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GPULAB INTRODUCTION

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WHY USE GPULAB?



Access to a lot of GPU's:

44x GTX 1080 Ti

32x Tesla V100 (DGX-2, HGX-2)

...



Your pip/conda packages are installed and ready to use!

Choose any Docker image with your packages pre-installed



Isolated Storage

Separated storage per project



Automatic Job Scheduling

Jobs are started in FIFO order

WHAT IS GPULAB?

Thin wrapper around GPU-enabled Docker containers:

- Hides complexities of mounting storage, CPU/GPU isolation, etc.
- No need to install CUDA, Tensorflow, etc. on the machine yourself



Job Scheduler:

- Over multiple machines
- With 1 or more GPU's



Authentication:

- Via IDLab iLab.t or Fed4FIRE accounts
- Concept of 'projects' for sharing of resources

JUPYTERHUB ON GPULAB

Available on

<https://jupyterhub.ilabt.imec.be>

Spawner Options

General settings

Load Configuration ▾

Save Configuration

Select a project:

twalcari-test ▾

Docker settings

Docker Image:

gpulab.ilabt.imec.be:5000/jupyter/datascience-notebook:latest ▾ ⓘ

Command:

start-notebook.sh

Requested resources

CPUs:

1 ⓘ

GPUs:

1

#MB Memory:

2048

Job will run on cluster **5**

Currently available: **0** GPU's **7** CPU's **55** GB of memory. (details)

Show Advanced Options

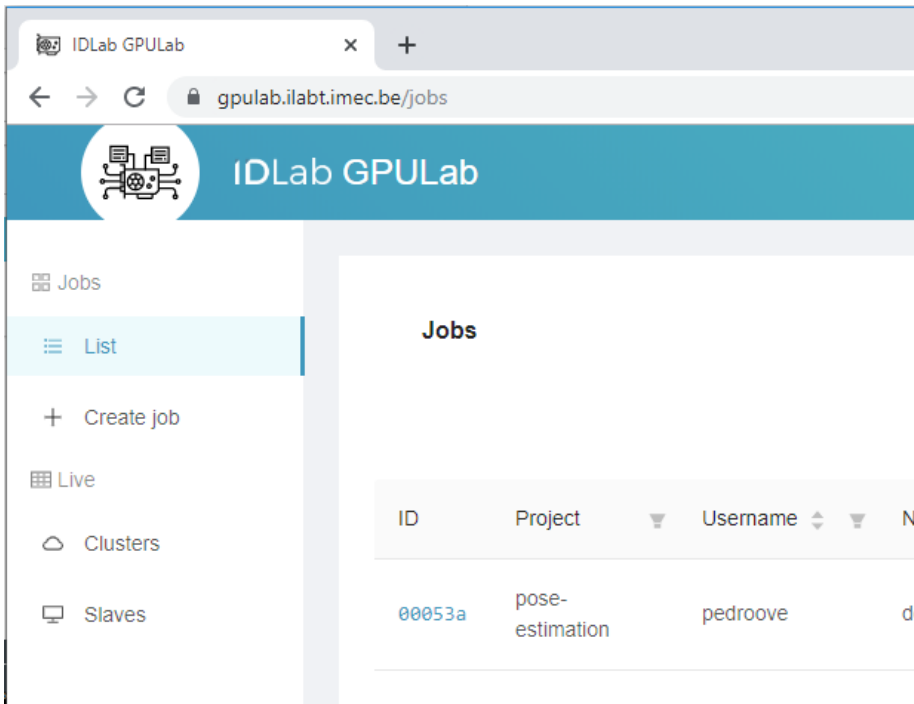


- Generates and starts a GPULab job for you
- Redirects you to your Jupyter notebook server once started

- **Gotchas:**
 - Server start will timeout after 5 minutes (ex. No GPU's available in chosen cluster)
 - Job will be cancelled after 1 hour of inactivity in the browser, even if a computation is running!
 - Custom docker images must descend from jupyter/base-notebook

USING GPULAB

- Website <https://gpulab.ilabt.imec.be> for monitoring/submitting simple jobs



The screenshot shows the IDLab GPU Lab web interface. The browser address bar displays `gpulab.ilabt.imec.be/jobs`. The page title is "IDLab GPU Lab". On the left sidebar, there are navigation options: "Jobs", "List" (selected), "Create job", "Live", "Clusters", and "Slaves". The main content area is titled "Jobs" and displays a table with the following data:

ID	Project	Username	N
00053a	pose-estimation	pedroove	d

- `gpulab-cli` for submitting jobs from the command line

```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli
Usage: gpulab-cli [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...

GPULab client version 1.9

This is the general help. For help with a specific command, try:
  gpulab-cli <command> --help

Send bugreports, questions and feedback to: jfedbugreports@ilabt.imec.be

Documentation: https://doc.ilabt.imec.be/ilabt/gpulab/
Overview page: https://gpulab.ilabt.imec.be/
Overview page (for --dev): https://dev.gpulab.ilabt.imec.be/

Options:
  --cert PATH          Login certificate [required]
  -p, --password TEXT  Password associated with the login certificate
  --dev                Use the GPULab development environment
  --stable              Use the GPULab stable environment (default)
  --servercert PATH    The file containing the servers (self-signed)
                       certificate. Only required when the server uses a self
                       signed certificate.
  --version            Show the version and exit.
  -h, --help           Show this message and exit.

Commands:
  cancel              Cancel running job
  clusters            Retrieve info about the available clusters. If a cluster_id is
                       specified, detailed info about the slaves of that cluster is
```

USING GPULAB

SUBMITTING A JOB VIA THE CLI

```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli submit --project twalcari-test < jupyter-scipy.json  
87914bc6-10ec-11ea-93a1-d7177117bc9b
```


DEFINING A GPULAB JOB

GPULab-specific
bookkeeping

```
{  
  "jobDefinition": {  
    "name": "helloworld",  
    "description": "Hello world!",  
  
    "clusterId": 1,  
    "resources": { "gpus": 1, "systemMemory": 2000, "cpuCores": 2 },  
  
    "dockerImage": "nvidia/cuda:10.2-cudnn7-devel",  
    "command": "",  
  
    "jobDataLocations": [ ],  
    "portMappings": [ ],  
  
    "environment": { },  
  }  
}
```

Passed to Docker for
starting the container

DEFINING A GPULAB JOB

- Modify an example
 - Consult documentation on <https://doc.ilabt.imec.be/ilabt/gpulab/jobdefinition.html>
- Use the 'Create job' function on the website

Create a job

Job Definition

Core info

* Name:

Description:
Describe what your experiment does (optionally)

* Cluster ID:
Uncheck this to run this job on any compatible cluster

* Docker Image:

Resulting jobDefinition:

```
{
  "jobDefinition": {
    "name": "NVIDIA SMI"
    "description":
      "Writes the output of the command
      'nvidia-smi' to the log and exits"
    "dockerImage":
      "gpulab.ilabt.imec.be:5000/sample:nvidia-smi"
    "command": ""
    "resources": {
      "gpus": 1
      "systemMemory": 2048
      "cpuCores": 2
      "minCudaVersion": 10
    }
  }
}
```

DEFINING A GPULAB JOB

DETERMINING THE CLUSTER AND RESOURCES TO REQUEST: VIA THE WEBSITE

gpulab.ilabt.imec.be/live/cluster

IDLab GPULab



Clusters

GPULab Version	Cluster ID	Comment	GPU model	GPU's	CPU's	Memory (GB)	Slaves	Running Jobs
stable	1	1x 2x GF GTX 1080 Ti	GeForce GTX 1080 Ti	2/2	16/16	31.47/31.47	1	0
stable	2	1x Tesla V100	Tesla V100-PCIE-32GB	0/1	10/12	23.62/31.82	1	1
stable	3	1x RTX2080	GeForce RTX 2080 Ti	1/1	12/12	31.66/31.66	1	0
stable	4	3x 11x GF GTX 1080 Ti	GeForce GTX 1080 Ti	5/39	28/98	244.93/989.58	4	27

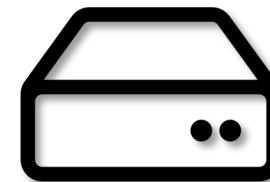
DEFINING A GPULAB JOB

DETERMINING THE CLUSTER AND RESOURCES TO REQUEST: VIA THE CLI

```
~$ gpulab-cli clusters
```

ID	GPU Model	Comment	Slaves	GPUs	CPUs
1 stable		1x 2x GF GTX 1080 Ti	0	0/0	0/0
2 stable		1x Tesla V100	0	0/0	0/0
3 stable	GeForce RTX 2080 Ti	1x RTX2080	1	1/1	12/12
4 stable	GeForce GTX 1080 Ti	4x 11x GF GTX 1080 Ti	7	19/30	61/93
5 stable		No GPU, shared CPUs	0	0/0	0/0
6 stable	Tesla V100-SXM3-32GB	1x HGX-2 - 16xTesla V100	2	3/16	38/96
7 stable	Tesla V100-SXM3-32GB	UAntwerp: 1x DGX-2 - 16xTesla V100	1	5/16	39/96
10 stable		Development only - do not use	0	0/0	0/0

STORAGE ON GPULAB



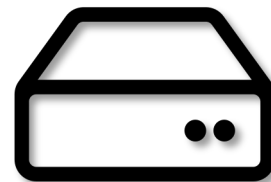
- Use jobDataLocations to set storage mount points
- /project is shared NFS storage per project between imec Virtual Wall 2 and Ghent-based GPULab-slaves
 - **Gotcha:** this storage is not available in Antwerp, separate storage on UAntwerp DGX machine!



Not enough bandwidth +
increased latency due to
separate location

```
"jobDataLocations": [  
  {  
    "mountPoint": "/project"  
  },  
  {  
    "mountPoint": "/work",  
    "sharePath": "/project/work"  
  }  
]
```

STORAGE ON GPULAB



- `/project_scratch`
 - Project storage on a specific slave
 - Permanent, fast SSD (and large), but not accessible from any other slave
 - Only available on specific slaves!

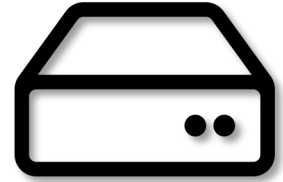
Currently available on:

- HGX-2 at UGent:
 - 100 TB NVMe storage (`/project_scratch`)
- DGX-2 at UAntwerp:
 - 28 TB NVMe storage (`/project_scratch`)
 - **Gotcha:** `/project` is an alias for `/project_scratch`

```
"jobDataLocations": [  
  {  
    "mountPoint":  
      "/project_scratch"  
  },  
]
```

STORAGE ON GPULAB

IMPORTING YOUR DATA INTO GPULAB



- Use Jupyter notebooks or SSH-access to your jobs to explore your storage
 - **Gotcha:** No SCP available
 - Start job with SFTP-server
- `/project`: Swap in a Virtual Wall 2 machine to prepare your data in `/groups/ilabt-imec-be/<projectname>`
- `/project_scratch`: Copy from `/project` to `/project_scratch` for fast storage on HGX-2 machine

Only applicable for
UGent NFS storage

Documentation:

<https://doc.ilabt.imec.be/ilabt/gpulab/storage.html>

EXPOSING PORTS OF YOUR CONTAINER



- You can define ports to be exposed in portMappings
- Use containerPort to specify which port of you container you want to access
- Host address/port is determined during job scheduling
- Hosts have no public IPv4 address!
 - Only public IPv6
 - Or private IPv4 (via UGent idlab-vpn)
- **Gotcha:** exposed ports on UAntwerp DGX are only available within UAntwerp IDLab VPN

```
"portMappings": [  
  {  
    "containerPort": 5000  
  },  
  {  
    "containerPort": 5001,  
    "hostPort": 5001  
  }  
]
```

WARNING: Job will fail if another container is already mapped to that port!

EXPOSING PORTS OF YOUR CONTAINER

FINDING THE HOST/PORT VIA THE WEBSITE OR CLI

← Job bdad9168-1058-11ea-93a1-1f5b50ba1116

Creator: dlprac

Name: Jupyter SciPy

RUNNING

Refresh

Cancel

Project: F000884-practica

Description: Scipy jupyter notebook server



General Info

Logs

Debugging Logs

Raw Job JSON

Job Description

Name: Jupyter SciPy
Description: Scipy jupyter notebook server

U's: 2
U's: 1
Memory: 2048 MB

Docker image: jupyter/scipy-notebook:latest

Created

```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli jobs bdad9168
  Job ID: bdad9168-1058-11ea-93a1-1f5b50ba1116
  Name: Jupyter SciPy
  Description: Scipy jupyter notebook server
  Project: F000884-practica
  Username: dlprac
  Docker image: jupyter/scipy-notebook:latest
  Command:
  Status: RUNNING
  Created: 2019-11-26T15:26:31+01:00
  State Updated: 2019-11-26T15:26:40+01:00
  Queued: 2019-11-26T15:26:31+01:00
  Cluster ID: 4
  Worker ID: 7
  Worker Name: n053-02
  Port Mappings: 8888/tcp -> 33216
  Worker Host: n053-02.wall2.ilabt.iminds.be
  Started: 2019-11-26T15:26:38+01:00
  Duration: 6 minutes, 44 seconds
  Finished: -
  Deadline: 2019-11-27T01:26:38+01:00
```

Job Status

- Created on November 26, 2019 3:26 PM
- Queued on November 26, 2019 3:26 PM
- Started on November 26, 2019 3:26 PM
- Running ...

Job Execution Environment

Summary: 4B

Cluster: 4

Slave: n053-02

Port mappings

Port 8888/tcp → n053-02.wall2.ilabt.iminds.be:33216

CHECKING THE LOGS OF YOUR CONTAINER ON THE CLI



```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli log bdad9168
2019-11-26T14:26:38.818588342Z Executing the command: jupyter notebook
2019-11-26T14:26:39.233037365Z [I 14:26:39.232 NotebookApp] Writing notebook server cookie secret to /home/jovyan/.local
/share/jupyter/runtime/notebook_cookie_secret
2019-11-26T14:26:41.245393769Z [I 14:26:41.244 NotebookApp] JupyterLab extension loaded from /opt/conda/lib/python3.7/si
te-packages/jupyterlab
2019-11-26T14:26:41.245434141Z [I 14:26:41.245 NotebookApp] JupyterLab application directory is /opt/conda/share/jupyter
/lab
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955435040Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /home/jovyan
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955473156Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] The Jupyter Notebook is running at:
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955494464Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] http://e1e266b4d721:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c993
9c063b85a0d3c4541531
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955546481Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c99
39c063b85a0d3c4541531
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955586375Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels
(twice to skip confirmation).
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960878486Z [C 14:26:42.960 NotebookApp]
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960896909Z
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960902168Z To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960906520Z file:///home/jovyan/.local/share/jupyter/runtime/nbserver-6-open.html
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960911507Z Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960915909Z http://e1e266b4d721:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c9939c063b85a0d3c4541531
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960920383Z or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c9939c063b85a0d3c4541531
2019-11-26T14:26:46.694747826Z [I 14:26:46.694 NotebookApp] 302 GET / (192.168.124.38) 0.82ms
2019-11-26T14:26:46.740732997Z [I 14:26:46.740 NotebookApp] 302 GET /tree? (192.168.124.38) 0.95ms
```

CHECKING THE LOGS OF YOUR CONTAINER ON THE WEBSITE



← | Job **bdad9168-1058-11ea-93a1-1f5b50ba1116**

✓ **RUNNING**

↻ Refresh

✖ Cancel

Creator: dlpract

Project: F000884-practica

Name: Jupyter SciPy

Description: Scipy jupyter notebook server

ⓘ General Info

📄 Logs

🔧 Debugging Logs

📄 Raw Job JSON

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2019-11-26T14:26:41.245393769Z [I 14:26:41.244 NotebookApp] JupyterLab extension loaded from /opt/conda/lib/py
2019-11-26T14:26:41.245434141Z [I 14:26:41.245 NotebookApp] JupyterLab application directory is /opt/conda/sh
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955435040Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /home/jov
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955473156Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] The Jupyter Notebook is running at:
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955494464Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] http://e1e266b4d721:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955546481Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4
2019-11-26T14:26:42.955586375Z [I 14:26:42.955 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down a
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960878486Z [C 14:26:42.960 NotebookApp]
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960896909Z
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960902168Z To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
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2019-11-26T14:26:42.960911507Z Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960915909Z     http://e1e266b4d721:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c9939c063b85a0
2019-11-26T14:26:42.960920383Z     or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=0650d6f66e2f98fb4eb513f4c9939c063b85a0d3c
```

GETTING SSH-ACCESS TO YOUR CONTAINER



Use `gpulab-cli ssh <job-id>`

```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli ssh 87914bc6-10ec-11ea-93a1-d7177117bc9b
Warning: Permanently added the ECDSA host key for IP address '2001:6a8:1d80:27::242' to the list of known hosts.
setsockopt IPV6_TCLASS 16: Operation not permitted:
The authenticity of host 'n051-02.wall2.ilabt.iminds.be (<no hostip for proxy command>)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:Q88ZLhdKW8JNXc/Mf5HARu78RhS+99UzxNzuCTa5DCE.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'n051-02.wall2.ilabt.iminds.be' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
jovyan@441af988cc0d:~$ w
 08:08:27 up 13 days, 15:55,  0 users,  load average: 16.86, 16.88, 17.19
USER      TTY      FROM          LOGIN@      IDLE        JCPU       PCPU  WHAT
jovyan@441af988cc0d:~$
```

BEST PRACTICES

1. Develop and test your code locally or in a Jupyter notebook
 - Create your own Docker image with custom software if necessary
2. Scale up to the full dataset once your code is ready
3. Add error-catching and retry mechanisms to your I/O operations
4. Add checkpointing for your intermediate results

GET STARTED!

- **Documentation:** <http://doc.ilabt.imec.be>
- **GPULab:** <https://gpulab.ilabt.imec.be>
- **JupyterHub:** <https://jupyterhub.ilabt.imec.be>

SUPPORT

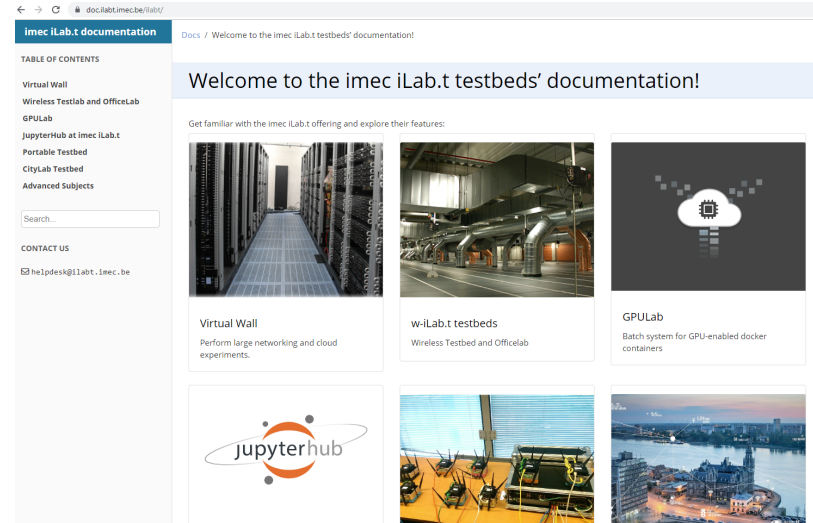


helpdesk@ilabt.imec.be

 **Mattermost** <https://mattermost.ilabt.imec.be>

Channels:

- GPULab Support
- JupyterHub support



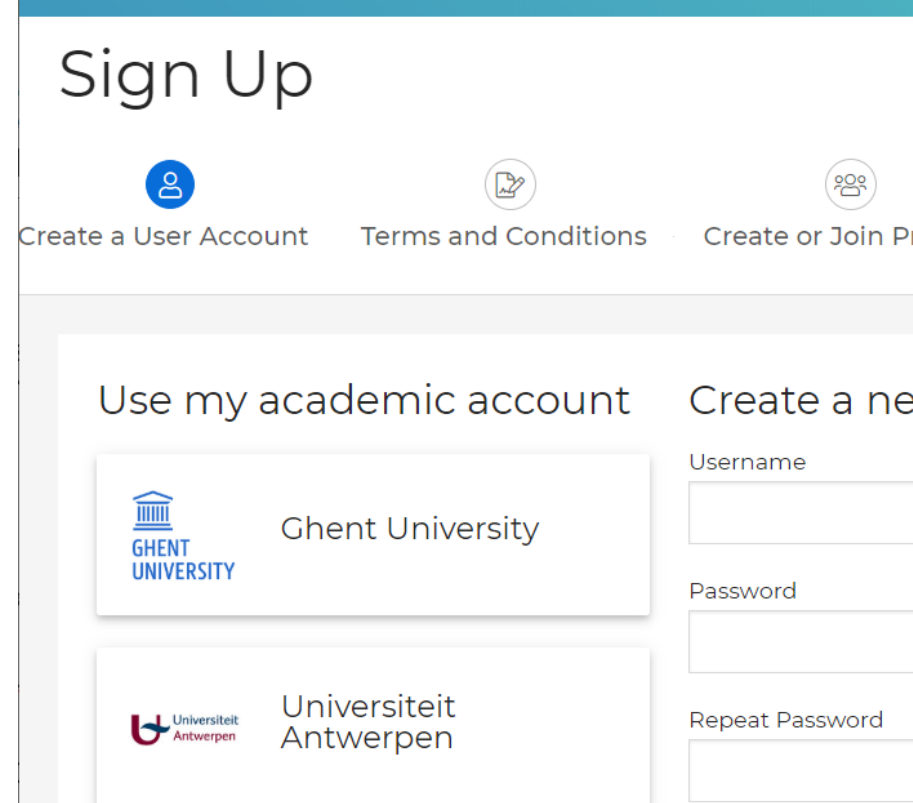
The screenshot shows the 'imec iLab.t documentation' website. The page title is 'Welcome to the imec iLab.t testbeds' documentation!'. The main content area features a grid of six cards, each representing a different testbed or service: 'Virtual Wall' (Perform large networking and cloud experiments), 'w-iLab.t testbeds' (Wireless Testbed and OfficeLab), 'GPULab' (Batch system for GPU-enabled docker containers), 'JupyterHub at imec iLab.t' (represented by the JupyterHub logo), 'Portable Testbed' (represented by a photo of server racks), and 'CityLab Testbed' (represented by a photo of a city at night). A sidebar on the left contains a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' with links to 'Virtual Wall', 'Wireless Testlab and OfficeLab', 'GPULab', 'JupyterHub at imec iLab.t', 'Portable Testbed', 'CityLab Testbed', and 'Advanced Subjects'. Below the table of contents is a search bar and a 'CONTACT US' section with the email address 'helpdesk@ilabt.imec.be'.

GET STARTED!

GET AN ACCOUNT

- GPU Lab uses accounts/projects from the IDLab Testbeds Portal:
<https://account.ilabt.imec.be>
- Signup using your University Login
- Request a new project to isolate your file storage
- or -
- Join the 'GPU Lab UA Tutorial' project for testing:

https://account.ilabt.imec.be/invite/gpulab_ua_tut?key=V6Cj0YsbnozUIEhc



GET STARTED!

SETTING UP THE CLI

- Download `gpulab-client-2.0.tar.gz` from <https://doc.ilabt.imec.be/ilabt/gpulab/>
- Install using `sudo pip3 install gpulab-client-2.0.tar.gz`
- Get your Login Certificate (PEM) from <https://account.ilabt.imec.be/>

```
thijs@ibcn055:~$ gpulab-cli --cert login_ilabt_imec_be_twalcari@ugent.be.pem clusters
```

ID	GPU Model	Comment	Slaves	GPUs	CPUs
1 stable		1x 2x GF GTX 1080 Ti	0	0/0	0/0
2 stable		1x Tesla V100	0	0/0	0/0
3 stable	GeForce RTX 2080 Ti	1x RTX2080	1	0/1	10/12
4 stable	GeForce GTX 1080 Ti	4x 11x GF GTX 1080 Ti	7	21/30	31/93
5 stable		No GPU, shared CPUs	0	0/0	0/0

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