DIMMs to give a total capacity of 512 GB.
Data storage	3	1.92 TB	5.76 TB	2.5" 6 Gb/s SATA III SSD in RAID 0 configuration
				Note: Since DGX OS Desktop 4.4.0 or DGX software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS EL7-20.02: You can add four 1.92-TB SSDs for data storage to give a total capacity of 13.44 TB in a RAID 0 configuration.
OS storage	1	1.92 TB	1.92 TB	2.5" 6 Gb/s SATA III SSD

## Chapter 2. Setting Up the NVIDIA DGX Station

Before using the DGX Station, ensure that its initial set-up is complete.

## 2.1. Siting the DGX Station

#### CAUTION:

The DGX Station weighs 88 lbs (40 kg). Do not attempt to lift the DGX Station. Instead, remove the DGX Station from its packaging and move it into position by rolling it on its fitted casters.

To prevent damage to components inside the DGX Station, do not subject the DGX Station to excessive vibration or mechanical shock. After moving or transporting the DGX Station, visually inspect the NVLINK bridge, which connects the GPUs, and the drive trays in the drive cage to see if they have shifted out of position. If any of these components has shifted, reseat the component before operating the DGX Station.

Site the DGX Station in a location that is clean, dust-free, well ventilated, and near an appropriately rated, grounded AC power outlet.

Leave approximately 5" (12.5 cm) of clearance behind and at the sides of the DGX Station to allow sufficient airflow for cooling the unit.

When operating the DGX Station, keep the ambient temperature and relative humidity within the following ranges:

- Ambient temperature: 10°C to 30°C (50°F to 86°F)
- Relative humidity: 10% to 80% (non-condensing)

Always keep the DGX Station upright. Do not lay the unit on its side.



# 2.2. Removing or Replacing the Packing Inside the DGX Station

To prevent damage to components inside the DGX Station during transit, a foam packing piece is packed inside the DGX Station. Before you connect and power on the DGX Station, you **must** remove this packing piece from inside the DGX Station. If you are returning the DGX Station to NVIDIA under a return merchandise authorization (RMA), replace this packing piece before repacking the DGX Station.

Before you begin, ensure that:

- The DGX Station is shut down and powered off.
- The power cable, all communications cables, and any peripheral devices such as displays and keyboards are disconnected from the DGX Station.
- 1. Push the button on the right side of the DGX Station back panel to release the side panel on the right of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.



2. Lift the panel to remove it.





**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station.

- 3. Remove or replace the foam packing piece that surrounds the GPU cards inside the DGX Station.
  - ▶ To remove the foam packing piece, gently grasp it and pull it towards you.

If you are unpacking an advance-shipped replacement for a unit that you are returning to NVIDIA under an RMA, retain this foam packing piece with all other DGX Station packaging. You will need the packaging to repack your original DGX Station for shipment to NVIDIA.

► To replace the foam packing piece, gently push it into position around the GPU cards inside the DGX Station.



4. Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.



5. Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latches.



## 2.3. Connecting and Powering on the DGX Station

To complete this task you need the following items, which are not supplied with the DGX Station:

Display with power cable and connector cable terminated in a DisplayPort<sup>™</sup> connector or HDMI connector

If your display connector cable is terminated in an HDMI connector, you can use one of the supplied adapters to connect the cable to the DGX Station.

- USB keyboard
- USB mouse

- Ethernet cable
- 1. Connect a display to any DisplayPort connector and a keyboard and mouse to any two USB ports.



- **Note:** For initial setup, connect only **one** display to the DGX Station. After you complete the initial Ubuntu OS configuration, you can configure the DGX Station to use multiple displays. For details, see <u>Configuring the DGX Station To Use Multiple Displays</u>.
- 2. Use any of the two Ethernet ports to connect the DGX Station to your LAN with Internet connectivity.



#### Note:

Connect only **one** Ethernet port on the DGX Station to the Internet **unless** you plan to configure the ports manually and disable DHCP on at least one of the ports.

By default, both Ethernet ports on the DGX Station are configured for DHCP. If both the ports are connected simultaneously, each port will get its own IP address. The IP address

that the Linux operating system (OS) uses will then alternate between these addresses, causing the OS and applications to malfunction.

3. Make sure that the power supply rocker switch is in the OFF position.

#### Current units:



#### Earlier units:



4. Connect the supplied power cable from the power socket at the back of the unit to an appropriately rated, grounded AC outlet.

For details of the power consumption, input voltage, and current rating of the DGX Station, see <u>Power Specifications</u>.

#### Current units:



#### Earlier units:



#### CAUTION:

Use **only** the supplied power cable and do not use this power cable with any other products or for any other purpose. Not all power cables have the same current ratings.

Do **not** use household extension cables with your product. Household extension cables do not have overload protection and are not intended for use with computer systems.

- 5. Connect the display to a suitable AC outlet and power on the display.
- 6. Move the DGX Station power supply rocker switch to the ON position.

#### Current units:



Earlier units:



7. Push the Power button on the front of the unit to power on the DGX Station.



# 2.4. Completing the Initial Ubuntu OS Configuration

When you power on the DGX Station for the first time, you are prompted to accept end user license agreements for NVIDIA software. You are then guided through the process for completing the initial Ubuntu OS configuration.

**Note:** During the configuration process, to prevent unauthorized users from using non-default boot entries and modifying boot parameters, you need to enter a GRUB password.

- 1. Accept the EULA and click **Continue**.
- 2. Select your language, for example, **English English**, and click **Continue**.
- 3. Select your keyboard, for example, **English (US)**, and click **Continue**.
- 4. Select your location, for example, Los Angeles, and click Continue.
- 5. Enter your username and password, enter the password again to confirm it, and click **Continue**.

Here are some requirements to remember:

- ▶ The username must be composed of lower-case letters.
- ▶ The username will be used instead of the root account for administrative activities.
- ▶ It is also used as the GRUB username.
- Ensure you enter a strong password.

If the password that you entered is weak, a warning appears.

- 6. Enter the GRUB password and click **OK**.
  - ▶ Your GRUB password must have at least 8 characters.
    - If it has less than 8 characters, you cannot click **Continue**.
  - ▶ If you do not enter a password, GRUB password protection will be disabled.
- 7. If you performed the automated encryption install, you will also be prompted to create a new passphrase for your root filesystem.
  - ► The default password was seeded with *nvidia3d*, and the password that you enter will be disabled when you complete this step.
  - This new passphrase will be used to unlock your root filesystem when the system boots.

After the Ubuntu OS configuration is complete, you can log in to the DGX Station to access your Ubuntu desktop.

Note: Updates to the DGX Station software might have been made available after your DGX Station was manufactured. To ensure that you have the latest DGX Station software, including

security updates, check for updates and install any available updates before using your DGX Station. For more information, see <u>Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major</u> <u>Release</u>.

# 2.5. Adding Support for Additional Languages to the DGX Station

During the initial Ubuntu OS configuration, you are prompted to select the default language on the DGX Station. If the language that you select is included in the DGX OS Desktop software image, it is installed in addition to English and you will see that language after you log in to access your desktop. If the language that you select is not included, you will still see English after logging in and you will need to install the language separately.

The following languages are included in the DGX OS Desktop software image:

- English
- Chinese (Simplified)
- French
- ▶ German
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

For information about how to install languages, see the Ubuntu Official Documentation for the release included in your DGX OS Desktop release:

- DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: <u>Ubuntu 18.04: Install languages (https://help.ubuntu.com/16.04/ubuntu-help/prefs-language-install.html</u>)
- DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: <u>Ubuntu 16.04</u>: Install languages (https:// help.ubuntu.com/16.04/ubuntu-help/prefs-language-install.html)

## 2.6. Registering Your DGX Station

To obtain support for your DGX Station, follow the instructions for registration in the Entitlement Certification email that was sent as part of the purchase.

Registration allows you to access the NVIDIA Enterprise Support Portal, obtain technical support, get software updates, and set up an NGC for DGX systems account. If you did not receive the information, open a case with the NVIDIA Enterprise Support Team at <u>https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/support/enterprise/</u>.

## 2.7. Configuring the DGX Station To Use Multiple Displays

One of the NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU cards in the DGX Station provides three DisplayPort connectors, enabling you to connect up to three displays to the DGX Station. If you want to use more than one display with the DGX Station, configure it to use multiple displays **after** you complete the initial Ubuntu OS configuration.

1. Connect the displays that you want to use to the DisplayPort connectors at the rear of the DGX Station.



Each display is automatically detected as you connect it.

- 2. **Optional:** If necessary, adjust the display configuration, such as switching the primary display, or changing monitor positions or orientation.
  - a). Open the **Displays** window.
    - DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: Open the Ubuntu system menu at the right of the desktop menu bar, click the tools icon, and in the Settings window that opens, choose Devices > Displays.
    - DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: From the Ubuntu system menu at the right of the desktop menu bar, choose System Settings and in the System Settings window that opens, click Displays.
  - b). In the **Displays** window that opens, make the changes to the display settings that you want and click **Apply**.

<	Devices	Displays – c					
ø	Displays	Display Mode					
<u></u>	Keyboard	Join Displays	Single Display				
Ĵ	Mouse & Touchpad		single bisplay				
8	Printers	<b>Display Arrangement</b> Drag displays to match your setup. The top bar is placed on the primary	v displav.				
Ü	Removable Media						
G	Thunderbolt	2					
Ě	Wacom Tablet						
2	Color						
		Primary Display 2	Dell Inc. 24"				
		Dell Inc. 24" Dell Inc. 24					
		Orientation	Landscape				
		Resolution 1920 :	× 1200 (16:10)				
		Scale 1	100 % 200 %				
		Refresh Rate	59.95 Hz				

High-resolution displays consume a large quantity of GPU memory. If you have connected three 4K displays to the DGX Station, they may consume most of the GPU memory on the NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU card to which they are connected, especially if you are running graphics-intensive applications.

If you are running memory-intensive compute workloads on the DGX Station and are experiencing performance issues, consider conserving GPU memory by reducing or minimizing the graphics workload.

To reduce the graphics workload, disconnect any additional displays you connected and use only one display with the DGX Station.

If you disconnect a display from the DGX Station, the disconnection is automatically detected and the display settings are automatically adjusted for the remaining displays.

- To minimize the graphics workload, shut down the display manager and use secure shell (SSH) to log in to the DGX Station remotely.
  - DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: To shut down the GNOME display manager, type the following command:

\$ sudo telinit 3

DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: To shut down the LightDM display manager, type the following command:

\$ sudo service lightdm stop

To start the display manager, log in to the DGX Station remotely and type the command for your DGX OS Desktop release:

- DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: \$ sudo telinit 5
- DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: \$ sudo service lightdm start

# 2.8. Enabling Multiple Users to Access the DGX Station Remotely

To enable multiple users to access the DGX Station remotely, secure shell (SSH) server is installed and enabled on the DGX Station.

Add other Ubuntu OS users to the DGX Station to allow them to log in remotely to the DGX Station through SSH.

For information about how to add a user, see the Ubuntu Official Documentation for the release included in your DGX OS Desktop release:

- DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u>: Add a new user account (https:// help.ubuntu.com/18.04/ubuntu-help/user-add.html)
- DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: <u>Ubuntu 16.04</u>: Add a new user account (https:// help.ubuntu.com/16.04/ubuntu-help/user-add.html)

For information about how to log in remotely through SSH, see <u>Connecting to an OpenSSH</u> <u>Server (https://help.ubuntu.com/community/SSH/OpenSSH/ConnectingTo)</u> on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

**Note:** The DGX Station does **not** provide any additional isolation guarantees between users beyond the guarantees that the Ubuntu OS offers. For guidelines about how to secure access to the DGX Station over SSH, see <u>Configuring an OpenSSH Server (https://help.ubuntu.com/community/SSH/OpenSSH/Configuring)</u> on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

# 2.9. Preparing the DGX Station for Use with Docker

Some initial setup of the DGX Station is required to ensure that users have the required privileges to run Docker containers and to prevent IP address conflicts between Docker and the DGX Station.

**Note:** For more information about setting filesystem quotas, see <u>How To Set Filesystem Quotas</u> on Ubuntu 18.04. By default, DGX OS provides steps 1 and 2, so start with step 3.

### 2.9.1. Enabling Users To Run Docker Containers

To prevent the docker daemon from running without protection against escalation of privileges, the Docker software requires sudo privileges to run containers. Meeting this requirement involves enabling users who will run Docker containers to run commands with sudo privileges. Therefore, you should ensure that only users whom you trust and who are aware of the potential risks to the DGX Station of running commands with sudo privileges are able to run Docker containers.

Before allowing multiple users to run commands with sudo privileges, consult your IT department to determine whether you would be violating your organization's security policies. For the security implications of enabling users to run Docker containers, see <u>Docker daemon</u> <u>attack surface</u>.

You can enable users to run the Docker containers in one of the following ways:

- Add each user as an administrator user with sudo privileges.
- Add each user as a standard user without sudo privileges and then add the user to the docker group. This approach is inherently insecure because any user who can send commands to the docker engine can escalate privilege and run root-user operations.

To add an existing user to the docker group, run this command:

\$ sudo usermod -aG docker user-login-id user-login-id

The user login ID of the existing user that you are adding to the docker group.

## 2.9.2. Preventing IP Address Conflicts Between Docker and the DGX Station

To ensure that the DGX Station can access the network interfaces for Docker containers, configure the containers to use a subnet distinct from other network resources used by the DGX Station. By default, Docker uses the 172.17.0.0/16 subnet. If addresses within this

range are already used on the DGX Station network, change the Docker network to specify the bridge IP address range and container IP address range to be used by Docker containers.

This task requires sudo privileges.

 Open the /etc/systemd/system/docker.service.d/docker-override.conf file in a plain-text editor, such as vi.

\$ sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/docker.service.d/docker-override.conf

- 2. Append the following options to the line that begins ExecStart=/usr/bin/dockerd, which specifies the command to start the dockerd daemon:
  - --bip=bridge-ip-address-range
  - --fixed-cidr=container-ip-address-range

#### bridge-ip-address-range

The bridge IP address range to be used by Docker containers, for example, 192.168.127.1/24.

#### container-ip-address-range

The container IP address range to be used by Docker containers, for example, 192.168.127.128/25.

This example shows a complete /etc/systemd/system/docker.service.d/dockeroverride.conf file that has been edited to specify the bridge IP address range and container IP address range to be used by Docker containers.

```
[Service]
ExecStart=
ExecStart=/usr/bin/dockerd -H fd:// -s overlay2 --default-shm-size=1G --
bip=192.168.127.1/24 --fixed-cidr=192.168.127.128/25
LimitMEMLOCK=infinity
LimitSTACK=67108864
```

**Note:** Starting with DGX OS Desktop release 3.1.4, the option --disable-legacyregistry=false is removed from the Docker CE service configuration file dockeroverride.conf. The option is removed for compatibility with Docker CE 17.12 and later.

- Save and close the /etc/systemd/system/docker.service.d/docker-override.conf file.
- Reload the Docker settings for the systemd daemon.
   \$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
- 5. Restart the docker service.

\$ sudo systemctl restart docker

## 2.10. Managing CPU Mitigations

DGX OS Desktop includes security updates to mitigate CPU speculative side-channel vulnerabilities. These mitigations can decrease the performance of deep learning and machine learning workloads.

If your installation of DGX systems incorporates other measures to mitigate these vulnerabilities, such as measures at the cluster level, you can disable the CPU mitigations for

individual DGX nodes and thereby increase performance. This capability is available starting with DGX OS Desktop release 4.4.0.

## 2.10.1. Determining the CPU Mitigation State of the DGX System

If you do not know whether CPU mitigations are enabled or disabled, issue the following.

#### \$ cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/vulnerabilities/\*

 CPU mitigations are enabled if the output consists of multiple lines prefixed with Mitigation:.

#### Example

```
KVM: Mitigation: Split huge pages
Mitigation: PTE Inversion; VMX: conditional cache flushes, SMT vulnerable
Mitigation: Clear CPU buffers; SMT vulnerable
Mitigation: PTI
Mitigation: Speculative Store Bypass disabled via prctl and seccomp
Mitigation: usercopy/swapgs barriers and __user pointer sanitization
Mitigation: Full generic retpoline, IBPB: conditional, IBRS_FW, STIBP:
conditional, RSB filling
Mitigation: Clear CPU buffers; SMT vulnerable
```

 CPU mitigations are disabled if the output consists of multiple lines prefixed with Vulnerable.

#### Example

```
KVM: Vulnerable
Mitigation: PTE Inversion; VMX: vulnerable
Vulnerable; SMT vulnerable
Vulnerable
Vulnerable
Vulnerable: _____user pointer sanitization and usercopy barriers only; no swapgs
barriers
Vulnerable, IBPB: disabled, STIBP: disabled
Vulnerable
```

### 2.10.2. Disabling CPU Mitigations



**CAUTION:** Performing the following instructions will disable the CPU mitigations provided by the DGX OS Desktop software.

- Install the nv-mitigations-off package.
   \$ sudo apt install nv-mitigations-off -y
- 2. Reboot the system.
- 3. Verify CPU mitigations are disabled.

#### \$ cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/vulnerabilities/\*

The output should include several Vulnerable lines. See <u>Determining the CPU Mitigation</u> <u>State of the DGX System</u> for example output.

### 2.10.3. Re-enabling CPU Mitigations

- Remove the nv-mitigations-off package.
   \$ sudo apt purge nv-mitigations-off
- 2. Reboot the system.
- 3. Verify CPU mitigations are enabled.
  - \$ cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/vulnerabilities/\*

The output should include several Mitigations lines. See <u>Determining the CPU Mitigation</u> <u>State of the DGX System</u> for example output.

## Chapter 3. Upgrading DGX OS Desktop Software on DGX Station

Updates to DGX OS Desktop software are made available through standard Ubuntu repositories and are available from several sources. You are responsible for upgrading the software on the DGX Station to install the updates from these sources.

Upgrading DGX OS Desktop software can involve upgrading within the same major DGX OS Desktop release or to a new major DGX OS Desktop release.

- Upgrading within the same major release upgrades between two DGX OS Desktop releases with the same first digit in their release identifiers, for example, from 3.1.6 to 3.1.7. Upgrading within the same major release of DGX OS Desktop upgrades all the packages to the latest version in the repositories for that release.
- ▶ Upgrading to a new major release upgrades between two DGX OS Desktop releases with different first digits in their release identifiers, for example, from DGX OS Desktop 3.1.7 to 4.0.4. Upgrading to a new major DGX OS Desktop release upgrades all the packages to the latest version in the repositories for the new DGX OS Desktop release.

For details about the available updates, see <u>Available DGX Station Package Updates</u>. These updates may contain important security updates. To protect your DGX Station, keep your system up to date with the latest important security updates. For information about security updates for the Ubuntu OS, see <u>Ubuntu Security Notices (https://usn.ubuntu.com/)</u>.

### 3.1. Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major Release

Perform this task to upgrade between two DGX OS Desktop releases with the same first digit in their release identifiers, for example, from 3.1.6 to 3.1.7. The upgrade process does not update your package sources. Future updates are obtained from repositories for the current major release.

You can use any of the standard means provided by the Ubuntu Desktop OS to upgrade within the same DGX OS Desktop major release. For examples, see:

Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major Release from the Software Updater Application • Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major Release from the Command Line

**CAUTION:** When you use these means to upgrade software on the DGX Station, you upgrade all software for which updates are available from your configured software sources, including applications that you installed yourself. If you want to prevent an application from being upgraded, you can instruct the Ubuntu package manager to keep the current version. For more information, see <u>Introduction to Holding Packages</u> (<u>https://help.ubuntu.com/community/</u> <u>PinningHowto#Introduction to Holding Packages</u>) on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

### 3.1.1. Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major Release from the Software Updater Application

Use the Software Updater applicaton to upgrade DGX Station in the same major release. Ensure that you are logged in to your Ubuntu desktop on the DGX Station as an administrator user.

- 1. Press the **Super** key.
- 2. In the search bar, type **Software Updater**.
- 3. Open the Software Updater, review the available updates, and click Install Now.



- If no updates are available, the Software Updater informs you that your software is up to date.
- If an update requires the removal of obsolete packages, you will be warned that not all updates can be installed.

To continue with the update, complete the following steps:

- a). Click Partial Upgrade.
- b). Review the list of packages that will be removed.

To identify obsolete DGX OS Desktop packages, see the lists of obsolete packages in the <u>DGX OS Desktop Release Notes</u> for all releases after your current release.

c). If the list contains only packages that you want to remove, click Start Upgrade.

- 4. When prompted to authenticate, type your password into the **Password** field and click **Authenticate**.
- 5. When the update is complete, restart your DGX Station.

Restart the system even if you are not prompted to restart it to complete the updates.

Any update to the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux requires a restart.

If you update the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux without restarting the DGX Station, running the nvidia-smi command displays an error message.

```
$ nvidia-smi
```

Failed to initialize NVML: Driver/library version mismatch

### 3.1.2. Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS Desktop Major Release from the Command Line

Use the <u>apt (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/en/man8/apt.8.html)</u> command to upgrade DGX Station software within the same major release from the command line. Ensure that you are logged in to your Ubuntu desktop on the DGX Station as an administrator user.

1. Download information from all configured sources about the latest versions of the packages.

\$ sudo apt update

2. Review the available updates by simulating an upgrade of the packages.

```
\$ sudo apt -s full-upgrade
```

3. Install all available updates for your current DGX OS Desktop release.

\$ sudo apt -y full-upgrade

**Note:** Even if the R450 repository is enabled, CUDA 11.0 is **not** automatically installed. To manually install CUDA 11.0, issue the following command:

```
$ sudo apt install -y cuda-toolkit-11-0
```

4. When the upgrade is complete, restart your DGX Station.

Any upgrade to the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux requires a restart.

If you upgrade the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux without restarting the DGX Station, running the nvidia-smi command displays an error message.

```
$ nvidia-smi
Failed to initialize NVML: Driver/library version mismatch
```

## 3.2. Upgrading to a New DGX OS Desktop Major Release

Perform this task to upgrade between two DGX OS Desktop releases with different first digits in their release identifiers, for example from 3.1.7 to 4.0.4 and from 4.6.0 to 5.0.0. The upgrade

process updates your package sources to obtain future updates from repositories for the new release.

To upgrade from a DDGX OS Desktop 3 release to a DGX OS Desktop 5 release, you need to perform the procedure twice in the following order:

- 1. Upgrade from DGX OS Desktop 3 to DGX OS Desktop 4.
- 2. Upgrade from DGX OS Desktop 4 to DGX OS Desktop 5.

Ę	Note:						
	During the upgrade, the <b>Ubuntu LTS Upgrade Available</b> dialog box might open to notify you that a new version of Ubuntu is available, for example:						
	😣 🌑 Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS Upgrade Available						
	A new version of Ubuntu is available. Would you like to upgrade?						
	Don't Upgrade Ask Me Later Yes, Upgrade I	low					
	If you see this dialog box, close it by clicking the × icon in the title bar.						

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

Your current DGX OS Desktop release is on a supported update path for the release that you are upgrading to.

For more information, see <u>DGX OS Desktop Release Notes</u>.

- > You are logged in to the DGX Station as an administrator user.
- 1. Download information from all configured sources about the latest versions of the packages.

```
\$ sudo apt update
```

2. Install all available updates for your current DGX OS Desktop release.

```
$ sudo apt -y full-upgrade
```

Note: Even if the R450 repository is enabled, CUDA 11.0 is not automatically installed. To manually install CUDA 11.0, issue the following command:
 \$ sudo apt install -y cuda-toolkit-11-0

3. Install the package for upgrading to the next major DGX OS Desktop release.

 If you are upgrading from DGX OS Desktop 4 to DGX OS Desktop 5, install the nvidiarelease-upgrade package.

```
\$ sudo apt install -y nvidia-release-upgrade
```

 If you are upgrading from DGX OS Desktop 3 to DGX OS Desktop 4, install the dgxrelease-upgrade package.

```
$ sudo apt install -y dgx-release-upgrade
```

- 4. Start the DGX OS Desktop release upgrade process.
  - If you are upgrading from DGX OS Desktop 4 to DGX OS Desktop 5, run the following command:

#### \$ sudo nvidia-release-upgrade

If you have packages, such as NCCL, CUDNN, and KVM, that do not have upgrade candidates, you will see the following message:

WARNING: The following packages are installed, but have no 20.04 upgrade path. They will be uninstalled during the release upgrade process.

librccl2 librccl-dev libcudnn7 libcudnn7-dev libcudnn7-doc libcudnn8 libcudnn8dev libcudnn8-samples

The --force option must be used to proceed.

If you see this message, run nvidia-release-upgrade with the --force option.

- \$ sudo nvidia-release-upgrade --force
- If you are upgrading from DGX OS Desktop 3 to DGX OS Desktop 5, run the following command:

\$ sudo dgx-release-upgrade

If you are logged in to the DGX Station remotely through secure shell (SSH), you are asked if you want to continue running under SSH.

Continue running under SSH?

```
This session appears to be running under ssh. It is not recommended
to perform a upgrade over ssh currently because in case of failure it
is harder to recover.
If you continue, an additional ssh daemon will be started at port
```

```
'1022'.
Do you want to continue?
```

Continue [yN]

a). Enter **y** to continue.

An additional sshd daemon is started and the following message is displayed: Starting additional sshd

```
To make recovery in case of failure easier, an additional sshd will
be started on port '1022'. If anything goes wrong with the running
ssh you can still connect to the additional one.
If you run a firewall, you may need to temporarily open this port. As
this is potentially dangerous it's not done automatically. You can
open the port with e.g.:
'iptables -I INPUT -p tcp --dport 1022 -j ACCEPT'
```

To continue please press [ENTER]

b). In response to the prompt, press Enter to continue.

You are warned that third-party sources are disabled.

Third party sources disabled

Some third party entries in your sources.list were disabled. You can re-enable them after the upgrade with the 'software-properties' tool or your package manager.

To continue please press [ENTER]

Canonical and DGX repositories are preserved for the upgrade, but any other repositories, for example, Google Chrome or VSCode, will be disabled. After the upgrade, you must manually re-enable any third-party sources that you want to keep.

5. In response to the prompt, press **Enter** to continue.

```
You are asked to confirm that you want to start the upgrade.
Do you want to start the upgrade?
...
Installing the upgrade can take several hours. Once the download has finished,
the process cannot be canceled.
```

Continue [yN] Details [d]

In response to the prompt, enter y to start the upgrade.
 You are warned that lock screen is disabled.

Lock screen disabled

```
Your lock screen has been disabled and will remain disabled until you reboot.
```

To continue please press [ENTER] Inhibiting until Ctrl+C is pressed..

7. Press **Enter** to continue.

Do **not** press **Ctrl+C** in response to this warning. Pressing **Ctrl+C** terminates the upgrade process.

8. When prompted to resolve conflicts in configuration files, evaluate the changes before accepting the maintainer's version, keeping the local version, or manually resolving the difference.

Conflicts in some configuration files might be the result of customizations to the Ubuntu Desktop OS made for DGX OS Desktop. For guidance about how to resolve these conflicts, see the chapter in the <u>DGX OS Desktop Release Notes</u> for the release family that you are upgrading to.

You are asked to confirm that you want to remove obsolete packages. Remove obsolete packages?

371 packages are going to be removed.

Removing the packages can take several hours.

Continue [yN] Details [d]

- 9. Determine whether to remove obsolete packages and continue with the upgrade.
  - a). Review the list of packages that will be removed.

To identify obsolete DGX OS Desktop packages, see the lists of obsolete packages in the <u>DGX OS Desktop Release Notes</u> for all releases after your current release.

b). If the list contains only packages that you want to remove, enter  $\mathbf{y}$  to continue with the upgrade.

When the system upgrade is complete, you are prompted to restart the system. System upgrade is complete.

Restart required

```
To finish the upgrade, a restart is required.
If you select 'y' the system will be restarted.
```

Continue [yN]

10. In response to the prompt, enter  $\mathbf{y}$  to restart the system.

After the system is restarted, the upgrade process takes several minutes to perform some final installation steps.

11. Confirm the Linux kernel version.

#### \$ uname -a

For example, for an upgrade to DGX OS Desktop 4.0.4, the Linux kernel version is at minimum 4.15.0–36-generic:

```
Linux es-DGX-Station 4.15.0-36-generic #39-Ubuntu SMP Mon Sep 24 16:19:09 UTC 2018 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

For the minimum Linux kernel version of the release that you are upgrading to, consult the release notes for that release.

12. Confirm the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux version.

#### \$ nvidia-smi

For example, for an upgrade to DGX OS Desktop 5.0.0, the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux version is 450.80.02:

Tue Oct 13 09:02:14 2020

```
NVIDIA-SMI 450.80.02 Driver Version: 450.80.02 CUDA Version: 11.0
```

For the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux version of the release that you are upgrading to, consult the release notes for that release.

## 3.3. Opting in to DGX OS Desktop Patch Updates

Patch updates are package upgrades to individual components in DGX OS Desktop software that are delivered through the DGX OS Desktop update repository. You must opt in to receive patch updates. When you opt in, any available patch updates are installed. After you opt in, the distribution for DGX OS Desktop patch updates is added to your configured sources from which packages are obtained.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- > You are logged in to your Ubuntu desktop on the DGX Station as an administrator user.
- ▶ Your DGX Station is upgraded to DGX OS Desktop release .
- 1. Download information from all configured sources about the latest versions of the packages.

\$ sudo apt update

2. Install the dgxstation-release-updates-repo package.
 \$ sudo apt install -y dgxstation-release-updates-repo

#### release

The code name of the Ubuntu OS release on which your DGX OS Desktop release is based. For example, if you are running a DGX OS Desktop 4 release, which is based on Ubuntu 18.04, *release* is bionic.

This example installs the dgxstation-bionic-updates-repo.

\$ sudo apt install -y dgxstation-bionic-updates-repo

3. After installing the dgxstation-*release*-updates-repo package, download information from all configured sources about the latest versions of the packages again.

```
$ sudo apt update
```

4. Review the available updates by simulating an upgrade of the packages.

```
\$ sudo apt -s full-upgrade
```

5. Install all available updates for your current DGX OS Desktop release.

```
$ sudo apt -y full-upgrade
```

**Note:** Even if the R450 repository is enabled, CUDA 11.0 is **not** automatically installed. To manually install CUDA 11.0, issue the following command:

\$ sudo apt install -y cuda-toolkit-11-0

6. When the upgrade is complete, restart your DGX Station.

Any upgrade to the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux requires a restart.

If you upgrade the NVIDIA Graphics Drivers for Linux without restarting the DGX Station, running the nvidia-smi command displays an error message.

\$ nvidia-smi
Failed to initialize NVML: Driver/library version mismatch

# 3.4. Available DGX Station Package Updates

Updates to DGX Station are made available through standard Ubuntu repositories.

DGX Station is preset to obtain from these repositories updates to the following software:

- Docker
- Packages that is exclusive to the DGX Station, including the CUDA Toolkit and CUDA Drivers packages
- Ubuntu software

For more information about repositories, see <u>Repositories/Ubuntu (https://help.ubuntu.com/</u> <u>community/Repositories/Ubuntu)</u> on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

## 3.4.1. Updates to Docker and Software Exclusive to the DGX Station

Updates to Docker and to software that is exclusive to the DGX Station, including the CUDA Toolkit and CUDA Drivers packages, are available from a repository maintained by NVIDIA.

#### CAUTION:

- Do not obtain updates to the CUDA Toolkit and CUDA Drivers packages from the public CUDA package repository for Ubuntu. Updates from the public repository may be incompatible with the DGX Optimized Frameworks that are available from the NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> GPU Cloud (NGC) Registry for DGX.
- Do not obtain updates to Docker from Docker's repositories. NVIDIA Container Runtime for Docker has strict dependencies on the Docker CE version and updates from Docker's repository may cause NVIDIA Container Runtime for Docker to be removed.

The repository maintained by NVIDIA is enabled by default in **Ubuntu Software & Updates**, **Other Software** on the DGX Station, as shown in the following screen capture.

**Note:** Although a Docker repository is also enabled, DGX Station no longer uses this repository to obtain updates to Docker because the repository maintained by NVIDIA takes precedence over the Docker repository.

		Soft	ware & Updates		(
Ubuntu Software	Other Software	Updates	Authentication	Additional Drivers	Developer Options
http://internal		/idia.com/dgx	station/repos/bio	30511)]/ xenial main mi	
Add Edi	t Remove	)			Add Volume
					Revert Close

The following distributions are available from this repository:

#### release-main

Contains major and minor DGX OS Desktop releases.

#### release-update

Contains patch updates that distribute security updates, fixes to critical issues, and other updates. This distribution is active only if you have opted in to patch updates as explained in Opting in to DGX OS Desktop Patch Updates.

*release* is the code name of the Ubuntu OS release on which your DGX OS Desktop release is based. For example, if you are running a DGX OS Desktop 4 release, which is based on Ubuntu 18.04, *release* is bionic.

## 3.4.2. Updates to the Ubuntu Software on the DGX Station

Updates to the Ubuntu software on the DGX Station are available from the Canonical repositories.

The repositories that are enabled by default in **Ubuntu Software & Updates**, **Ubuntu Software** on the DGX Station are shown in the following screen capture.

		Soft	ware & Updates		6		
Ubuntu Software	Other Software	Updates	Authentication	Additional Drivers	Developer Options		
Downloadable from the Internet         Canonical-supported free and open-source software (main)         Community-maintained free and open-source software (universe)         Proprietary drivers for devices (restricted)         Software restricted by copyright or legal issues (multiverse)							
Source code Download from:	Main server				•		
Installable from CI	D-ROM/DVD CD-ROM or DVD, inse	rt the mediu	m into the drive.				
					Revert Close		



#### Note:

By default, the DGX Station does not notify you of available updates or automatically install any updates, including important security updates. To minimize the risk to your DGX Station from security vulnerabilities, you **must** ensure that it is kept up to date with the latest important security updates.
Updates to another LTS base OS version are blocked because they can disrupt the DGX Station software and disable the NVIDIA graphics drivers.

# 3.5. Checking for Updates to DGX Station Software

To check for software updates and to configure updates from the Ubuntu software repositories, use **Software & Updates**. You can configure your DGX Station to notify you of important security updates more frequently than other updates.

In the following example, the DGX Station is configured to check for updates daily, to display important security updates immediately, and to display other updates every two weeks.

Software & Updates – 🗆					
Ubuntu Software Other Softwa	e Updates	Authentication	Additional Drivers	Developer Options	
Install updates from:					
🗹 Important security updates (b	onic-security)				
🔽 Recommended updates (bioni	c-updates)				
Unsupported updates (bionic-	oackports)				
Automatically check for updates	Daily				
When there are security updates	: Display imme	Display immediately -			
When there are other updates	Display every two weeks 🔹				
Use C	anonical Livepat	ch to increase secur	ity between restarts		
		ou need to sign in.	Sign In		
Notify me of a new Ubuntu versior	: Never			•	
				Revert Close	

# 3.6. Getting Release Information for DGX Station

The file /etc/dgx-release provides release information for the DGX Station, such as the product name and serial number.

This file also tracks the history of DGX OS Desktop software updates by providing the following information:

- The version number and installation date of the last version to be installed from an ISO image
- The version number and update date of each over-the-network update applied since the software was last installed from an ISO image

You can use this information to determine if your DGX Station is running the current version of the DGX OS Desktop software.

To get release information for the DGX Station, view the content of the file /etc/dgx-release.

For example:

```
$ more /etc/dgx-release
DGX_NAME="DGX Station"
DGX_PRETTY_NAME="NVIDIA DGX Station"
DGX_SWBUILD_DATE="2017-09-18"
DGX_SWBUILD_VERSION="3.1.2"
DGX_COMMIT_ID="15cd1f473bb53d9b64503e06c5fee8d2e3738ece"
DGX_SERIAL_NUMBER=XXXXXXXXXXX
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.3"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.3"
DGX_OTA_DATE="Wed Nov 15 15:35:25 PST 2017"
DGX_OTA_DATE="Wed Nov 15 15:35:25 PST 2017"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.4"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.4"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.7"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.7"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.7"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="3.1.7"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="4.0.4"
DGX_OTA_VERSION="4.0.4"
DGX_OTA_DATE="Tue Dec 11 17:45:30 PST 2018"
```

# 3.7. Updating Software on an Air-Gapped DGX Station System

For security purposes, some installations require that the DGX Station be an air-gapped system. An air-gapped system is not connected to any unsecured networks, such as the public Internet or an unsecured LAN, or to any other computers connected to an unsecured network. The default mechanisms for updating software on the DGX Station and loading container images from the NGC Container Registry require an Internet connection. On an air-gapped system, which is isolated from the Internet, you must provide alternative mechanisms for updating software and loading container images.

### 3.7.1. Providing DGX Station Software Updates from a Private Repository

The public NVIDIA and Canonical repositories that provide software updates to the DGX Station are Ubuntu repositories. Access to these repositories requires an Internet connection. On an

air-gapped system, which is isolated from the Internet, you must provide these updates from a private repository that mirrors the public repositories.

**Note:** This task applies **only** to upgrades within the same DGX OS Desktop major release, for example, from 4.5.0 to 4.6.0. It does not apply to upgrades to a new DGX OS Desktop major release, for example, from 3.1.8 to 4.6.0.

1. Identify the sources corresponding to the public NVIDIA and Canonical repositories that provide updates to the DGX Station software.

You can identify these sources from the /etc/apt/sources.list file and the contents of /etc/apt.sources.list.d/ directory, or by using **System Settings**, **Software & Updates**.

- 2. Create and maintain a private mirror of the repository sources that you identified in the previous step.
  - ▶ If you are running **DGX OS 4.x**, see <u>Creating the Mirror in a DGX OS 4 System</u>.
  - ▶ If you are running **DGX OS 5**, see <u>Creating the Mirror in a DGX OS 5 System</u>.
- 3. Update the sources that provide updates to the DGX Station to use your private repository mirror instead of the public repositories.

For detailed instructions, see , which provides examples for DGX OS Desktop 4 releases.

To update these sources, modify the /etc/apt/sources.list file and the contents of / etc/apt.sources.list.d/ directory.

- If you are running DGX OS 4.x, see <u>Configuring the Target Air-Gapped DGX OS 4</u> <u>System</u>.
- ▶ If you are running **DGX OS 5**, see <u>Configuring the Target Air-Gapped DGX OS 5 System</u>.

Future upgrades within the same DGX OS Desktop major release will be obtained from your private repository mirror.

### 3.7.1.1. Creating the Mirror in a DGX OS 4 System

The instructions in this section are to be performed on a system with network access. Here are the prerequisites:

- A system installed with Ubuntu OS is needed to create the mirror because there are several Ubuntu tools that need to be used.
- You must be logged in to the system installed with Ubuntu OS as an administrator user because this procedure requires sudo privileges.
- The system must contain enough storage space to replicate the repositories to a file system. The space requirement could be as high as 250 GB.
- An efficient way to move large amount of data is needed, for example, shared storage in a DMZ, or portable USB drives that can be brought into the air-gapped area.

The data will need to be moved to the systems that need to be updated. Make sure that any portable drives are formatted using ext4 or FAT32.

1. Make sure the storage device is attached to the system with network access and identify the mount point of the device.

Example mount point used in these instructions: /media/usb/repository

2. Install the apt-mirror package.

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install apt-mirror
```

3. Change the ownership of the target directory to the apt-mirror user in the apt-mirror group.

```
$ sudo chown apt-mirror:apt-mirror /media/usb/repository
```

The target directory must be owned by the user apt-mirror or the replication will not work.

4. Configure the path of the destination directory in /etc/apt/mirror.list and use the included list of repositories below to retrieve the packages for both Ubuntu base OS and the NVIDIA DGX OS packages.

```
set base path /media/usb/repository #/your/path/here
# set mirror path $base path/mirror
# set skel path $base path/skel
# set var path $base path/var
# set cleanscript $var_path/clean.sh
# set defaultarch <running host architecture>
# set postmirror_script $var_path/postmirror.sh
set run postmirror 0
set nthreads 20
set _tilde 0
# Standard Canonical package repositories:
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security main
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security universe
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security multiverse
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic main multiverse universe
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates main multiverse universe
deb-i386 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security main
deb-i386 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security universe
deb-i386 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security multiverse
deb-i386 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic main multiverse universe
deb-i386 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates main multiverse
universe
# DGX specific repositories:
deb http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic main
restricted universe multiverse
deb http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-
updates main restricted universe multiverse
deb http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-
r418+cuda10.1 main multiverse restricted universe
deb http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-
r450+cuda11.0 main multiverse restricted universe
deb-i386 http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic
main restricted universe multiverse
deb-i386 http://international.download.nvidia.com/dqxstation/repos/bionic bionic-
updates main restricted universe multiverse
# Only for DGX OS 4.1.0
deb-i386 http://international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-
r418+cuda10.1 main multiverse restricted universe
```

```
# Clean unused items
clean http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
clean http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
```

5. Run apt-mirror and wait for it to finish downloading content.

This will take a long time depending on the network connection speed.

\$ sudo apt-mirror

- 6. Eject the removable storage with all packages.
  - \$ sudo eject /media/usb/repository

### 3.7.1.2. Configuring the Target Air-Gapped DGX OS 4 System

The instructions in this section are to be performed on the target air-gapped DGX system. Here are the prerequisites:

- The target air-gapped DGX system is installed, has gone through the first boot process, and is ready to be updated with the latest packages.
- The USB storage device on which the mirrors were created is attached to the target DGX system.

There are other ways to transfer the data that are not covered in this document as they will depend on the data center policies for the air-gapped environment.

- 1. Mount the storage device on the air-gapped system to /media/usb/repository for consistency.
- 2. Configure the <u>apt (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/en/man8/apt.8.html)</u> command to use the file system as the repository in the file /etc/apt/sources.list by modifying the following lines.

```
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-
security main
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-
security universe
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-
security multiverse
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic main
multiverse universe
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates
main multiverse universe
```

 Configure apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ dgx.list.

deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/ international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic main multiverse restricted universe

- 4. If present, remove the file /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list as it is no longer needed and removing it will eliminate error messages during the update process.
- (For DGX OS Release 4.1 and later only) Configure apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionic-r418-cuda10-1repo.list.

```
$ echo "deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic/ bionic-r418+cuda10.1 main
```

multiverse restricted universe" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionicr418-cuda10-1-repo.list

 Optional: (For DGX OS Release 4.5 and later only) If you want to use the R450 NVIDIA graphics driver and CUDA Toolkit 11.0, configure apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionic-r450-cuda11-0repo.list.

\$ echo "deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/ international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic/ bionic-r450+cuda11.0 main multiverse restricted universe" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionicr450-cuda11-0-repo.list

**Note:** If you want to continue using earlier releases, for example the R418 NVIDIA graphic driver and CUDA Toolkit 10.1, omit this step.

7. Edit the file /etc/apt/preferences.d/nvidia to update the Pin parameter as follows.

```
Package: *
#Pin: origin international.download.nvidia.com
Pin: release o=NVIDIA
Pin-Priority: 600
```

8. Update the apt repository.



```
$ sudo apt update
```

Output from this command is similar to the following example.

```
Get:1 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-
security InRelease [88.7 kB]
Get:1 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-
security InRelease [88.7 kB]
Get:2 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic
InRelease [242 kB]
Get:2 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic
InRelease [242 kB]
Get:3 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates
 InRelease [88.7 kB]
Get:4 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r418+cuda10.1
InRelease [13.0 kB]
Get:5 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r450+cuda11.0
InRelease [7070 B]
Get:5 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r450+cuda11.0
InRelease [7070 B]
Get:6 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic InRelease [13.1
kB1
Get:3 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates
InRelease [88.7 kB]
Get:4 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r418+cuda10.1
InRelease [13.0 kB]
Get:6 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic InRelease [13.1
kB1
Hit:7 https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu bionic InRelease
```

```
Get:8 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r418+cuda10.1/
multiverse amd64 Packages [10.1 kB]
Get:9 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r450+cuda11.0/
multiverse amd64 Packages [17.4 kB]
Get:10 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r418+cuda10.1/
restricted amd64 Packages [10.3 kB]
Get:11 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r450+cuda11.0/
restricted amd64 Packages [26.4 kB]
Get:12 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic-r418+cuda10.1/
restricted i386 Packages [516 B]
Get:13 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic/multiverse amd64
Packages [44.5 kB]
Get:14 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic/multiverse i386
Packages [8,575 B]
Get:15 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic/restricted i386
Packages [745 B]
Get:16 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic/restricted amd64
Packages [8,379 B]
Get:17 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dqxstation/repos/bionic bionic/universe amd64
Packages [2,946 B]
Get:18 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/
international.download.nvidia.com/dgxstation/repos/bionic bionic/universe i386
Packages [496 B]
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
249 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
```

9. Upgrade the system using the newly configured local repositories.

#### \$ sudo apt full-upgrade

If you configured apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/ sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionic-r450-cuda11-0-repo.list, the NVIDIA graphics driver is upgraded to the R450 driver and the package sources are updated to obtain future updates from the R450 driver repositories.

10. Optional: (For DGX OS Release 4.5 and later only) If you configured apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionic-r450-cuda11-0-repo.list and want to use CUDA Toolkit 11.0, install it.
\$ sudo apt install cuda-toolkit-11-0

Note: If you did not configure apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the file /etc/apt/ sources.list.d/dgxstation-bionic-r450-cuda11-0-repo.list, omit this step. If you try to install CUDA Toolkit 11.0, the attempt fails.

### 3.7.1.3. Creating the Mirror in a DGX OS 5 System

The instructions in this section are to be performed on a system with network access.

The following are the prerequisites.

- A system installed with Ubuntu OS is needed to create the mirror because there are several Ubuntu tools that need to be used.
- You must be logged in to the system installed with Ubuntu OS as an administrator user because this procedure requires sudo privileges.
- The system must contain enough storage space to replicate the repositories to a file system. The space requirement could be as high as 250 GB.
- An efficient way to move large amount of data is needed, for example, shared storage in a DMZ, or portable USB drives that can be brought into the air-gapped area.

The data will need to be moved to the systems that need to be updated. Make sure that any portable drives are formatted using ext4 or FAT32.

1. Ensure that the storage device is attached to the system with network access and identify the mount point of the device.

Here is a sample mount point that was used in these instructions: /media/usb/repository

2. Install the apt-mirror package.

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install apt-mirror
```

3. Change the ownership of the target directory to the apt-mirror user in the apt-mirror group.

```
\$ sudo chown apt-mirror:apt-mirror /media/usb/repository
```

The target directory must be owned by the user apt-mirror or the replication will not work.

 Configure the path of the destination directory in /etc/apt/mirror.list and use the included list of repositories below to retrieve the packages for both Ubuntu base OS and the NVIDIA DGX OS packages.

```
set base path /media/usb/repository #/your/path/here
# set mirror path $base path/mirror
# set skel path $base path/skel
# set var path $base path/var
# set cleanscript $var path/clean.sh
# set defaultarch <running host architecture>
# set postmirror script $var path/postmirror.sh
set run postmirror 0
set nthreads 20
set tilde 0
# Standard Canonical package repositories:
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security main multiverse universe
restricted
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal main multiverse universe restricted
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal-updates main multiverse universe
restricted
deb-i386 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security main multiverse
universe restricted
deb-i386 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal main multiverse universe
restricted
```

```
deb-i386 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal-updates main multiverse universe
restricted
#
# CUDA specific repositories:
deb http://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/repos/ubuntu2004/x86_64/ /
#
# DGX specific repositories:
deb http://repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/focal/x86_64/ focal common dgx
deb http://repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/focal/x86_64/ focal-updates
common dgx
#
deb-i386 http://repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/focal/x86_64/ focal common
dgx
deb-i386 http://repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/focal/x86_64/ focal common
dgx
deb-i386 http://repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/focal/x86_64/ focal-
updates common dgx
# Clean unused items
clean http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
clean http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
```

5. Run apt-mirror and wait for it to finish downloading content.

This will take a long time depending on the network connection speed.

\$ sudo apt-mirror

6. Eject the removable storage with all packages.
 \$ sudo eject /media/usb/repository

### 3.7.1.4. Configuring the Target Air-Gapped DGX OS 5 System

The instructions in this section are to be performed on the target air-gapped DGX system. The following are the prerequisites.

- The target air-gapped DGX system is installed, has gone through the first boot process, and is ready to be updated with the latest packages.
- The USB storage device on which the mirrors were created is attached to the target DGX system.

There are other ways to transfer the data that are not covered in this document as they will depend on the data center policies for the air-gapped environment.

- 1. Mount the storage device on the air-gapped system to /media/usb/repository for consistency.
- 2. Configure the <u>apt (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/en/man8/apt.8.html)</u> command to use the file system as the repository in the file /etc/apt/sources.list by modifying the following lines.

```
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security
main multiverse universe restricted
deb file://media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal main
multiverse universe restricted
deb file://media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ focal-updates
main multiverse universe restricted
```

 Configure apt to use the NVIDIA DGX OS packages in the /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ dgx.list file.

```
deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/
focal/x86_64/ focal main dgx
```

deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/ focal/x86\_64/ focal-updates main dgx

Configure apt to use the NVIDIA CUDA packages in the /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ cuda-compute-repo.list file.

deb file:///media/usb/repository/mirror/developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/ cuda/repos/ubuntu2004/x86\_64/ /

4. Update the apt repository.



#### \$ sudo apt update

Output from this command is similar to the following example.

Get:1 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security InRelease [107 kB] Get:2 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal InRelease [265 kB] Get:3 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates InRelease [111 kB] Get:4 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/ cuda/repos/ubuntu2004/x86 64 InRelease Get:5 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/ focal/x86 64 focal InRelease [12.5 kB] Get:6 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/repo.download.nvidia.com/baseos/ubuntu/ focal/x86 64 focal-updates InRelease [12.4 kB] Get:7 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/ cuda/repos/ubuntu2004/x86 64 Release [697 B] Get:8 file:/media/usb/repository/mirror/developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/ cuda/repos/ubuntu2004/x86\_64 Release.gpg [836 B] Reading package lists... Done

5. Upgrade the system using the newly configured local repositories.

### 3.7.2. Loading a Container Image onto an Air-Gapped DGX Station System

Loading a container image from the NGC Container Registry requires an Internet connection. On an air-gapped system, which is isolated from the Internet, you must use a removable medium to copy the container image from a system with an Internet connection to the airgapped system.

1. On a system with an Internet connection, log in to the NGC Container Registry and load the container image that you want.

For instructions, refer to <u>NGC Container Registry for DGX User Guide</u>.

2. Save the container image as a tar archive.

## \$ docker save nvcr.io/registry-space/repository:tag > archive-file.tar registry-space

The name of the space within the registry that contains the container image. For container images provided by NVIDIA, the registry space is nvidia.

<sup>\$</sup> sudo apt full-upgrade

#### repository

The repository that contains the container image. A repository is a collection of all versions of a container image with the same name. The repository name is the main container image name.

tag

A tag that identifies the version of the container image.

#### archive-file

Your choice of name for the archive file to which you are saving the container image.

- 3. Transfer the image to the air-gapped system by using a removable medium such as a USB flash drive or DVD-ROM.
- 4. On the air-gapped system, load the container image from the local copy of the archive file that contains the image.

\$ docker load -i framework.tar

5. Confirm that the image is loaded on the air-gapped system.

```
$ docker images
```

## Chapter 4. Maintaining and Servicing the NVIDIA DGX Station

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the NVIDIA Terms & Conditions documents before attempting to perform any modification or repair to the DGX Station. These Terms & Conditions for the DGX Station can be found through the <u>NVIDIA DGX Systems Support (http://www.nvidia.com/object/dgxsystems-support.html)</u> page.

**CAUTION:** The DGX Station is designed as an integrated system and does **not** support the installation of additional PCIe devices such as GPU cards. Any attempt to modify the DGX Station by installing additional PCIe devices is an unauthorized modification and will void the DGX Station hardware warranty. Any such modification will also impair the performance of the system, may overload the system's electrical circuits, and may cause it to overheat.

## 4.1. Problem Resolution and Customer Care

Log on to the <u>NVIDIA Enterprise Support (https://nvid.nvidia.com/dashboard/)</u> site for assistance with troubleshooting, diagnostics, or to report problems with your DGX Station.

Refer to <u>Customer Support for the NVIDIA DGX Station</u> for additional contact information.

# 4.2. Cleaning the Mesh Filter Under the DGX Station

To prevent dust from entering the DGX Station through the ventilation holes under the unit, a mesh filter is fitted to the underside of the DGX Station. Clean this mesh filter periodically to prevent the accumulation of dust on the filter from impeding the flow of air through the DGX Station.

- 1. Reach under the front of the DGX Station and grasp the mesh filter by its handle.
- 2. Pull the mesh filter towards you to slide it out from the font of the unit.



- 3. Use compressed air to blow the dust from the mesh filter.
- 4. Line up the mesh filter with the runners under the DGX Station and slide it back into position under the unit.



## 4.3. Since DGX OS Desktop 4.4.0: Checking the Health of and Collecting Troubleshooting Information for the DGX Station

Starting with release 4.4.0, use NVIDIA System Management (NVSM) to check the health of and collecting troubleshooting information for the DGX Station.

For information about how to use NVSM to perform these tasks, see the relevant instructions in the NVSM documentation.

Task	Instructions
Checking the health of the DGX Station	Show Health in NVIDIA System Management User Guide
Collecting troubleshooting information for the DGX Station	Dump Health in NVIDIA System Management User Guide

For information about how to perform these tasks for earlier releases, see the following topics:

- DGX OS Desktop 4.3.0 and Earlier: Checking the Health of the DGX Station
- DGX OS Desktop 4.3.0 and Earlier: Collecting Information for Troubleshooting the DGX Station

## 4.4. DGX OS Desktop 4.3.0 and Earlier: Collecting Information for Troubleshooting the DGX Station

Note: Starting with release 4.4.0, the tool to collect troubleshooting information (nvsysinfo) tool is replaced by NVIDIA System Management (NVSM). For information about how to use NVSM to perfrom this task, see <u>Dump Health in NVIDIA System Management User Guide</u>.

To help diagnose and resolve issues, the DGX Station provides a tool to collect troubleshooting information for NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services.

The tool verifies basic functionality and performance of the DGX Station and collects the following information in an xz-compressed tar archive:

Log files

- Hardware inventory
- SW inventory

To collect information for troubleshooting the DGX Station, run the following command: **sudo nvsysinfo** [-o output-file]

**Note:** For DGX OS Desktop releases 3.1.1 through 3.1.3, the command to run is as follows: sudo nvidia-sysinfo [-o output-file]

#### output-file

The path of the file in which the information is written.

If you omit the output file, the name of the file to which the information is written depends on the release of DGX OS Desktop that you are using.

DGX OS Desktop Release	File Name
Releases 4.0.4 through 4.3.0	/tmp/nvsysinfo-host-name-timestamp.tar.xz
Any 3.x release since 3.1.4	/tmp/nvsysinfo- <i>timestamp.random-number</i> .out
Releases 3.1.1 through 3.1.3	/tmp/nvidia-sys-info- <i>timestamp.random-number</i> .out

Use any method that is convenient for you to send the file to NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services. For example, send the file as an e-mail attachment.

## 4.5. DGX OS Desktop 4.3.0 and Earlier: Checking the Health of the DGX Station

Note: Starting with release 4.4.0, the NVIDIA System Health Checker (nvhealth) tool is replaced by NVIDIA System Management (NVSM). For information about how to use NVSM to perfrom this task, see <u>Show Health in NVIDIA System Management User Guide</u>.

The DGX Station provides the NVIDIA System Health Checker (nvhealth) tool to exercise the system and verify its health. The output of nvhealth is an itemized list of checks and their status, typically Healthy or Unhealthy. On a healthy system, all checks should return Healthy. You should investigate any checks that return Unhealthy to determine their root cause and resolve them.

To check the health of the DGX Station, run the following command:

```
$ sudo nvhealth [-k output-file]
output-file
```

The name and the path of the file in which the raw state of the system is written. The nvhealth command displays this file name at the end of the output from the command.

If you omit the output file, the information is written to the file /tmp/nvhealthlog.*random-string*.jsonl, for example, /tmp/nvhealth-log.6wf3WriAC3.jsonl.

#### Note:

If you run the nuhealth command while the RAID array is being rebuilt after a change in RAID level to RAID 5, nuhealth reports the status of the RAID volume as unhealthy. To avoid this potentially misleading result, wait until RAID array is rebuilt before running nuhealth.

To check the progress of the rebuild and show the percentage complete and an estimate of the time to completion, run this command:

# cat /proc/mdstat

# 4.6. Replacing the System and Components

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the NVIDIA Terms & Conditions documents before attempting to perform any modification or repair to the DGX Station. These Terms & Conditions for the DGX Station can be found through the <u>NVIDIA DGX Systems Support (http://</u> <u>www.nvidia.com/object/dgxsystems-support.html</u>) page.

Contact NVIDIA Enterprise Support to obtain an RMA number for any system or component that needs to be returned for repair or replacement. When replacing a component, use **only** the replacement supplied to you by NVIDIA unless you are directed otherwise.

The following components are customer-replaceable:

Solid State Drives (SSDs)



**Note:** If you want to add SSDs for data storage to the DGX Station, obtain the SSDs from NVIDIA Enterprise Support.

DIMMs

**Note:** DIMMs are customer replaceable if a DIMM fails or to increase the system memory capacity to 512 GB. If you want to increase the system memory capacity to 512 GB, obtain the replacement DIMMs from NVIDIA Enterprise Support.

#### CMOS power cell



**Note:** Obtain the replacement CMOS power cell yourself, not from NVIDIA Enterprise Support.

Return failed high-value components to NVIDIA. You do not need to return functional 32-GB DIMMs or low-cost items such as CMOS power cells.

## 4.6.1. Replacing the System

When returning a DGX Station under RMA, consider the following points.

#### Packaging

To prevent damage during shipping, repack the DGX Station in the packaging in which the replacement unit was advanced shipped by following the instructions in <u>Repacking the DGX</u> <u>Station for Shipment</u>.

#### SSDs

If necessary, you can remove and keep the SSDs prior to shipping the system back for replacement. If you already received a replacement system and you want to keep the original SSDs, install the new SSDs into the defective system when shipping it back.

#### AC Power Cable

Do **not** return the AC power cable when returning the DGX Station.

#### Accessories

Include all supplied accessories **except** the AC power cable when returning the DGX Station.

## 4.6.2. Repacking the DGX Station for Shipment

If you are returning the DGX Station to NVIDIA under an RMA, repack it in the packaging in which the replacement unit was advanced shipped to prevent damage during shipment.



**CAUTION:** The DGX Station weighs 88 lbs (40 kg). Do not attempt to lift the DGX Station. Instead, move it into position by rolling it on its fitted casters.

Before you begin, ensure that the foam packing piece that surrounds the GPU cards inside the DGX Station has been replaced. For detailed instructions, see <u>Removing or Replacing the</u> <u>Packing Inside the DGX Station</u>.

1. Place the bottom tray of the DGX Station shipping carton on the floor and ensure that the flap at the front of the tray is pulled down to form a ramp.

2. Roll the DGX Station up the ramp into the bottom tray of its shipping carton.



**CAUTION:** Ensure that you have a second person to help you roll the DGX Station into position.



3. Insert the front packing piece into the tray, ensuring that the lip of the packing piece is under the DGX Station.



4. Insert the side packing pieces into the tray, ensuring that the lip of each piece is under the DGX Station.



5. Pack all supplied accessories in the accessory boxes **except** the AC power cable.

Keep the AC power cable to use with your replacement DGX Station.

6. Place **both** accessory boxes in the slots in the tray on each side of the DGX Station.

Ensure that the lugs that protrude from the edges of each accessory box are facing away from the DGX Station.



The accessory boxes are required to help hold the DGX Station in place in its packaging during shipment. Be sure to place both accessory boxes in the slots in the tray, even if one or both boxes are empty.

7. Pull up the flap at the front of the bottom tray of the DGX Station shipping carton.



8. Lower the top cover of the shipping carton into position so that the holes in the top cover and the holes in the bottom tray are aligned.



9. Insert the packing clasps into the cutouts in the top cover of the shipping carton and engage the clasps to secure the top cover in place.

To prevent the packing clasps from becoming jammed inside the shipping carton, do not use excessive force when inserting them into the cutouts.



## 4.6.3. Replacing a DIMM

You can replace a dual inline memory module (DIMM) if a DIMM fails or if you want replace all eight factory-installed 32-GB DIMMs with 64-GB DIMMs to give a total capacity of 512 GB.

Before attempting to replace a faulty DIMM, contact NVIDIA Enterprise Customer support for help in determining the location ID of the faulty DIMM that needs replacement.

The location ID is one of the following alphanumeric designators:

- DIMM\_A1
- DIMM\_A2
- DIMM B1
- ▶ DIMM\_B2

- ► DIMM D2
- DIMM\_D1
- DIMM\_C2
- DIMM\_C1

**CAUTION:** The components inside the DGX Station are static-sensitive devices. Protect these devices against electrostatic discharge (ESD) by wearing a wrist strap connected to the DGX Station chassis ground and placing components on static-free work surfaces.

The DIMMs are located on the motherboard inside the DGX Station.

- 1. Turn off the DGX Station and disconnect the network and power cables.
- 2. Remove the side panel on the right of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.
  - a). Push the button on the right side of the DGX Station back panel to release the panel.



b). Lift the panel to remove it.





**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station other than any components that you are replacing or servicing.

3. If you are replacing a faulty DIMM, use the following figure as a guide to locate the faulty DIMM.



4. Remove the DIMM.

If you are replacing 32-GB DIMMs with 64-GB DIMMs to increase the system memory capacity, remove all eight 32-GB DIMMs before fitting the replacement 64-GB DIMMs.



- a). Press upwards on the latch at the upper end of the DIMM socket to open the latch and unseat the DIMM from the socket.
- b). Pull the DIMM towards you to remove it from the socket.
- 5. Carefully insert the replacement DIMM.

If you are replacing 32-GB DIMMs with 64-GB DIMMs to increase the system memory capacity, perform this step for each replacement 64-GB DIMM.



- a). Make sure the socket latch is open.
- b). Position the replacement DIMM over the socket, making sure that the notch on the DIMM lines up with the key in the slot, then press the DIMM into the socket until the latch clicks into place.

When the DIMM is correctly seated, the latch should be closed as shown in the following figure.



6. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.

a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.



b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latch.



- 7. Reconnect the network and power cables and power on the DGX Station. The DGX Station stops at its power-on self-test (POST) and then shuts down.
- After the DGX Station shuts down, power it on again.
   When powered on a second time, the DGX Station starts up normally.

# 4.6.4. Replacing the CMOS Power Cell in the DGX Station

The CMOS power cell in the DGX Station provides power to the Real Time Clock (RTC) to maintain BIOS settings such as the system time and date while DGX Station is disconnected from the AC power supply. If the DGX Station is restarted after being disconnected from the AC power supply and the CMOS power cell is discharged, you are warned that the RTC has been

reset and that the settings must be updated in the BIOS. To avoid these warnings, replace the CMOS power cell in the DGX Station.



WARNING: If the date is reset or you are prompted to press F1 to select a boot option each time you boot your DGX system, you must replace the the battery.

**CAUTION:** The components inside the DGX Station are static-sensitive devices. Protect these devices against electrostatic discharge (ESD) by wearing a wrist strap connected to the DGX Station chassis ground and placing components on static-free work surfaces.

To complete this task, you need the following tools and materials:

- 1 small flat head screwdriver
- ▶ 1 fresh CR2032 power cell
- 1. Turn off the DGX Station and disconnect the network and power cables.
- Remove the side panel on the right of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.
   a). Push the button on the right side of the DGX Station back panel to release the panel.



b). Lift the panel to remove it.



**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station other than any components that you are replacing or servicing.

3. Remove the old CMOS power cell.

The CMOS power cell is located in the top left corner of the motherboard inside the DGX Station.



- a). Carefully insert the blade of the small flat head screwdriver between the motherboard and the CMOS power cell.
- b). Use the small flat head screwdriver to pry the CMOS power cell from the motherboard.



- 4. Carefully align the replacement CR2032 CMOS power cell in the receptacle on the motherboard with the + sign facing you and press it into position.
- 5. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.

a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.



b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latch.



6. Reconnect the network and power cables and power on the DGX Station. The DGX Station stops at its power-on self-test (POST) and then shuts down.

- After the DGX Station shuts down, power it on again.
   When powered on a second time, the DGX Station starts up normally.
- 8. If necessary, set the system date and system time to the current time and date.
  - a). At the first NVIDIA screen to appear while the system is rebooting, press **F2** to access the **UEFI BIOS Utility EZ Mode** screen.
  - b). Click the date and time displayed in the top left corner of the **UEFI BIOS Utility EZ Mode** screen.



c). In the **System Date & Time setting** screen that pops up, fill in the current date and time and click **Save**.

System Date Use the arrow settings.			e items and fill i	n the date/time
	Month	Date	Year	
	2	/ 19	/ 2019	
	Hour	Minute	Second	
	6	: 48	: 6	
			Save	Cancel

d). Press **F10** and, when prompted, select **OK** to save your changes and exit.

## 4.7. Maintaining the DGX Station Persistent Storage

The DGX Station persistent storage consists of SSDs for data storage and the operating system. As supplied from the factory, these SSDs are configured as described in <u>System</u> <u>Memory and Storage</u>.

## 4.7.1. Changing the RAID Level of the RAID Array

As supplied from the factory, the RAID level of the DGX Station RAID array is RAID 0. RAID 0 provides the maximum storage capacity, but does not provide any redundancy. If a single SSD in the array fails, all data stored on the array is lost. If you are willing to accept reduced capacity in return for some level of protection against failure of a single SSD, you can change the level of the RAID array to RAID 5. If you change the RAID level from RAID 0 to RAID 5, the total storage capacity of the RAID array is reduced from 5.76 TB to 3.84 TB.

Before changing the RAID level of the DGX Station RAID array, back up all data on the array that you want to preserve. Changing the RAID level of the DGX Station RAID array erases all data stored on the array.

The DGX Station software includes the custom script configure\_raid\_array.py, which you can use to change the level of the RAID array without unmounting the RAID volume.

• To change the RAID level to RAID 5, run the following command:

\$ sudo configure\_raid\_array.py -m raid5

#### Note:

After you change the RAID level to RAID 5, the RAID array is rebuilt. A RAID array that is being rebuilt is online and ready to be used, but a check on the health of the DGX Station reports the status of the RAID volume as unhealthy. Therefore, avoid checking the health of the DGX Station while the RAID array is being rebuilt. For more information, see <u>DGX OS</u> <u>Desktop 4.3.0 and Earlier: Checking the Health of the DGX Station</u>.

The time required to rebuild the RAID array depends on the workload on the system. On an idle system, the rebuild might be complete within 30 minutes.

• To change the RAID level to RAID 0, run the following command:

```
$ sudo configure_raid_array.py -m raid0
```

To confirm that the RAID level was changed as required, run the <code>lsblk</code> command. The entry in the <code>TYPE</code> column for each SSD in the RAID array indicates the RAID level of the array.

The following example shows that the RAID level of the array is RAID 0. The name of the RAID volume is ma0 and the mount point of the volume is /raid.

~\$ **lsblk** 

NAME	MAJ:MIN	RM	SIZE	RO	TYPE	MOUNTPOINT
sda	8:0	0	1.8T	0	disk	
sda1	8:1	0	487M	0	part	/boot/efi
_sda2	8:2	0	1.8T	0	part	/
sdb	8:16	0	1.8T	0	disk	
_md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdc	8:32	0	1.8T	0	disk	
md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdd	8:48	0	1.8T	0	disk	
_md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid

# 4.7.2. Checking the Status of the DGX Station RAID Array

Use the mdadm command to print details of the md0 device.

```
$ sudo mdadm -D /dev/md0
```

This example shows the status of a RAID array that is functioning properly.

```
$ sudo mdadm -D /dev/md0
       Version : 1.2
 Creation Time : Mon Jun 5 17:40:48 2017
    Raid Level : raid0
    Array Size : 374964224 (357.59 GiB 383.96 GB)
  Raid Devices : 3
 Total Devices : 3
    Persistence : Superblock is persistent
   Update Time : Mon Jun 5 17:40:48 2017
         State : clean
Active Devices : 3
Working Devices : 3
Failed Devices : 0
 Spare Devices : 0
     Chunk Size : 512K
           Name : lab-VirtualBox:0 (local to host lab-VirtualBox)
           UUID : c8ba911a:8634bd99:2ebeea3d:c9a7db4c
         Events : 0
           MajorMinorRaidDevice State8160active sync8321active sync8482active sync
    Number
       0
       1
       2
```

This example shows the status of a RAID array in which one SSD has failed or is missing. The failed or missing SSD is identified by the empty RaidDevice State column.

```
$ sudo mdadm -D /dev/md0
...
Number Major Minor RaidDevice State
0 8 16 0 active sync /dev/sdb
1 8 32 1 active sync
2 8 48 2 active sync /dev/sdd
```

## 4.7.3. Checking the Status of the DGX Station SSDs

LEDs on the DGX Station SSDs indicate the status of the SSDs. The SSDs are mounted inside the DGX Station and are visible only when the side panel that covers the SSDs is removed.

- 1. Remove the side panel on the left of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.
  - a). Push the button on the left side of the DGX Station back panel to release the panel.
  - b). Lift the panel to remove it.



**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station other than any components that you are replacing or servicing.

2. Examine each SSD to determine its status from the state of the LED on the SSD.



#### On (steady)

The SSD is operational but is idle.

#### On (blinking)

The SSD is being read from or written to.

#### Off

The SSD has failed and must be replaced.

- 3. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.
  - a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.
  - b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latches.

If an SSD has failed, you must replace it as explained in Adding or Replacing an SSD.

## 4.7.4. Adding or Replacing an SSD

If you want to increase the capacity of the DGX Station RAID array, you can add four SSDs to the empty drive bays in the DGX Station. If an SSD in the DGX Station fails, replace the SSD to return the system to operation.

**CAUTION:** The default RAID level of the array in the DGX Station is RAID 0, which does not provide any redundancy. If a single SSD in the array fails, all data stored on the array is lost. To prevent the failure of an SSD from causing a loss of data, ensure that any data on the array that you want to preserve is backed up.

If you are adding SSDs to the DGX Station, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- Your DGX Station is running one of the following software releases:
  - ▶ DGX OS Desktop 4.4.0 or later
  - ▶ DGX software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS EL7-20.02 or later
- You obtained them from NVIDIA Enterprise Support.

SSDs obtained from NVIDIA Enterprise Support are qualified for use with the DGX Station and are supplied with the necessary screws to secure them to their drive trays.

- 1. Remove the side panel on the left of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.
  - a). Push the button on the left side of the DGX Station back panel to release the panel.
  - b). Lift the panel to remove it.



**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station other than any components that you are replacing or servicing.

2. On the drive tray in which you want to install the new SSD or that contains the SSD that you want to replace, press the drive-tray eject button to loosen the drive-tray latch.



3. Pull the drive-tray latch upwards to unseat the drive tray.



4. Slide the drive tray upwards to completely remove it from the unit.



- 5. If you are replacing an SSD, remove the failed SSD from the drive tray.
  - a). Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the four screws attaching the SSD to the drive tray.



Save the screws for the replacement SSD.

b). Slide the SSD out of the drive tray.

6. Slide the new or replacement SSD into the drive tray.

Make sure that the connector is on the open edge side of the tray.



- 7. Secure the new or replacement SSD to the drive tray using the four screws that were supplied with the new SSD or secured the failed SSD.
- 8. With the drive-tray eject button at the right, insert the drive tray into the appropriate drive bay, then slide the drive tray all the way into the drive bay.



9. Press the drive-try latch downwards until you hear a click to completely seat the drive tray.



10. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.

- a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.
- b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latches.

What you need to do to return the DGX Station to service depends on whether you replaced an SSD in the RAID array the OS SSD.

- If you added SSDs to the DGX Station, add them to the RAID array as explained in <u>Expanding the DGX Station RAID Array</u>.
- If you replaced an SSD in the RAID array, rebuild the RAID array as explained in <u>Rebuilding</u> or <u>Re-Creating the DGX Station RAID Array</u>.
- If you replaced the OS SSD, restore the software image as explained in <u>Restoring the DGX</u> <u>Station Software Image</u>.

### 4.7.5. Rebuilding or Re-Creating the DGX Station RAID Array

Failure of a single drive in a RAID 5 array is a recoverable error but the failure causes data redundancy for the array to be lost. After replacing a single failed SSD in a RAID 5 array, you must rebuild the array to restore data redundancy for the array. Failure of any number of SSDs in a RAID 0 array and failure of more than one SSD in a RAID 5 array are both unrecoverable failures. After replacing the SSDs in response to an unrecoverable failure, you must re-create the array.

If the DGX Station RAID array is degraded because one or more SSDs failed, replace each failed SSD as explained in <u>Adding or Replacing an SSD</u>.

The DGX Station software includes the custom script configure\_raid\_array.py for rebuilding or re-creating the RAID array.

To rebuild a RAID 5 array after replacing a single failed SSD, run the following command:
 \$ sudo configure\_raid\_array.py -r

Note: The time required to rebuild a RAID 5 array depends on factors such as system load, SSD capacity, and the number of SSDs in the array. Rebuilding the array of three 1.92-terabyte SSDs in the DGX Station may require several hours.

You can monitor the progress of a long-running rebuild by examining the contents of the / proc/mdstat file:

```
unused devices: <none>
```

In this example, the rebuild is 4.0% complete and the rebuild is estimated to finish in 438.3 minutes.

To re-create a RAID 5 array after replacing more than one failed SSD, run the following command:

```
$ sudo configure_raid_array.py -c -5 -f
```

**CAUTION:** Specify the -c option only if an unrecoverable failure, such as the failure of more than one SSD, has occurred. The -c option erases all data in the array.

To re-create a RAID 0 array after replacing any number of failed SSDs, run the following command:

```
$ sudo configure_raid_array.py -c -f
```

The RAID array is rebuilt or re-created with the RAID level that you specified.

- If you re-created a RAID 0 or RAID 5 array, all data that was on the array is erased after array is re-created.
- If you rebuilt a RAID 5 array, the data on the array is preserved after array is rebuilt.

If you have re-created a RAID 0 or RAID 5 array and have a backup of data on the array that you want to preserve, restore the data from the backup.

## 4.7.6. Expanding the DGX Station RAID Array

After adding SSDs to the DGX Station, you must expand the RAID array to add the new SSDs to the array. The procedure for expanding the RAID array is the same for all supported RAID levels.

Add the extra SSDs to the DGX Station as explained in Adding or Replacing an SSD.
Because expanding a RAID array risks loss of data, ensure that you have a backup of data on the array that you want to preserve.

This task requires sudo privileges.

Use standard Linux operating system commands to expand the DGX Station RAID array.

 Obtain the device IDs of the SSDs that were added by searching for 1.8 T drives that aren't mounted in the output from the <u>lsblk (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/man8/lsblk.8.html</u>) command.

\$ lsblk

In the following example, the device IDs of the SSDs that were added are sde, sdf, sdg, and sdh.

\$ lsblk						
NAME	MAJ:MIN	RM	SIZE	RO	TYPE	MOUNTPOINT
sda	8:0	0	1.8T	0	disk	
sdal	8:1	0	487M	0	part	/boot/efi
_sda2	8:2	0	1.8T	0	part	/
sdb	8:16	0	1.8T	0	disk	
md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdc	8:32	0	1.8T	0	disk	
md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdd	8:48	0	1.8T	0	disk	
md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sde	8:64	0	1.8T	0 0	lisk	
sdf	8:80	0	1.8T	0 0	lisk	
sdg	8:96	0	1.8T	0 0	lisk	
sdh	8:112	0	1.8T	0 0	lisk	

2. Add the SSDs that you added to the DGX Station to the RAID array.

```
$ sudo mdadm --add raid-device-path ssd-device-paths
raid-device-path
```

The device path of the RAID array, for example, /dev/md0.

#### ssd-device-paths

A space-separated list of the device paths of the SSDs that you added, in which each path is of the form /dev/device-id.

This example adds the SSDs with device paths /dev/sde, /dev/sdf, /dev/sdg, and /dev/sdh to the RAID array with device path /dev/md0.

sudo mdadm --add /dev/md0 /dev/sde /dev/sdf /dev/sdg /dev/sdh

3. Increase the number of devices in the RAID array to 7.

```
$ sudo mdadm --grow --raid-devices=7 raid-device-path
raid-device-path
```

The device path of the RAID array, for example, /dev/md0.

**Note:** Increasing the number of devices in the RAID array to 7 may require several hours or even longer. If the system crashes, is shut down, or is rebooted while the number of devices on the array is being increased, all data that was on the array is erased.

This example increases the number of devices in the RAID array with device path /dev/ md0 to 7.

\$ sudo mdadm --grow --raid-devices=7 /dev/md0

4. Resize the file system that resides on the RAID array to use the additional physical space in the array.

### \$ sudo resize2fs raid-device-path raid-device-path

The device path of the RAID array, for example, /dev/md0.

This example resizes the file system that resides on the RAID array with device path /dev/  $\tt md0.$ 

\$ sudo resize2fs /dev/md0

The RAID array is expanded with its existing RAID level. The data on the array is preserved, even if the array is a RAID 0 array.

## 4.7.7. Configuring the SSDs for Data Storage as an NFS Cache

As supplied from the factory, the SSDs in the DGX Station for data storage are configured for local persistent storage. If your application data is stored in remote NFS-mounted file systems, you can improve application performance by configuring the data SSDs as an NFS cache and configuring the NFS-mounted file systems to use this cache.

If any data that you want to preserve is stored on the SSDs for data storage, move this data to another file system.

1. **Optional:** If the SSDs in the DGX Station for data storage are configured in a RAID 5 array, change the RAID level of the array to RAID 0.

#### \$ sudo configure\_raid\_array.py -m raid0

Because cache data is volatile, you can use the full capacity of the RAID array without redundancy and not risk loss of any persistent data.

2. Download information from all configured sources about the latest versions of the packages.

#### \$ sudo apt update

3. Install the cachefilesd and associated DGX configuration packages, which contains the cache daemon and its associated files, such as the startup and configuration files.

#### \$ sudo apt install cachefilesd dgx-conf-cachefilesd

- 4. Enable the cache daemon to run.
  - a). In a plain text editor such as vi, nano, or gedit, open the file /etc/default/ cachefilesd with sudo user privileges.

For example:

#### \$ sudo vi /etc/default/cachefilesd

- b). Uncomment the RUN=yes line.
- c). Save your changes and quit the editor.
- 5. Configure the cache daemon by editing the cache daemon configuration file.
  - a). In a plain text editor such as vi, nano, or gedit, open the file /etc/ cachefilesd.conf with sudo user privileges.

For example:

#### \$ sudo vi /etc/cachefilesd.conf

b). Set the cache directory to /raid and the FS-Cache tag to dgxcache. dir /raid

tag dgxcache

c). Set the culling limits to values that are optimized for deep learning workloads and provide the fastest throughput for training from large datasets.

```
        brun
        25%

        bcull
        15%

        bstop
        5%

        frun
        10%

        fcull
        7%

        fstop
        3%
```

d). Save your changes and quit the editor.

For information about all the options that you can set in this file, see the <u>/</u><u>etc/cachefilesd.conf (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/man5/</u><u>cachefilesd.conf.5.html</u>) man page.

This example shows a complete /etc/cachefilesd.conf file for configuring the cache daemon for the DGX Station. The LSM security context is the default security context of the cachefilesd daemon.

\*\*\*\* # Copyright (C) 2006,2010 Red Hat, Inc. All Rights Reserved. # Written by David Howells (dhowells@redhat.com) # This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or # modify it under the terms of the GNU General Public License # as published by the Free Software Foundation; either version # 2 of the License, or (at your option) any later version. dir /raid tag dgxcache brun 25% bcull 15% bstop 5% frun 10% fcull 7% fstop 3% # Assuming you're using SELinux with the default security policy included in # this package

```
secctx system_u:system_r:cachefiles_kernel_t:s0
```

6. Start the cache daemon.

#### \$ sudo systemctl start cachefilesd

7. Confirm that the cache daemon started properly.

```
$ sudo systemctl status cachefilesd
• cachefilesd.service - LSB: CacheFiles daemon
  Loaded: loaded (/etc/init.d/cachefilesd; generated)
  Active: active (running) since Thu 2020-01-30 18:05:39 PST; 13s ago
     Docs: man:systemd-sysv-generator(8)
 Process: 3973 ExecStop=/etc/init.d/cachefilesd stop (code=exited, status=0/
SUCCESS)
 Process: 4014 ExecStart=/etc/init.d/cachefilesd start (code=exited, status=0/
SUCCESS)
   Tasks: 1 (limit: 4915)
  CGroup: /system.slice/cachefilesd.service
           -4041 /sbin/cachefilesd
Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation systemd[1]: Starting LSB: CacheFiles daemon.
Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation cachefilesd[4014]: * Starting FilesCache daemon
cachefilesd
Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation cachefilesd[4039]: About to bind cache
```

Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation cachefilesd[4039]: Bound cache Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation cachefilesd[4041]: Daemon Started Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation cachefilesd[4014]: ...done. Jan 30 18:05:39 mydgxstation systemd[1]: Started LSB: CacheFiles daemon.

8. Press **Ctrl+C** to return to the shell prompt.

After configuring the SSDs for data storage as an NFS cache, ensure that the mount option fsc is set for all NFS-mounted file systems that you want to use the cache.

This example shows an entry in /etc/fstab for mounting a file system for which the fsc option is set.

```
myfileserver.example.com:/mnt/shares/dldata /var/local/dldata nfs
rw,noatime,rsize=32768,wsize=32768,nolock,tcp,intr,fsc,nofail 0 0
```

### 4.7.8. Sanitizing the DGX Station Persistent Storage

Sanitizing the DGX Station persistent storage permanently destroys all the data that was stored there. After the data is destroyed, it cannot be recovered. Sanitizing the DGX Station persistent storage involves sanitizing **all** the SSDs for data storage **and** the SSD for the operating system.

Deleting all files in the DGX Station persistent storage or reformatting all the DGX Station SSDs does **not** sanitize the DGX Station persistent storage because data that was stored there can still be recovered by data-recovery tools.

Before sanitizing the DGX Station persistent storage, prepare the following bootable installation media:

A bootable installation medium that contains the Ubuntu Desktop OS LiveCD image. See <u>Preparing your LiveCD (https://help.ubuntu.com/community/ LiveCD#Preparing your LiveCD</u>) on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

You'll need this installation medium to run an Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD session on the DGX Station.

- A bootable installation medium that contains the current DGX OS Desktop image. See:
  - Obtaining the DGX Station Software ISO Image and Checksum File
  - Creating a Bootable Installation Medium

You'll need this installation medium to return the DGX Station to service after sanitizing its persistent storage.

## 4.7.8.1. Running an Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD Session on the DGX Station

To be able to sanitize the OS SSD, you must run an Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD session on the DGX Station from a bootable installation medium, such as a USB flash drive or DVD-ROM. You must use the Ubuntu Desktop OS instead of DGX OS Desktop because you must run the OS without installing it and DGX OS Desktop lacks this option.

To complete this task, you need a bootable installation medium, such as a USB flash drive or DVD-ROM, that contains the Ubuntu Desktop OS LiveCD image. For instructions, see

<u>Preparing your LiveCD (https://help.ubuntu.com/community/LiveCD#Preparing\_your\_LiveCD)</u> on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

- 1. Shut down the DGX Station.
- 2. Load the USB flash drive or DVD-ROM into the DGX Station.
  - ▶ If you are using a USB flash drive, plug it into one of the USB ports of the DGX Station.
  - If you are using a DVD-ROM, connect an external optical drive to the DGX Station and load the DVD-ROM into the drive.
- 3. Power on the DGX Station.

- 4. At the first NVIDIA screen to appear, press **F8** to select the boot device.
- 5. In the menu for selecting the boot device, use the arrow keys to select **UEFI: usb-key-or-dvd-rom-name, Partition n (size)** and press **Enter**.
- 6. When the **GNU GRUB** menu appears, select **Try Ubuntu Without Installing** and press **Enter**.

You are logged in to the Ubuntu desktop.

**Note:** The standard Ubuntu OS graphics drivers are incompatible with the NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU cards in the DGX Station. As a result, the Ubuntu desktop might be incorrectly sized and applications might not accept input from the keyboard and mouse. Overcome this compatibility issue by switching to a text-only TTY session.

- 7. Press **Ctrl+Alt+F2** to switch to a text-only TTY session.
- 8. At the Ubuntu login prompt, log in as user **ubuntu**. No password is required.

#### 4.7.8.2. Sanitizing All DGX Station SSDs

Sanitize the DGX Station persistent storage by sanitizing **all** the SSDs for data storage **and** the SSD for the operating system. All SSDs that NVIDIA supplies with the DGX Station support the ATA SANITIZE command. Therefore, you can use the Ubuntu OS command hdparm to sanitize the DGX Station SSDs.

Ensure that you are running an Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD session on the DGX Station as explained in <u>Running an Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD Session on the DGX Station</u>.

This task requires sudo privileges.

Perform this task in a text-only TTY session from the Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD session.

 Obtain the device IDs of the SSDs by searching for the word disk in the output from the <u>lsblk (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/man8/lsblk.8.html)</u> command.
 \$ lsblk | grep disk

You can identify the SSDs from their size, which is much larger than the size of any removable media that might be connected to the DGX Station, such as the USB flash drive from which you are running the Ubuntu Desktop LiveCD session.

In the following example, the device IDs of the SSDs are sda, sdb, sdc, and sdd. The device ID sde is the device ID of a USB flash drive.

\$ lsblk | grep disk

sda	8:0	0	1.8T	0 disk
sdb	8:16	0	1.8T	0 disk
sdc	8:32	0	1.8T	0 disk
sdd	8:48	0	1.8T	0 disk
sde	8:64	1	1.9G	0 disk /cdrom

2. Confirm that all the SSDs support the ATA SANITIZE command.

For each SSD, run the hdparm command with the -I option.

#### \$ sudo hdparm -I /dev/device-id | grep SANIT

#### device-id

The device ID of the SSD, for example, sdc.

This example confirms that SSD sdc supports the ATA SANITIZE command. The asterisk (\*) in the output from the hdparm command denotes support.

```
$ sudo hdparm -I /dev/sdc | grep SANIT
 * SANITIZE_ANTIFREEZE_LOCK_EXT command
 * SANITIZE feature set
```

3. Issue the ATA SANITIZE command to all the SSDs.

For each SSD, run the hdparm command with the --yes-i-know-what-i-am-doing and --sanitize-block-erase options.

```
# sudo hdparm \
--yes-i-know-what-i-am-doing \
--sanitize-block-erase /dev/device-id
device-id
```

The device ID of the SSD, for example, sdc.

This example issues the ATA SANITIZE command to SSD sdc.

```
$ sudo hdparm \
--yes-i-know-what-i-am-doing \
--sanitize-block-erase /dev/sdc
```

```
/dev/sdc:
Issuing SANITIZE_BLOCK_ERASE command
Operation started in background
You may use `--sanitize-status` to check progress
Sanitizing a single SSD takes several minutes.
```

4. Check the status of the sanitization.

For each SSD, run the hdparm command with the --sanitize-status option repeatedly until sanitization of the SSD is completed without error.

```
$ sudo hdparm --sanitize-status /dev/device-id
device-id
```

The device ID of the SSD, for example, sdc.

This example shows that sanitization of SSD sdc is still in progress.

#### \$ sudo hdparm --sanitize-status /dev/sdc

```
/dev/sdc:
Issuing SANITIZE_STATUS command
Sanitize status:
State: SD2 Sanitize operation In Process
Progress: 0x72aa (44%)
```

This example confirms that sanitization of SSD sdc was completed without error.

```
$ sudo hdparm --sanitize-status /dev/sdc
```

/dev/sdc: Issuing SANITIZE STATUS command

```
Sanitize status:
State: SDO Sanitize Idle
Last Sanitize Operation Completed Without Error
```

5. Shut down the DGX Station.

```
$ sudo shutdown -P now
```

6. When prompted by the Ubuntu Desktop OS, remove the installation medium and press **Enter**.

After sanitizing all the DGX Station SSDs, return the DGX Station to service by installing the DGX Station software and re-initializing the RAID array.

For instructions, see <u>Installing the DGX Station Software Image from a USB Flash Drive or</u> <u>DVD-ROM</u>. When you are prompted for the option for installing the DGX Station software, select **Install DGX OS Desktop release and re-initialize RAID0 volume**.

After installing the DGX Station software and re-initializing the RAID array, you can change the RAID level of the RAID array to RAID 5 if necessary. For instructions, see <u>Changing the RAID</u> <u>Level of the RAID Array</u>.

# 4.8. Restoring the DGX Station Software Image

If the DGX Station software image becomes corrupted or the OS SSD was replaced after a failure, restore the DGX Station software image to its original factory condition from a pristine copy of the image.

A USB flash drive is supplied from which you can restore the DGX Station software image. Before using this USB drive to restore the DGX Station software image, contact NVIDIA Enterprise Support to see if a later version of the software image is available. If a later version of the image is available, prepare a bootable installation medium that contains the current software image as explained in the following topics:

- Obtaining the DGX Station Software ISO Image and Checksum File
- Creating a Bootable Installation Medium

When you have a bootable installation medium that contains the current software image, install the image as explained in <u>Installing the DGX Station Software Image from a USB Flash</u> <u>Drive or DVD-ROM</u>.

Note: Updates to the DGX Station software might have been made available after the latest available ISO image file was created. To ensure that you have the latest DGX Station software, including security updates, check for updates and install any available updates after you restore the software image. For more information, see <u>Upgrading Within the Same DGX OS</u> <u>Desktop Major Release</u>.

# 4.8.1. Obtaining the DGX Station Software ISO Image and Checksum File

To ensure that you restore the latest available version of the DGX Station software image, obtain the current ISO image file from NVIDIA Enterprise Support. A checksum file is provided for the image to enable you to verify the bootable installation medium that you create from the image file.

- 1. Log on to the <u>NVIDIA Enterprise Support (https://nvid.nvidia.com/dashboard/)</u> site.
- 2. Click the **Announcements** tab to locate the download links for the DGX Station software image.
- Download the ISO image and its checksum file and save them to your local disk. The ISO image is also available in an archive file. If you download the archive file, be sure to extract the ISO image before proceeding.

### 4.8.2. Creating a Bootable Installation Medium

After obtaining an ISO file that contains the DGX OS Desktop software image from NVIDIA Enterprise Support, create a bootable installation medium, such as a USB flash drive or DVD-ROM, that contains the image.

- If you are creating a bootable USB flash drive, follow the instructions for the platform that you are using:
  - On Ubuntu Desktop, see <u>Creating a Bootable USB Flash Drive by Using Startup Disk</u> <u>Creator</u>.
  - On Windows, see <u>Creating a Bootable USB Flash Drive by Using Akeo Rufus</u>.
- If you are creating a bootable DVD-ROM, you can use any of the methods described in <u>Burning the ISO on to a DVD (https://help.ubuntu.com/community/</u> <u>BurningIsoHowto#Burning\_the\_ISO\_on\_to\_a\_DVD</u>) on the Ubuntu Community Help Wiki.

Note: The ISO file that contains software image for some DGX OS Desktop releases is greater than the 4.7 GB capacity of a single-layer DVD-ROM. You cannot install these releases from a bootable DVD-ROM because installation of DGX OS Desktop from a duallayer DVD-ROM is **not** supported. Check the size of the ISO file that contains the DGX OS Desktop software image before creating a bootable DVD-ROM.

## 4.8.2.1. Creating a Bootable USB Flash Drive by Using Startup Disk Creator

On an Ubuntu Desktop system, you can use **Startup Disk Creator** to create a bootable USB flash drive that contains the DGX Station software image.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The correct DGX Station software image is saved to your local disk. For more information, see <u>Obtaining the DGX Station Software ISO Image and Checksum File</u>.
- The USB flash drive has a capacity of at least 8 GB.
- 1. Plug the USB flash drive into one of the USB ports of your Ubuntu Desktop system.
- 2. Search for Startup Disk Creator.
  - Ubuntu 18.04 Desktop: Open Activities overview, and in the search box, type Startup Disk Creator.
  - Ubuntu 16.04 Desktop: Open the Dash, and in the search box, type Startup Disk Creator.
- 3. Click the **Startup Disk Creator** icon.
- 4. In the **Make Startup Disk** window that opens, from the **Source disc image (.iso)** list, select the DGX Station software image file.

Mal	e Startup Disk	- 🗆 😣
To try or install Ubuntu from a remov	vable disk, it needs to be set	up as a startup disk.
Source disc image (.iso):		
CD-Drive/Image	OS Version	Size
/home/deepl/Downloads/DGXSt.	Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS "Bior	nic Bea 4.0 GB
		Other
Disk to use:		
Device	Label	Capacity
🖳 Kingston DataTraveler 3.0 (/de	Kingston DataTraveler 3.0	28.9 GB
	Close	lake Startup Disk

If the DGX Station software image file is not listed, click **Other** and in the window that opens, navigate to the file, select the file, and click **Open**.

5. From the **Disk to use** list, select the USB flash drive and click **Make Startup Disk**.

## 4.8.2.2. Creating a Bootable USB Flash Drive by Using Akeo Rufus

On a Windows system, you can use the <u>Akeo Reliable USB Formatting Utility (Rufus) (https://</u>rufus.akeo.ie/) to create a bootable USB flash drive that contains the DGX OS software image.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The correct DGX OS software image is saved to your local disk. For more information, see <u>Obtaining the Software ISO Image and Checksum File</u>.
- The USB flash drive has a capacity of at least 8 GB.
- 1. Plug the USB flash drive into one of the USB ports of your Windows system.
- 2. Download and launch the <u>Akeo Reliable USB Formatting Utility (Rufus) (https://</u> <u>rufus.akeo.ie/)</u>.

Drive Properties –					
Device					
NO_LABEL (G:) [32 GB]					`
Boot selection					
RedOctober-5.0.0-2020-06-24-10	-45-16.iso	~	$\odot$	SELECT	1
Partition scheme		Target system	n		
GPT	~	UEFI (non C	SM)		`
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE		Cluster size			
File system	~	Cluster size	(Default)		
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE File system NTFS A Hide advanced format options	¥ 5	Cluster size 4096 bytes (	(Default)		`
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE File system NTFS A Hide advanced format options Q Quick format		(	(Default)		`
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE File system NTFS		4096 bytes (	(Default)		`
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE File system NTFS		(	(Default)		
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE Ille system NTFS V Hide advanced format option: Cuick format Cuick format Cerate extended label and icor Check device for bad blocks		4096 bytes (	(Default)		
Volume label UBUNTU_LIVE File system NTFS		4096 bytes ( 1 pass	(Default)		

- 3. In **Drive Properties**, select the following options:.
  - a). In **Boot selection**, click **SELECT**, locate, and select the DGX OS software image.
  - b). In Partition scheme, select GPT.
  - c). In Target System, select UEFI (non CSM).
- 4. In **Format Options**, select the following options:
  - a). In File system, select NTFS.
  - b). In Cluster Size, select 4096 bytes (Default).
- 5. Click Start.

Because the image is a hybrid ISO file, you are prompted to select whether to write the image in ISO Image (file copy) mode or DD Image (disk image) mode.

?	The image you have selected is an 'ISOHybrid' image. This means it can be written either in ISO Image (file copy) mode or DD Image (disk image) mode. Rufus recommends using ISO Image mode, so that you always have full access to the drive after writing it.
	However, if you encounter issues during boot, you can try writing this image again in DI Image mode.
	Please select the mode that you want to use to write this image: O Write in ISO Image mode (Recommended)
	Write in DD Image mode
	OK Cancel

6. Select Write in ISO Image mode and click OK.

### 4.8.3. Verifying the Bootable Installation Medium

On a Linux system, you can use the checksum file provided for the DGX Station software image to verify the installation medium that you created from the image.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The checksum file for the DGX Station software image is saved to your local disk. For more information, see <u>Obtaining the DGX Station Software ISO Image and Checksum File</u>.
- You have created a bootable installation medium from the image. For more information, see <u>Creating a Bootable Installation Medium</u>.

How to verify a bootable installation medium depends on whether it is a USB flash drive or a DVD-ROM.

#### 4.8.3.1. Verifying a Bootable USB Flash Drive

- 1. Plug the USB flash drive into one of the USB ports of your Linux system.
- Obtain the device ID of the USB flash drive by running the <u>lsblk (http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/bionic/man8/lsblk.8.html</u>) command.
   s lsblk

You can identify the USB flash drive from its size, which is much smaller than the size of the SSDs in the DGX Station, and from the mount points of any partitions on the drive, which are under /media.

In the following example, the device ID of the USB flash drive is sde1.

<pre>\$ lsblk</pre>	:					
NAME	MAJ:MIN	RM	SIZE	RO	TYPE	MOUNTPOINT
sda	8:0	0	1.8T	0	disk	
sdal	8:1	0	487M	0	part	/boot/efi
sda2	8:2	0	1.8T	0	part	/
sdb	8:16	0	1.8T	0	disk	
md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdc	8:32	0	1.8T	0	disk	
_md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sdd	8:48	0	1.8T	0	disk	
_md0	9:0	0	5.2T	0	raid0	/raid
sde	8:64	1	3.7G	0	disk	

3. Compute the checksum of the image on the USB flash drive.

\$ sudo dd if=device-id bs=block-size | cksum
device-id

The device ID of the USB flash drive, for example, /dev/sde1.

#### block-size

The block size to be used by the ad command, for example, 1M.

This example computes the checksum of an image on the USB flash drive with device ID / **dev/sde1** using a block size of 1 MB.

```
$ sudo dd if=/dev/sdel bs=1M | cksum
3299+1 records in
3299+1 records out
3459317760 bytes (3.5 GB, 3.2 GiB) copied, 164.369 s, 21.0 MB/s
3992706625 3459317760
```

4. Obtain the checksum value from the checksum file.

```
$ cat checksum-file
chacksum_file
```

#### checksum-file

The path, including the file name, to the checksum file.

This example obtains the checksum value for the image DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.iso from the checksum file DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.crc in the current working directory.

```
$ cat DGXStation-3.1.2_56d4a9.crc
```

3992706625 3459317760 DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.iso If the value obtained from the checksum file matches the value computed from the image,

the integrity of the installation medium has been successfully verified.

#### 4.8.3.2. Verifying a Bootable DVD-ROM

- 1. Load the DVD-ROM into an optical drive connected to your Linux system.
- 2. Compute the checksum of the image on the DVD-ROM.

```
$ cksum < /dev/sr0</pre>
```

```
This example computes the checksum of an image on a DVD-ROM.
```

\$ cksum < /dev/sr0</pre>

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3. Obtain the checksum value from the checksum file.

#### \$ cat checksum-file

```
checksum-file
```

The path, including the file name, to the checksum file.

This example obtains the checksum value for the image DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.iso from the checksum file DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.crc in the current working directory.

\$ cat DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.crc

3992706625 3459317760 DGXStation-3.1.2\_56d4a9.iso

If the value obtained from the checksum file matches the value computed from the image, the integrity of the installation medium has been successfully verified.

# 4.8.4. Installing the DGX Station Software Image from a USB Flash Drive or DVD-ROM

Before installing the DGX Station software image, ensure that you have a bootable USB flash drive or DVD-ROM that contains the current DGX Station software image.

- **CAUTION:** Installing the DGX Station software image erases all data stored on the OS SSD. The /home partition, where all users' documents, software settings, bookmarks, and other personal files are stored, resides on the OS SSD and will be erased. However, if you chose to install the DGX Station software and preserve the RAID array contents, persistent data stored in the RAID array is unaffected.
- 1. Shut down the DGX Station.
- 2. Load the USB flash drive or DVD-ROM into the DGX Station.
  - ▶ If you are using a USB flash drive, plug it into one of the USB ports of the DGX Station.
  - If you are using a DVD-ROM, connect an external optical drive to the DGX Station and load the DVD-ROM into the drive.
- 3. Power on the DGX Station.
- 4. At the first NVIDIA screen to appear, press **F8** to select the boot device.
- 5. In the menu for selecting the boot device, use the arrow keys to select **UEFI: usb-key-ordvd-rom-name, Partition n (size)** and press **Enter**.
- 6. Boot the DGX Station install media.
- 7. To complete the standard installation **without** root filesystem encryption, select one of the following options:
  - ▶ Install DGX OS 5.0.0: Installs DGX OS 5.0.0 and reformats the data RAID.
  - Install DGX OS 5.0.0: Without Reformatting Data RAID: Installs DGX OS 5.0.0 without reformatting the data RAID.
- 8. To set up filesystem encryption, select **Advanced Installation Options**, and then select one of the following options:
  - ▶ Install DGX Base OS 5.0.0: Installs DGX Base OS 5.0.0 and reformats the data RAID.
  - Install DGX Base OS 5.0.0: Without Reformatting Data RAID: Installs DGX Base OS 5.0.0 without reformatting the data RAID.

#### **Note:** For both of these options, the default root filesystem passphrase is **nvidia3d**.

Here is some additional information:

- The GRUB menu options can appear during installation or when DGX Station is reimaged at the customer site.
- If the boot is not encrypted at the factory, you need to reimage DGX Station and then encrypt the boot.

- 9. When the installation is complete, respond to the prompts to accept end user license agreements for NVIDIA software and to configure the Ubuntu OS, including creating your user name and password for logging in to the DGX Station.
- 10. After the Ubuntu OS configuration is complete, log in to the DGX Station to access your Ubuntu desktop.
- 11. Eject the USB flash drive or DVD-ROM.
- 12. Unplug the USB flash drive or optical drive from the DGX Station.

# 4.9. Updating the DGX Station System BIOS

If you need to update the DGX Station system BIOS, you can obtain the current version of it from NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services.

#### CAUTION:

Update the system BIOS **only** if required to resolve an issue with the DGX Station or if you are directed to by NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services to address a specific issue. If your DGX Station is operating normally and you have not been directed by NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services, do **not** update the system BIOS. An error during an attempt to update the system BIOS may leave your DGX Station unable to boot.

If you must update the system BIOS, be sure to obtain the BIOS file from NVIDIA Support Enterprise Services. Do not obtain a BIOS file from the motherboard manufacturer or any other source.

To complete this task, you need a USB flash drive formatted to a single FAT 16 or FAT 32 partition.

- 1. Obtain the system BIOS file.
  - a). Log on to <u>NVIDIA Enterprise Support (https://nvid.nvidia.com/dashboard/)</u>.
  - b). Click the **Announcements** tab to locate the download links for the archive file containing the DGX Station system BIOS file.
  - c). Download the archive file and extract the system BIOS file.
- 2. Copy the system BIOS file to the USB flash drive.
- 3. Shut down the DGX Station.
- 4. Plug the USB flash drive into one of the USB ports of the DGX Station.
- 5. Power on the DGX Station.
- 6. At the first NVIDIA screen to appear, press **Delete** or **F2** to enter the UEFI BIOS setup.
- 7. In the UEFI BIOS Utility EZ Mode screen, click Advanced Mode.
- 8. From the **Tool** menu, choose **EZ 3 Flash Utility** and press **Enter**.
- 9. In the **EZ 3 Flash Update** screen, select **via Storage Device(s)** as the BIOS update method and press **Enter**.

- 10. In the **Drive** list, use the up arrow and down arrow keys to select the USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file and press **Enter**.
- 11. In the **Folder** list, use the up arrow and down arrow keys to select the BIOS file.
- 12. Press Enter to start the BIOS update process.



**CAUTION:** To avoid the risk of leaving your DGX Station unable to boot, do **not** shut down or reset the DGX Station during the BIOS update process.

13. When the BIOS update process is complete, reboot the DGX Station.

## 4.10. Maintaining the GPU Liquid Cooling System

A liquid cooling system keeps the GPUs in the DGX Station within their required operating temperature range. To ensure reliable operation of the cooling system, you must maintain it periodically.

### 4.10.1. Monitoring GPU Temperatures

- 1. Search for NVIDIA X Server Settings.
  - DGX OS Desktop 4 releases: Open Activities overview, and in the search box, type NVIDIA X Server Settings.
  - DGX OS Desktop 3 releases: Open the Dash, and in the search box, type NVIDIA X Server Settings.
- 2. Click the NVIDIA X Server Settings icon.
- 3. Under each GPU in the list of GPUs in the **NVIDIA X Server Settings** window, click **Thermal Settings**.

Thermal sensor information for the GPU is displayed, including its current temperature and an indication of whether the temperature is within the GPU's operating range.

	NVIDIA X Server Settings		- 🗆 😣
X Server Information X Server Display Configuration X Screen 0			
<ul> <li>X Screen 0         <ul> <li>X Server XVideo Settings</li> <li>OpenGL Settings</li> <li>Graphics Information</li> <li>Antialiasing Settings</li> <li>VDPAU Information</li> </ul> </li> <li>GPU 0 - (Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB)         <ul> <li>Thermal Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>DP-2 - (Ancor Communications Inc AS)</li> <li>GPU 1 - (Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Thermal Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>GPU 2 - (Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB)</li> <li>Thermal Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>GPU 3 - (Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB)</li> <li>Thermal Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>GPU 3 - (Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB)</li> <li>Thermal Settings</li> <li>PowerMizer</li> <li>ECC Settings</li> <li>Application Profiles</li> <li>nvidia-settings Configuration</li> </ul>	Target: GPU Provider: GPU Internal Temperature: 36 C	emperature 36°C	
		Help	Quit

If the GPUs are running too hot, check the level of the liquid in the GPU cooling system as explained in <u>Checking the Level of the Liquid in the GPU Cooling System</u>.

## 4.10.2. Checking the Level of the Liquid in the GPU Cooling System

In normal operation, some coolant liquid may be lost from system. Every 12 months, check the level of the liquid in the cooling system to ensure that it remains at the required level.

- 1. Remove the side panel on the right of the DGX Station when viewed from the rear.
  - a). Push the button on the right side of the DGX Station back panel to release the panel.



b). Lift the panel to remove it.





**CAUTION:** To prevent damage from electrostatic discharge, avoid touching any of the components inside the DGX Station other than any components that you are replacing or servicing.

2. Look at the gauge on the side of the cooling system pump to determine the level of the liquid in the cooling system.



- If level of the liquid in the cooling system is at or above the Minimum Level in the reservoir, go to the next step.
- If the liquid has fallen below the Minimum Level in the reservoir, replenish it as explained in <u>Replenishing the Liquid in the GPU Cooling System</u>.
- 3. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.
  - a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.



b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latch.



# 4.10.3. Replenishing the Liquid in the GPU Cooling System

Replenish the liquid in the GPU cooling system if the liquid is below the required level or to refill the cooling system after draining it to renew the cooling liquid.

Contact NVIDIA Enterprise Support to obtain a DGX Station coolant kit, which contains:

- ▶ 6 mm Allen wrench
- ▶ 1 bottle of EK-CryoFuel Clear Premix coolant



**CAUTION:** Use **only** the coolant that is supplied with the kit. Do **not** use any other type of coolant. Use of other types of coolant will void the DGX Station hardware warranty and may cause damage to or impair the performance of the system.

- Flexible plastic filling bottle with delivery tube
- 1. Ensure that the DGX Station is powered off.
- 2. Fill the plastic filling bottle with the mixture.
- 3. Use the Torx T20 Allen wrench to loosen the filler cap at top of the cooling system pump and when the cap is loose, remove it.



- 4. Insert the delivery tube of the filling bottle into the open filler cap at the top of the pump.
- 5. Gently squeeze the filler bottle to dispense the coolant liquid into the pump until the liquid reaches the Maximum Level in the reservoir.



6. Replace the filler cap at top of the pump and use the Torx T20 Allen wrench to tighten the cap until it is finger tight.

Do **not** over tighten the filler cap.

7. Power on the DGX Station and let it run for one minute.

If the pump makes a grinding noise, power off and power on the DGX Station four times.

8. Ensure that the level of the liquid in the cooling system is at the Maximum Level in the reservoir.



If the liquid has fallen below the Maximum Level in the reservoir, repeat the following sequence of steps until level of the liquid in the cooling system remains at the Maximum Level.

- a). Remove the filler cap at top of the cooling system pump.
- b). Dispense more coolant liquid into the pump until the liquid reaches the Maximum Level in the reservoir again.
- c). Replace the filler cap at top of the pump.
- d). Power on the DGX Station and let it run for one minute.
- e). Check the level of the liquid in the cooling system.
- 9. Power off the DGX Station.
- 10. Replace the side panel of the DGX Station.
  - a). Align the bottom edge of the side panel with the bottom edge of the DGX Station.



b). Firmly push the panel back into place to re-engage the latch.



## Appendix A. Safety

To reduce the risk of bodily injury, electrical shock, fire, and equipment damage, read this document and observe all warnings and precautions in this guide before installing or maintaining your product. NVIDIA products are designed to operate safely when installed and used according to the product instructions and general safety practices. The guidelines included in this document explain the potential risks associated with computer operation and provide important safety practices designed to minimize these risks.

The product is designed and tested to meet IEC 60950-1, the Standard for the Safety of Information Technology Equipment. This also covers the national implementation of IEC 60950-1 based safety standards around the world, for example, UL 60950-1. These standards reduce the risk of injury from the following hazards:

- **Electric shock**: Hazardous voltage levels contained in parts of the product
- ▶ Fire: Overload, temperature, material flammability
- Mechanical: Sharp edges, moving parts, instability
- **Energy**: Circuits with high energy levels (240 volt amperes) or potential as burn hazards
- > Heat: Accessible parts of the product at high temperatures
- Chemical: Chemical fumes and vapors
- **Radiation**: Noise, ionizing, laser, ultrasonic waves

Retain and follow all product safety and operating instructions. Always refer to the documentation supplied with your equipment. Observe all warnings on the product and in the operating instructions.



WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK OR OTHER INJURY OR DAMAGE. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CAN BE HAZARDOUS IF MISUSED. OPERATION OF THIS PRODUCT, OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS, MUST ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN ACCESS TO THE INTERIOR OF ANY ELECTRICAL PRODUCT AND DO NOT PERMIT THEM TO HANDLE ANY CABLES.

## A.1. Intended Application Uses

This product was evaluated as Information Technology Equipment (ITE), which may be installed in offices, schools, computer rooms, and similar commercial type locations. The suitability of this product for other product categories and environments (such as medical,

industrial, residential, alarm systems, and test equipment), other than an ITE application, may require further evaluation.

## A.2. General Precautions

To reduce the risk of personal injury or damage to the equipment:

- > Shut down the product and disconnect all AC power cables before installation.
- Do not connect or disconnect any cables when performing installation, maintenance, or reconfiguration of this product during an electrical storm.
- Never turn on any equipment when there is evidence of fire, water, or structural damage.
- Place the product away from radiators, heat registers, stoves, amplifiers, or other products that produce heat.
- Never use the product in a wet location.
- Avoid inserting foreign objects through openings in the product.
- Do not use conductive tools that could bridge live parts.
- > Do not make mechanical or electrical modifications to the equipment.
- Use the product only with approved equipment.
- Follow all cautions and instructions marked on the equipment. Do not attempt to defeat safety interlocks (where provided).
- Operate the DGX Station in a place where the temperature is always in the range 10°C to 30°C (50°F to 86°F).

## A.3. Electrical Precautions

#### Power Cable

To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or damage to the equipment:

- Use only the supplied power cable and do not use this power cable with any other products or for any other purpose. Not all power cables have the same current ratings.
- Do not use household extension cables with your product. Household extension cables do not have overload protection and are not intended for use with computer systems.
- If you lose or damage the supplied power cable, or have to change the power cable for any reason, use a cable rated for your product and for the voltage and current marked on the electrical ratings label of the product. The voltage and current rating of the cable must be greater than the voltage and current rating marked on the product.
- Plug the power cable into a grounded (earthed) electrical outlet that is easily accessible at all times. The product is equipped with a three-wire electrical grounding-type plug which has a third pin for ground. This plug fits only into a grounded electrical power outlet.

- Do not disable the power cable grounding plug. The grounding plug is an important safety feature.
- Do not place objects on power cables. Arrange them so that no one may accidentally step on or trip over them.
- Do not pull on a cable. When unplugging the product from the electrical outlet, grasp the plug.
- When possible, use one hand only to connect or disconnect cables.
- Do not modify power cables or plugs. Consult a licensed electrician or your power company for site modifications.

#### Power Supply

- Ensure that the voltage and frequency of your power source match the voltage and frequency inscribed on the equipment's electrical rating label. If you have a question about the type of power source to use, contact your authorized service provider.
- Connect the equipment to a properly wired and grounded electrical outlet and always follow your local or national wiring rules.
- Ensure that the socket outlet is near the equipment and is readily accessible for disconnection.
- To help protect your system from sudden, transient increases and decreases in electrical power, consider using a surge suppressor or line conditioner.
- Never force a connector into a port. Check for obstructions on the port. If the connector and port don't join with reasonable ease, they probably don't match. Make sure that the connector matches the port and that you have positioned the connector correctly in relation to the port.
- Do not open the power supply. Hazardous voltage, current and energy levels are present inside the power supply. The power supply in this product contains no user-serviceable parts. Return to manufacturer for servicing.

## A.4. Communications Cable Precautions

To reduce the risk of exposure to electrical shock hazards from communications cables:

- Do not connect communications cables during an electrical storm. There may be a risk of electric shock from lightning.
- Do not connect or use communications cables in a wet location.
- Disconnect the communications cables before opening a product enclosure, or touching or installing internal components.

## A.5. Other Hazards

#### Proposition 65 Warning

This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

#### California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Perchlorate Material – special handling may apply. See <u>www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/</u> <u>perchlorate</u>.

Perchlorate Material: Lithium battery (CR2032) contains perchlorate. Please follow instructions for disposal.

#### Nickel



The decorative metal foam on the DGX Station casework contains some nickel. The metal foam is not intended for direct and prolonged skin contact. While nickel exposure is unlikely to be a problem, you should be aware of the possibility in case you're susceptible to nickel-related reactions.

## Appendix B. Connections, Controls, and Indicators

# B.1. Front-Panel Connections and Controls

ID	Туре	Qty	Description
1	Power Button	1	Press to turn the DGX Station on or off
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# B.2. Rear-Panel Connections and Controls

#### **Current Units**

ID	Туре	Qty	Description
1	USB 3.1 Type-C	1	USB 3.1 Type-C port
2	Ethernet	2	10G LAN ports (see LAN Port Indicators):

ID	Туре	Qty	Description
			Lower port: LAN 1
			<ul> <li>Upper port: LAN 2</li> </ul>
3	USB 3.0	4	USB 3.0 ports
4	S/PDIF Audio Output	1	Optical S/PDIF out port
5	eSATA	2	eSATA ports for connecting external storage devices, such as hard drives or optical drives, with an external power supply
6	AC Input	1	Power supply input
7	Reset Button	1	Press to reboot the system without turning off the system power
8	USB 3.1 Type-A	1	USB 3.1 Type-A port
9	Audio I/O	5	3.5 mm I/O ports for 2-, 4-, 6-, or 8-channel audio (see <u>Audio I/O Connections</u> )
10	DisplayPort	3	Ports for connecting up to 3 displays
11	Power Supply Switch	1	Turn the power supply on and off



#### Earlier Units

ID	Туре	Qty	Description
1	USB 3.1 Type-C	1	USB 3.1 Type-C port
2	Ethernet	2	10G LAN ports (see <u>LAN Port Indicators</u> ):
			Lower port: LAN 1
			Upper port: LAN 2
3	USB 3.0	4	USB 3.0 ports

ID	Туре	Qty	Description
4	S/PDIF Audio Output	1	Optical S/PDIF out port
5	eSATA	2	eSATA ports for connecting external storage devices, such as hard drives or optical drives, with an external power supply
6	Power Supply Switch	1	Turn the power supply on and off
7	Reset Button	1	Press to reboot the system without turning off the system power
8	USB 3.1 Type-A	1	USB 3.1 Type-A port
9	Audio I/O	5	3.5 mm I/O ports for 2-, 4-, 6-, or 8-channel audio (see <u>Audio I/O Connections</u> )
10	DisplayPort	3	Ports for connecting up to 3 displays
11	AC Input	1	Power supply input



## B.3. LAN Port Indicators

LEDs on each Ethernet LAN port indicate the connection status as illustrated in the following figure and described in the following tables.



#### Speed LED

Status	Description	
Off	100 Mbps connection	
Orange	1 Gbps connection	
Green	10 Gbps connection	

#### Activity/Link LED

Status	Description
Off	No link
Green	Linked
Green (blinking)	Data activity

## B.4. Audio I/O Connections

ID	Port Color	2-Channel	4-Channel	6-Channel	8-Channel
1	Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
2	Black	N/A	Rear Speaker	Rear Speaker	Rear Speaker
3	Orange	N/A	N/A	Center/ Subwoofer	Center/ Subwoofer
4	Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Side Speaker
5	Lime Green	Line Out	Front Speaker	Front Speaker	Front Speaker



## Appendix C. Compliance

The NVIDIA DGX Station is compliant with the regulations listed in this section.

## C.1. DGX Station Model Number

Model: P2587

## C.2. Argentina

S-Mark



C.3. Australia/New Zealand

RCM



## C.4. Brazil

#### **INMETRO**



## C.5. Canada

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

#### CAN ICES-3(A)/NMB-3(A)

The Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulation.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

## C.6. China

#### **RoHS Material Content**

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部件名称 Parts	铅及其化合物 (Pb and its compounds)	汞及其化合物 (Hg and its compounds)	(Cd and its	六价铬化合物 (Cr(VI) compounds)	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
机箱 Chassis	×	0	0	0	0	0
印刷电路部件 PCA	x	0	0	0	0	0
图形处理器 GPU	x	0	0	0	0	0
中央处理器 CPU	x	0	0	0	0	0
主板 Motherboard	x	0	0	0	0	0
电源设备 Power supply	x	0	0	0	0	0
存储设备 System memory	x	o	0	0	o	0
硬盘驱动器 Hard drive	x	0	0	0	0	0
机械部件(风扇、散热器、面板等) Mechanical parts (fan, heat sink, bezel)	x	0	0	0	0	0
线材/连接器 Cables/Connectors	x	0	0	0	0	0
焊接金属 Soldering material	0	o	0	0	0	0
助焊剂,锡膏,标签及其他耗材 Flux, Solder Paste, label and other consumable materials	0	0	0	0	0	0

本表格依据SJ/T 11364-2014 的规定编制 The table according to SJ/T 11364-2014

O: 表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在GB/T 26572-2011 标准规定的限量要求以下。
O: Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement in GB/T 26572-2011.
X: 表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出GB/T 26572-2011 标准规定的限量要求。
X: Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials used for this part is above the limit requirement in GB/T 26572-2011.

此表中所有名称中含 "X" 的部件均符合欧盟 RoHS 立法。 All parts named in this table with an "X" are in compliance with the European Union's RoHS Legislation.

注: 环保使用期限的参考标识取决于产品正常工作的温度和湿度等条件 Note: The referenced Environmental Protection Use Period Marking was determined according to normal operating use conditions of the product such as temperature and humidity.

## C.7. European Union

#### European Conformity; Conformité Européenne (CE)





This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio frequency interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

The product has been marked with the CE Mark to illustrate its compliance.

This device complies with the following Directives:

- EMC Directive (2014/30/EU) for Class A, I.T.E equipment.
- Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU) for electrical safety.
- ▶ RoHS Directive (2011/65/EU) for hazardous substances.
- ► ErP Directive (2009/125/EC) for European Ecodesign.

A copy of the Declaration of Conformity to the essential requirements may be obtained directly from NVIDIA GmbH (Floessergasse 2, 81369 Munich, Germany).

## C.8. India

BIS



Self Declaration - Conforming to IS13252:2010, R-41078743

## C.9. Israel

אזהרה משפט והתקע החשמל כבל ותקינות שלמות ודא רטובות בידיים החשמל מרשת התקע את להוציא או להכניס אין . הקרובה השירות למעבדת לפנות יש כלשהו בעיה של במקרה , המכשיר את לפתוח אין . מנוזלים המכשיר את להרחיק יש . שירות למעבדת ולפנות החשמל מרשת מיידית לנתקו יש , במכשיר שמקורם רעשים ,מוזר ריח של במקרה . להה בסביבה לשימוש ולא חיצוני לשימוש ולא , המבנה בתוך לשימוש מיועד המכשיר . להה בסביבה לשימוש ולא חיצוני לשימוש ולא , המבנה בתוך לשימוש מיועד המכשיר . או דליקה, לנזק לגרום עלול שכן , המידה על יתר להתחמם לו להניח או החשמל הכבל על חפצים להניח אין או דליקה, לנזק לגרום עלול שכן , המידה על יתר להתחמם לו להניח או החשמל הכבל את ופצים להניח אין או התחשמלות . לשימוש מוכן תפעולי במצב הניתוק התקן את לחזק להקפיד יש .

שבכבל הארקה מוליך תקינות לוודא יש מאריך כבל על בשימוש .

## C.10. Japan

VCCI

この装置は、クラスA情報技術装置です。この装置を家庭環境で使用する と電波妨害を引き起こすことがあります。この場合には使用者が適切な対策 を講ずるよう要求されることがあります。 VCCI-A

## C.11. Russia

CU-TR

# EHC

## C.12. South Africa

LOA

Compliant with SANS IEC 60950

#### SABS

Compliant with SANS 222 CISPR 22



## C.13. South Korea

KC



#### MSIP-REM-NVA-P2587

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	매자 또는 사용자는 이 점을 주의하시기 바라
	며, 가정외의 지역에서 사용하는 것을 목적으로
	합니다.

## C.14. Taiwan

BSMI



情况下,使用者會被要求採取某些適當的對策

限用物資含有情況標示發明書 Declaration of the presence condition of the Restricted Substances Marking						
		DGX工作站				
	Equipment Na	ime: DGX Stat		其化學符號		
毘元		Restricted	substances an		al symbols	
Parts	铅	汞	領	六價铬	多溴聯苯	多溴二苯醚
	(Pb)	(Hg)	(Cd)	(Cr(VI))	(PBB)	(PBDE)
機箱 Chassis	-	0	0	0	0	0
印刷電路部件 PCA	-	0	0	0	0	0
圖形處理器 GPU	-	0	0	0	0	0
中央處理器 CPU	-	0	0	0	0	0
主板 Motherboard	-	0	0	0	0	0
電源設備 Power supply	-	0	0	0	0	0
存储設備 System memory	-	0	0	0	0	0
硬盤驅動器 Hard drive	-	0	0	0	0	0
機械部件 (風扇、散熱器、面板、水冷裝置等) Mechanical parts (fan, heat sink, bezel, cooler)	-	0	0	0	0	0
線材/連接器 Cables/Connectors	-	0	0	0	0	0
焊接金屬 Soldering material	0	0	0	0	0	0
助焊劑,歸窨,標籤及其他耗材 Flux, Solder Paste, label and other consumable materials	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note 1: O: Indicates that the percentage content of the restricted 借考2: -: 系指該项限用物質为排外项目.

Note 2: --- indicates that the restricted substance corresponds to the exemption.

此表中所有名稱中含"-"的部件均符合歐盟 RoHS 立法。

All parts named in this table with an "-" are in compliance with the European Union's RoHS Legislation.

注: 環保使用期限的參考標識取決與產品正常工作的温度和濕度等條件

Note: The referenced Environmental Protection Use Period Marking was determined according to normal operating use conditions of the product such as temperature and humidity.

## C.15. United States

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

#### FCC Marking (Class A)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including any interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

**NOTE**: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a

commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

## C.16. United States/Canada

#### cULus Listing Mark



## C.17. Vietnam

ICT



Phù hợp quy chuẩn kỹ thuật, tiêu chuẩn: TCVN 7189:2009 - Thiết bị công nghệ thông tin

– Đặc tính nhiễu tần số vô tuyến – Giới hạn và phương pháp đo

## Appendix D. DGX Station Hardware Specifications

## D.1. Environmental Conditions

Condition	Operating Range	Nonoperating Range
Ambient temperature	10°C to 30°C (50°F to 86°F)	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)
Relative humidity	10% to 80% (non-condensing)	8% to 90% (non-condensing)

## D.2. Component Specifications

Component	Qty	Description
CPU	1	Intel Xeon E5-2698 v4 2.2 GHz (20-Core)
GPU- current	4	NVIDIA Tesla V100-DGXS-32GB, featuring:
units		▶ 4×125 TeraFLOPS (500 TeraFLOPS total), FP16
		▶ 4×32 GB (128 GB total) GPU memory
		► 4×640 (2,560 total) NVIDIA Tensor Cores
		▶ 4×5,120 (20,480 total) NVIDIA CUDA <sup>®</sup> cores
GPU - earlier	4	NVIDIA Tesla V100-DGXS-16GB, featuring:
units		▶ 4×125 TeraFLOPS (500 TeraFLOPS total), FP16
		▶ 4×16 GB (64 GB total) GPU memory
		▶ 4×640 (2,560 total) NVIDIA Tensor Cores
		▶ 4×5,120 (20,480 total) NVIDIA CUDA <sup>®</sup> cores
System memory	8	8×32 GB (256 GB total) ECC Registered RDIMM DDR4 SDRAM
		Note: You can replace all eight factory-installed 32-GB DIMMs with 64-GB DIMMs to give a total capacity of 512 GB.

Component	Qty	Description	
Data storage	3	3×1.92 TB (5.76 TB total) 2.5" 6 Gb/s SATA III SSD in RAID 0 configuration	
		Note: Since DGX OS Desktop 4.4.0 or DGX software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS EL7-20.02: You can add four 1.92- TB SSDs for data storage to give a total capacity of 13.44 TB in a RAID 0 configuration.	
OS storage	1	1.92 TB 2.5" 6 Gb/s SATA III SSD	

## D.3. Mechanical Specifications

Specification	Value
Height	25" (639 mm)
Width	10" (256 mm)
Depth	20" (518 mm)
Gross weight	88 lbs (40 kg)

## D.4. Power Specifications

Input	Comments
115 - 240 VAC, 12-8A, (50 - 60 Hz)	The DGX Station power consumption can reach 1,500 W (ambient temperature 30°C) with all system resources under a heavy load.
	Be aware of your electrical source's power capability to avoid overloading the circuit.

# Appendix E. Customer Support for the NVIDIA DGX Station

Contact NVIDIA Enterprise Support for assistance in reporting, troubleshooting, or diagnosing problems with your DGX Station system.

For details on how to obtain support, visit the NVIDIA Enterprise Support web site (<u>https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/support/enterprise/</u>).

Our support team can help collect appropriate information about your issue and involve internal resources as needed.

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