



# **XC™ Series DataWarp™ User Guide (CLE 6.0.UP04) S-2558**

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# 1 About the DataWarp User Guide

## Scope and Audience

*XC™ Series DataWarp™ User Guide (S-2558)* covers DataWarp concepts, commands, and the API. Note that it also includes examples with WLM commands, and that each WLM has its own syntax for interacting with DataWarp. It is beyond the scope of this guide to detail the various methods. Examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out of sync with changes made by the WLM vendors. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

This publication is intended for users of Cray XC™ series systems installed with DataWarp SSD cards.

## Release Information

*XC™ Series DataWarp™ User Guide (S-2558)* supports the Cray Linux Environment (CLE) 6.0.UP04 release. Significant changes to this document since CLE 6.0.UP03 include the following:

- [DataWarp Limitations](#) on page 15 - new topic
- [Example Batch Jobs that Use DataWarp Scratch](#) on page 31 - new topic

Table 1. Record of Revision

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## Typographic Conventions

Monospace	Indicates program code, reserved words, library functions, command-line prompts, screen output, file/path names, key strokes (e.g., <code>Enter</code> and <code>Alt-Ctrl-F</code> ), and other software constructs.
<b>Monospaced Bold</b>	Indicates commands that must be entered on a command line or in response to an interactive prompt.
<i>Oblique or Italics</i>	Indicates user-supplied values in commands or syntax definitions.
<b>Proportional Bold</b>	Indicates a graphical user interface window or element.
\ (backslash)	At the end of a command line, indicates the Linux® shell line continuation character (lines joined by a backslash are parsed as a single line). Do not type anything after the backslash or the continuation feature will not work correctly.

## 2 Quick Start to Using DataWarp

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Cray DataWarp provides an intermediate layer of high bandwidth, file-based storage to applications running on compute nodes. It is comprised of commercial SSD hardware and software, Linux community software, and Cray system hardware and software. DataWarp storage is located on server nodes connected to the Cray system's Aries high speed network (HSN). I/O operations to this storage complete faster than I/O to the attached parallel file system (PFS), allowing the application to resume computation more quickly and resulting in improved application performance. DataWarp storage is transparently available to applications via standard POSIX I/O operations and can be configured in multiple ways for different purposes. DataWarp capacity and bandwidth are dynamically allocated to jobs on request and can be scaled up by adding DataWarp server nodes to the system.

DataWarp storage is accessed through a site's workload manager (WLM) such as PBS, Moab, or SLURM. DataWarp job script commands are added to a batch script to indicate the amount of DataWarp storage required, how the storage is to be configured, and whether files are to be staged from the parallel file system (PFS) to DataWarp or from DataWarp to the PFS.

How the DataWarp storage is to be used determines how it must be configured. Examples are provided for these common use cases:

- application scratch - DataWarp can provide storage that functions like a `/tmp` file system for each compute node in a job.
- shared storage - DataWarp storage can be shared by multiple jobs over a configurable period of time. The jobs may or may not be related and may run concurrently or serially.

Each WLM has its own job submission mechanism and syntax for requesting resources such as compute nodes. It is beyond the scope of this guide to detail all methods. Examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out-of-sync with changes made by the WLM vendors. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

### 2.1 Use DataWarp as Application Scratch

#### Prerequisites

This procedure assumes the existence of a successfully runnable job script that is to be modified to utilize DataWarp storage.

#### About this task

I/O intensive applications can benefit from the higher bandwidth available to DataWarp storage than to a PFS by using DataWarp like a `/tmp` file system.

Each WLM has its own job submission mechanism and syntax for requesting resources such as compute nodes. It is beyond the scope of this guide to detail all methods. Examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out-of-sync with changes made by the WLM vendors. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

## Procedure

1. Add a `#DW jobdw` command to the job script to define a scratch job instance (an occurrence of DataWarp storage available for the duration of the job) and how it will be accessed.

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch capacity=n access_mode=mode
```

Where:

*n*

Specifies the amount of DataWarp storage (MiB|GiB|TiB|PiB).

*mode*

Defines how the storage looks to the compute nodes. It can be either or both of the following:

**striped** Data is striped across multiple DataWarp nodes, and the compute node path to the storage is `$DW_JOB_STRIPED`.

**private** Each of the job's compute nodes has its own, private storage, and the compute node path to the storage is `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`.

In the following example, each compute node has striped/shared access to DataWarp via `$DW_JOB_STRIPED`.

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=100TiB
```

2. (Optional) Add a `#DW stage_in` command to the job script to stage data from the PFS into DataWarp storage. This is only available when `access_mode=striped`.

```
#DW stage_in type=type source=spath destination=dpath
```

Where:

*type*=directory|file|list

Specifies the type of entity for staging: a single directory, including all files and sub-directories; a single file; or a file containing a list of source-file/destination pairs.

*spath*

Specifies the PFS path to the directory|file|list. *spath* must be readable by the user.

*dpath*

Specifies the path to the location within the DataWarp instance where the data is to be staged. *dpath* must start with the exact string `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` or `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`, and must be followed by a file name, a subdirectory, or a subdirectory and file name.

This example stages data from the PFS (`/pfs/mystuff/data`) to the file `input`, within the DataWarp instance.

```
#DW stage_in type=directory source=/pfs/mystuff/data destination=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/input
```

3. (Optional) Add a `#DW stage_out` command to the job script to stage data out to the PFS for retention.

At the end of the job, the WLM runs a series of commands that, among other things, cleans up any usage of the DataWarp storage. Therefore, to retain any of the data, it must be staged out to the PFS.

```
#DW stage_out type=type source=spath destination=dpath
```

Where:

**type=directory|file|list**

Specifies the type of entity for staging: a single directory, including all files and sub-directories; a single file; or a file containing a list of source-file/destination pairs.

**spath**

Specifies the path to the directory|file|list within the DataWarp instance. *spath* must start with the exact string `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` or `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`.

**dpath**

Specifies a PFS path to which the user has write privileges.

In this example, the directory, `output`, within the DataWarp instance is staged to the PFS directory `/pfs/mystuff/runresults1`.

```
#DW stage_out type=directory source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/output destination=/pfs/mystuff/runresults1
```

4. Provide DataWarp storage access information to the application. Without this information, the application will not find the storage.

The application must be written to accept such options.

```
wlm_run_command app.out app_args_here
```

This SLURM example creates and accesses scratch space:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -p regular
#SBATCH -N 4
#SBATCH -t 01:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=100TiB
srun app.out $DW_JOB_STRIPED/tmp
```

It is not necessary to delete unwanted data left in a DataWarp job instance as it is automatically removed by the DataWarp service after the job completes.

## 2.2 Use DataWarp as Shared Storage

### Prerequisites

This procedure assumes the existence of a successfully runnable job script that is to be modified to utilize DataWarp storage.

## About this task

Multiple jobs can access the same files through a persistent DataWarp instance that persists after the end of the job that created it. File access is authenticated and authorized based on the POSIX file permissions of the individual files.

Each WLM has its own job submission mechanism and syntax for requesting resources such as compute nodes. It is beyond the scope of this guide to detail all methods. Examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out-of-sync with changes made by the WLM vendors. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

## Procedure

1. Create a persistent instance.

The persistent instance is created through a WLM-specific request in either a standalone job or at the start of the batch script. See the WLM-specific documentation for details.

**TIP:** Because the command to create a persistent instance is interpreted by a WLM, the DataWarp instance is not reserved until the WLM request is satisfied. After the DataWarp instance is reserved, other jobs can request access to the persistent instance.

2. Add a `#DW persistentdw` command to a job script to configure access to the persistent DataWarp instance.

```
#DW persistentdw name=resname
```

Where:

**resname**

The reservation name given when the persistent instance was created through the WLM.

3. (Optional) Add a `#DW stage_in` command to the job script to stage data from the PFS into DataWarp storage.

```
#DW stage_in type=type source=spath destination=dpath
```

Where:

**type=directory|file|list**

Specifies the type of entity for staging; a single directory, including all files and sub-directories; a single file; or a file containing a list of source-file/destination pairs

**spath**

Specifies a PFS path to the directory|file|list. *spath* must be readable by the user.

**dpath**

Specifies the path to the location within the DataWarp instance where the data is to be staged. *dpath* must start with the exact string `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`, and must be followed by a file name, a subdirectory, or a subdirectory and file name.

This example stages data from the PFS (`/pfs/mystuff/data`) to the directory, `input`, within the persistent DataWarp instance.

```
#DW stage_in type=directory source=/pfs/mystuff/data destination=$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_resname/
input
```

4. (Optional) Add a `#DW stage_out` command to the job script to stage data out to the PFS for retention.



Although data is retained within a persistent instance until the reservation is deleted, to permanently retain any of the data, it must be staged out to the PFS.

```
#DW stage_out type=type source=spath destination=dpath
```

Where:

**type=directory|file|list**

Specifies the type of entity for staging: a single directory, including all files and sub-directories; a single file; or a file containing a list of source-file/destination pairs.

**spath**

Specifies the path to the directory|file|list within the DataWarp instance. *spath* must start with `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_resname`.

**dpath**

Specifies a PFS path to which the user has write privileges.

In this example, the directory, `checkpoint`, within the DataWarp instance is staged to the PFS directory `/pfs/mystuff/snapshot`.

```
#DW stage_out type=directory source=$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_resname/checkpoint destination=/pfs/mystuff/snapshot
```

5. Provide DataWarp storage access information to the application. Without this information, the application will not find the storage.

The application must be written to accept such options.

```
wlm_run_command app.out app_args_here
```

6. Remember to delete the persistent instance when it is no longer needed in order to free up DataWarp space for other users.

The persistent instance is deleted using a WLM-specific command, typically within a standalone job.

**TIP:** The persistent instance is destroyed as soon as the scheduler reads the batch job; therefore, use caution to ensure that it is not destroyed before all related jobs have completed.

This SLURM example creates a persistent instance (`name=shared`), configures access to the instance, stages data from the PFS into the instance, and then launches an application to access the data:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -p regular
#SBATCH -N 4
#SBATCH -t 01:00:00
#BB create_persistent name=shared capacity=10GB access=striped type=scratch
#DW persistentdw name=shared
#DW stage_in type=directory source=/pfs/mystuff/data destination=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_shared/input
srun app.out $DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_shared/input
```



## 3 About DataWarp

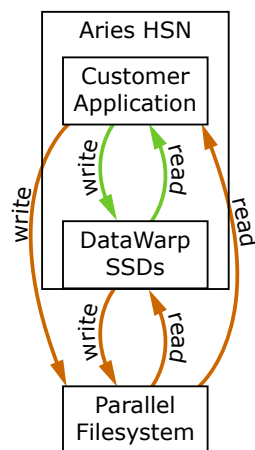
Cray DataWarp provides an intermediate layer of high bandwidth, file-based storage to applications running on compute nodes. It is comprised of commercial SSD hardware and software, Linux community software, and Cray system hardware and software. DataWarp storage is located on server nodes connected to the Cray system's Aries high speed network (HSN). I/O operations to this storage complete faster than I/O to the attached parallel file system (PFS), allowing the application to resume computation more quickly and resulting in improved application performance. DataWarp storage is transparently available to applications via standard POSIX I/O operations and can be configured in multiple ways for different purposes. DataWarp capacity and bandwidth are dynamically allocated to jobs on request and can be scaled up by adding DataWarp server nodes to the system.

Each DataWarp server node can be configured either for use by the DataWarp infrastructure or for a site specific purpose such as a Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).

**IMPORTANT:** Keep in mind that DataWarp is focused on performance and not long-term storage. SSDs can and do fail.

The following diagram is a high level view of how applications interact with DataWarp. SSDs on the Cray high-speed network enable compute node applications to quickly read and write data to the SSDs, and the DataWarp file system handles staging data to and from a parallel filesystem.

Figure 1. DataWarp Overview



### 3.1 DataWarp Use Cases

There are four basic use cases for DataWarp:

**Parallel File System (PFS) cache** DataWarp can be used to cache data between an application and the PFS. This allows PFS I/O to be overlapped with an application's computation. In this release there are two ways to use DataWarp to influence data movement (staging) between DataWarp and the PFS. The first

requires a job and/or application to explicitly make a request and have the DataWarp Service (DWS) carry out the operation. In the second way, data movement occurs implicitly (i.e., read-ahead and write-behind) and no explicit requests are required. Examples of PFS cache use cases include:

- **Checkpoint/Restart:** Writing periodic checkpoint files is a common fault tolerance practice for long running applications. Checkpoint files written to DataWarp benefit from the high bandwidth. These checkpoints either reside in DataWarp for fast restart in the event of a compute node failure or are copied to the PFS to support restart in the event of a system failure.
- **Periodic output:** Output produced periodically by an application (e.g., time series data) is written to DataWarp faster than to the PFS. Then as the application resumes computation, the data is copied from DataWarp to the PFS asynchronously.
- **Application libraries:** Some applications reference a large number of libraries from every rank (e.g., Python applications). Those libraries are copied from the PFS to DataWarp once and then directly accessed by all ranks of the application.

**Application scratch**

DataWarp can provide storage that functions like a `/tmp` file system for each compute node in a job. This data typically does not touch the PFS, but it can also be configured as PFS cache. Applications that use out-of-core algorithms, such as geographic information systems, can use DataWarp scratch storage to improve performance.

**Shared storage**

DataWarp storage can be shared by multiple jobs over a configurable period of time. The jobs may or may not be related and may run concurrently or serially. The shared data may be available before a job begins, extend after a job completes, and encompass multiple jobs. Shared data use cases include:

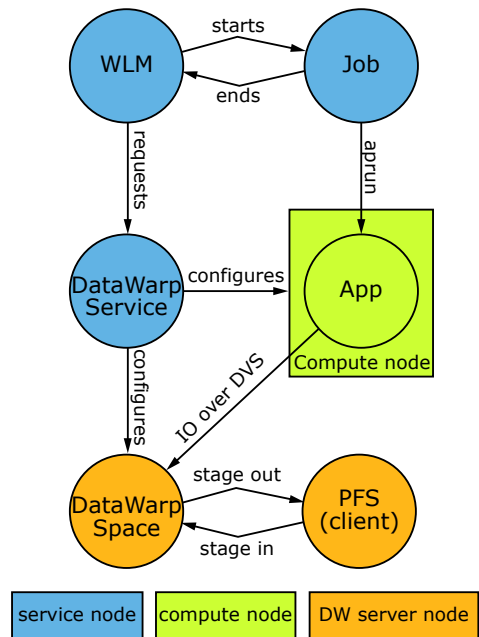
- **Shared input:** A read-only file or database (e.g., a bioinformatics database) used as input by multiple analysis jobs is copied from PFS to DataWarp and shared.
- **Ensemble analysis:** This is often a special case of the above **shared input** for a set of similar runs with different parameters on the same inputs, but can also allow for some minor modification of the input data across the runs in a set. Many simulation strategies use ensembles.
- **In-transit analysis:** This is when the results of one job are passed as the input of a subsequent job (typically using job dependencies). The data can reside only on DataWarp storage and may never touch the PFS. This includes various types of workflows that go through a sequence of processing steps, transforming the input data along the way for each step. This can also be used for processing of intermediate results while an application is running; for example, visualization or analysis of partial results.

**Compute node swap**

When configured as swap space, DataWarp allows applications to over-commit compute node memory. This is often needed by pre- and post-processing jobs with large memory requirements that would otherwise be killed.

## 3.2 Overview of the DataWarp Process

Figure 2. DataWarp Component Interaction - bird's eye view

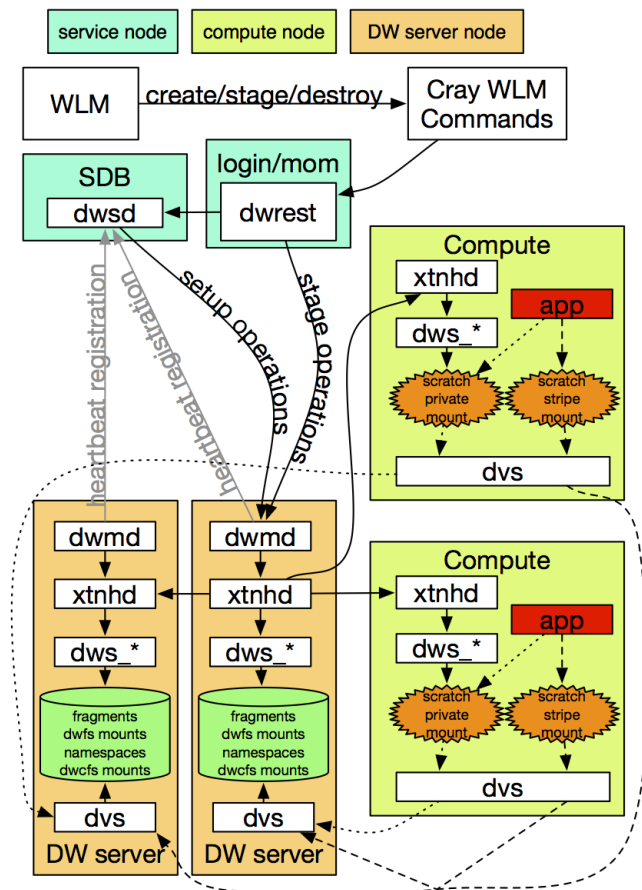


The diagram above provides a high level visual representation of the DataWarp process, as described here.

1. A user submits a job to a workload manager (WLM). Within the job submission, the user must specify: the amount of DataWarp storage required, how the storage is to be configured, and whether files are to be staged from the parallel file system (PFS) to DataWarp or from DataWarp to the PFS.
2. The WLM provides queued access to DataWarp by first querying the DataWarp service for the total aggregate capacity. The requested capacity is used as a job scheduling constraint. When sufficient DataWarp capacity is available and other WLM requirements are satisfied, the WLM requests the needed capacity and passes along other user-supplied configuration and staging requests.
3. The DataWarp service (DWS) dynamically assigns the storage and initiates the stage in process.
4. After this completes, the WLM acquires other resources needed for the batch job, such as compute nodes.
5. After the compute nodes are assigned, the WLM and DWS work together to make the configured DataWarp accessible to the job's compute nodes. This occurs prior to execution of the batch job script.
6. The batch job runs and any subsequent applications can interact with DataWarp as needed (e.g., stage additional files, read/write data).
7. When the batch job ends, the WLM stages out files, if requested, and performs cleanup. First, the WLM releases the compute resources and requests that the DWS make the previously accessible DataWarp configuration inaccessible to the compute nodes. Next, the WLM requests that additional files, if any, are staged out. When this completes, the WLM tells the DWS that the DataWarp storage is no longer needed.

The following diagram includes extra details regarding the interaction between a WLM and the DWS as well as the location of the various DWS daemons.

Figure 3. DataWarp Component Interaction - detailed view



### 3.3 DataWarp Concepts

For basic definitions, refer to [Terminology](#) on page 47.

#### Instances

DataWarp storage is assigned dynamically when requested, and that storage is referred to as an *instance*. The space is allocated on one or more DataWarp server nodes and is dedicated to the instance for the lifetime of the instance. A DataWarp instance has a lifetime and accessibility managed by whatever creates it. A job instance is relevant to all previously described use cases except the shared data use case.

- **Job instance:** The lifetime of a job instance, as it sounds, is the lifetime of the job that created it, and is accessible only by the job that created it.
- **Persistent instance:** The lifetime of a persistent instance is not tied to the lifetime of any single job and is terminated by command. Access can be requested by any job, but file access is authenticated and authorized based on the POSIX file permissions of the individual files. Jobs request access to an existing persistent instance using a persistent instance name. A persistent instance is relevant only to the shared data use case.

**IMPORTANT:** New DataWarp software releases may require the re-creation of persistent instances.

When either type of instance is destroyed, DataWarp ensures that data needing to be written to the parallel file system (PFS) is written before releasing the space for reuse. In the case of a job instance, this can delay the completion of the job.

## Application I/O

The DataWarp service (DWS) dynamically configures access to a DataWarp instance for all compute nodes assigned to a job using the instance. Application I/O is forwarded from compute nodes to the instance's DataWarp server nodes using the Cray Data Virtualization Service (DVS), which provides POSIX based file system access to the DataWarp storage.

A DataWarp instance is configured as scratch, cache, or swap. For scratch instances, all data staging between the instance and the PFS is explicitly requested using the DataWarp job script staging commands or the application C library API (`libdatawarp`). For cache instances, all data staging between the cache instance and the PFS occurs implicitly. For swap instances, each compute node has access to a unique swap instance that is distributed across all server nodes.

## Scratch Configuration I/O

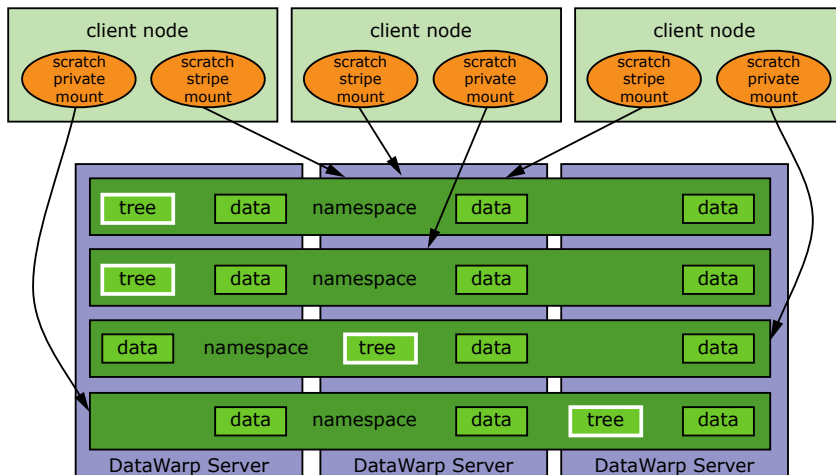
A scratch configuration is accessed in one or more of the following ways:

- **Striped:** In striped access mode individual files are striped across multiple DataWarp server nodes (aggregating both capacity and bandwidth *per file*) and are accessible by all compute nodes using the instance.
- **Private:** In private access mode individual files are also striped across multiple DataWarp server nodes (also aggregating both capacity and bandwidth *per file*), but the files are accessible only to the compute node that created them (e.g., `/tmp`). Private access is not supported for persistent instances, because a persistent instance is usable by multiple jobs with different numbers of compute nodes.
- **Load balanced:** (deferred implementation) In load balanced access mode individual files are replicated (read only) on multiple DataWarp server nodes (aggregating bandwidth but not capacity *per instance*) and compute nodes choose one of the replicas to use. Load balanced mode is useful when the files are not large enough to stripe across a sufficient number of nodes.

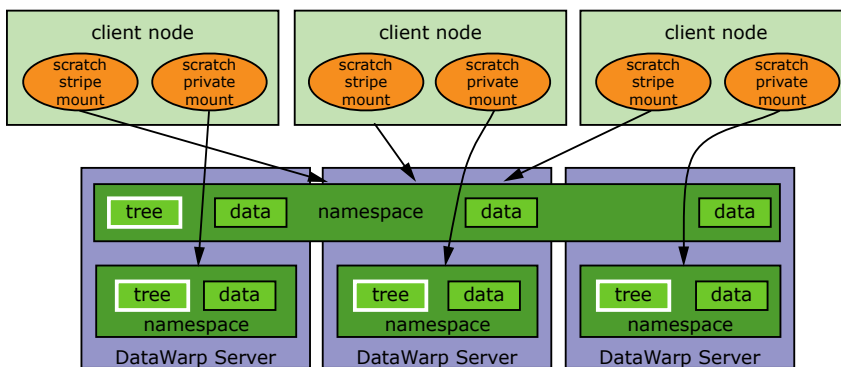
There is a separate file namespace for every scratch instance (job and persistent) and access mode (striped, private, loadbalanced) except persistent/private is not supported. The file path prefix for each is provided to the job via environment variables; see the *XC™ Series DataWarp™ User Guide*.

The following diagram shows a scratch private and scratch stripe mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes in a DataWarp installation configured with default settings for CLE 6.0.UP01; where `tree` represents which node manages metadata for the namespace, and `data` represents where file data may be stored. For scratch private, each compute node reads and writes to its own namespace that spans all allocated DataWarp server nodes, giving any one private namespace access to all space in an instance. For scratch stripe, each compute node reads and writes to a common namespace, and that namespace spans all three DataWarp nodes.

Figure 4. Scratch Configuration Access Modes (with Default Settings)



The following diagram shows a scratch private and scratch stripe mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes in a DataWarp installation where the scratch private access type is configured to not behave in a striped manner (`scratch_private_stripe=no` in the `dwsd.yaml` configuration file). That is, every client node that activates a scratch private configuration has its own unique namespace on only one server, which is restricted to one fragment's worth of space. This is the default for CLE 5.2.UP04 and CLE 6.0.UP00 DataWarp. For scratch stripe, each compute node reads and writes to a common namespace, and that namespace spans all three DataWarp nodes. As in the previous diagram, `tree` represents which node manages metadata for the namespace, and `data` represents where file data may be stored.

Figure 5. Scratch Configuration Access Modes (with `scratch_private_stripe=no`)

## Cache Configuration I/O

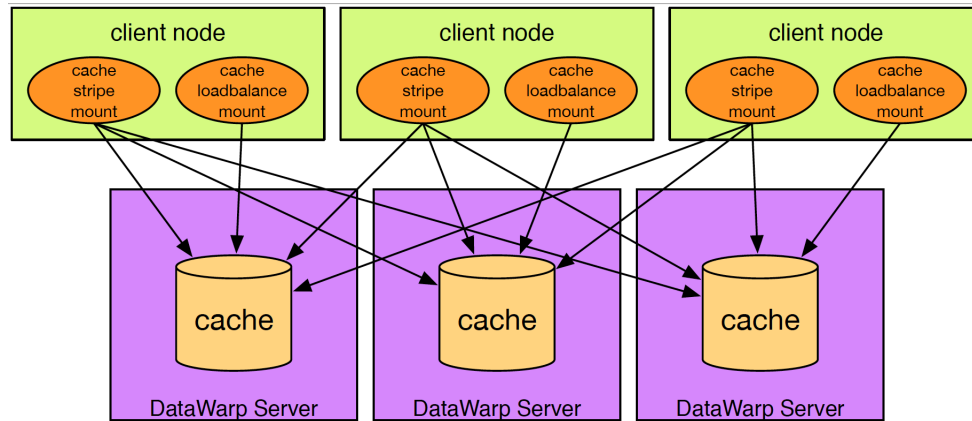
A cache configuration is accessed in one or more of the following ways:

- **Striped:** in striped access mode all read/write activity performed by all compute nodes is striped over all DataWarp server nodes.
- **Load balanced** (read only): in load balanced access mode, individual files are replicated on multiple DataWarp server nodes (aggregating bandwidth but not capacity *per instance*), and compute nodes choose one of the replicas to use. Load balanced mode is useful when the files are not large enough to stripe across a sufficient number of nodes or when data is only read, not written.

There is only one namespace within a cache configuration; that namespace is essentially the user-provided PFS path. Private access it is not supported for cached instances because all files are visible in the PFS.

The following diagram shows a cache stripe and cache loadbalance mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes.

Figure 6. Cache Configuration Access Modes



## 3.4 DataWarp Limitations

For optimal use, it is important to understand DataWarp's limitations, including bugs, clarification on functionality, or warnings about the state of components.

### SSD Write Protection

SSD write protection limitations include:

- I/O to swap files does not count against the SSD write protection policies.
- Violation of the write window policy is calculated on a per server basis. This can result in some processes seeing EROFS (Read-only file system) errors while others see no errors when interacting with the DataWarp file system.

### Cache

Due to several problems identified with striped access mode for the cache file system, Cray advises customers not to use this feature at this time. However, load balanced access mode for the cache file system is functional.

### Scratch

The currently known caveats for scratch DataWarp are:

1. Scratch file system recovery
  - When a DataWarp server crashes, recovery is reliable when all file system servers are rebooted. If only the crashed DataWarp server is rebooted, the file system may not function properly.
2. Load balance



- Scratch load balance functionality is not yet implemented.

### 3. Staging

- Staging through the WLM interface is susceptible to timeouts. Contact system administration if this is a concern, as it is possible to extend the timeout.

### 4. Striping

- The libdatawarp `dw_set_stripe_configuration()` functionality is not implemented and returns `ENOSYS`.

### 5. Limits

- Scratch file systems may have a directory depth up to 1000 directories deep. DataWarp service management tasks are subject to various resource limits, such as maximum open file descriptors. By default, the maximum number of open file descriptors per process is 1024. If a user creates a directory structure larger than 1000 directories deep, stage activity and teardown activity may fail. If deeper than 1000 directories deep is needed, the maximum number of open file descriptors per process limit can be increased on the DataWarp servers.

## 4 Check the Status of DataWarp Resources

### Prerequisites

The `dws` module must be loaded:

```
> module load dws
```

### The `dwstat` command

To check the status of various DataWarp resources, invoke the `dwstat` command, which has the following format:

```
dwstat [-h] [unit_options] [RESOURCE [RESOURCE]...]
```

Where:

**unit\_options**

Includes a number of options that determine the SI or IEC units with which output is displayed. See the `dwstat(1)` man page for details.

**RESOURCE**

May be: activations, all, configurations, fragments, instances, most, namespaces, nodes, pools, registrations, **or** sessions.

By default, `dwstat` displays the status of pools:

```
> dwstat
  pool units quantity      free  gran
wlm_pool bytes      0        0  1GiB
scratch bytes  7.12TiB 2.88TiB 128GiB
mypool bytes      0        0  1 6MiB
```

In contrast, `dwstat all` reports on all resources for which it finds data:

```
> dwstat all
  pool units quantity      free  gran
wlm_pool bytes 14.38TiB 13.88TiB 128GiB

  sess state token      creator owner      created expiration nodes
   4 CA--- 1527 MOAB-TORQUE 1226 2017-05-19T21:16:12      never      0
   7 CA--- 1534 MOAB-TORQUE 1226 2017-05-19T23:53:17      never      0
 138 CA--- 1757 MOAB-TORQUE  827 2017-05-29T14:46:09      never      0
 139 CA--- 1759 MOAB-TORQUE 10633 2017-05-29T16:06:26      never     32

  inst state sess  bytes nodes      created expiration intact  label  public  confs
   4 CA---   4 128GiB    1 2017-05-19T21:16:12      never intact  I4-0  private    1
   7 CA---   7 128GiB    1 2017-05-19T23:53:17      never intact  I7-0  private    1
 138 CA--- 138 128GiB    1 2017-05-29T14:46:09      never intact I138-0 private    1
 139 CA--- 139 128GiB    1 2017-05-29T16:06:26      never intact I139-0 private    1
```

```

conf state inst      type activs
   4 CA---      4 scratch      0
   7 CA---      7 scratch      0
  138 CA---    138 scratch      0
  139 CA---    139 scratch      0

reg state sess conf wait
   4 CA---      4      4 wait
   7 CA---      7      7 wait
  137 CA---    139    139 wait

frag state  nst capacity      node
   10 CA--      4   128GiB nid00350
   15 CA--      7   128GiB nid00350
  180 CA--    138   128GiB nid00350
  181 CA--    139   128GiB nid00350

ns state conf frag span
   4 CA--      4    10    1
   7 CA--      7    15    1
  138 CA--    138   180    1
  139 CA--    139   181    1

node      pool online drain  gran capacity insts activs
nid00322 wlm_pool online  fill  8MiB  5.82TiB    0      0
nid00349 wlm_pool online  fill  4MiB  1.46TiB    0      0
nid00350 wlm_pool online  fill 16MiB  7.28TiB    4      0

did not find any cache configurations, swap configurations, activations

```

For further information, see the `dwstat(1)` man page.

## 5 DataWarp Job Script Commands

In addition to workload manager (WLM) commands, the job script file passed to the WLM submission command (e.g., `qsub`, `msub`) can include DataWarp commands that are treated as comments by the WLM and passed to the DataWarp infrastructure. They provide the DataWarp Service (DWS) with information about the DataWarp resources a job requires. The DataWarp job script commands start with the characters `#DW` and include:

- `#DW jobdw` - Create and configure access to a DataWarp job instance
- `#DW persistentdw` - Configure access to an existing persistent DataWarp instance
- `#DW stage_in` - Stage files into the DataWarp instance at job start
- `#DW stage_out` - Stage files from the DataWarp instance at job end
- `#DW swap` - Create swap space for each compute node in a job

### 5.1 #DW jobdw - Job Script Command

#### NAME

`#DW jobdw` - Create and configure a DataWarp job instance

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#DW jobdw access_mode=mode[(MODIFIERS)] capacity=n type=scratch|cache
    [max_mds=yes|no]
    [modified_threshold=N]
    [optimization_strategy=strategy]
    [pfs=path]
    [pool=poolname]
    [read_ahead=N:rasize]
    [sync_on_close=yes|no]
    [sync_to_pfs=yes|no]
    [write_window_multiplier=mult]
    [write_window_length=numsecs]
```

#### DESCRIPTION



**WARNING:** For `type=cache`, striped access mode is not ready for use in production.

Optional command to create and configure access to a DataWarp job instance with the specified parameters; it can appear only once in a job script. The `#DW jobdw` job script command can create scratch or cache configurations.

**IMPORTANT:**

The possibility exists for a user program to unintentionally cause excessive activity to SSDs, which can diminish the lifetime of the devices. To mitigate this issue, the `#DW jobdw` command includes options that help the DataWarp service (DWS) detect when a program's behavior is anomalous and then react based on configuration settings.

Cray encourages users to implement SSD protection options to prevent unintentional activity that overutilizes the SSDs through excessive activity. Use of these options can prolong the lifetime of these devices. For further information, see [Use SSD Protection Settings](#) on page 40.

## #DW jobdw type Argument

The `type` argument specifies how the DataWarp instance will function. Options are:

**scratch**

All data staging between a scratch instance and the parallel file system (PFS) is explicitly requested using DataWarp job script staging commands.

**cache**

All data staging between a cache instance and the PFS occurs implicitly.

## Command Arguments and Options for Scratch Configurations

When `type = scratch`, the `#DW jobdw` command requires the following arguments:

**access\_mode=striped | private[ (MODIFIERS) ]**

The compute node path to the instance storage is communicated via the following automatically-created environment variables:

- scratch striped access mode: `$DW_JOB_STRIPED`
- scratch private access mode: `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`

Additionally, the `access_mode` option accepts the following modifiers:

**client\_cache=yes | no** Enable or disable client-side caching. Although many workloads can benefit from client-side caching because it can reduce the frequency and necessity of network operations, others will be negatively affected. In some cases (e.g., many compute nodes modifying a specific file simultaneously with this access mode) data corruption can occur. It is important to understand how client-side caching works before invoking this option.

**MFS=mfs** For SSD protection: maximum size of any file in the access mode

**MFC=mfc** For SSD protection: maximum number of files created in the access mode. For private access mode, each compute node can create up to that many files. Valid for `type = scratch` only.

**capacity=n**

Requested amount of space for the instance (MiB|GiB|TiB|PiB). The DataWarp Service (DWS) may round this value up to the nearest DataWarp allocation unit or higher to improve performance. Note that `optimization_strategy` influences how capacity is selected.

## Scratch Configuration Options

When `type = scratch`, the `#DW jobdw` command also accepts the following options:

### **max\_mds=yes|no**

Controls whether or not multiple MDS servers (up to the number of DataWarp servers assigned to the instance) are used in order to improve the metadata transaction rate. When enabled, a mount point is created for each metadata server. This is only effective if the application is written to make use of it by calling the `dw_get_mds_path` library function to decode which paths to use on the compute nodes. If not, `max_mds` creates the multiple mount points, but only one is used.

For further information, see the `dw_get_mds_path(3)` man page.

### **optimization\_strategy=strategy**

Specifies a preference for how space is chosen on server nodes. The chosen strategy is best effort; it is not guaranteed. The default is controlled by the `instance_optimization_default` parameter in `dwsd.yaml` and is modifiable by an administrator.

Strategy options are:

- bandwidth (default)** Assign as many servers as possible (as determined by the capacity request, pool granularity and available space) to maximize bandwidth
- interference** Assign as few servers as possible to minimize interference (e.g., sharing servers) from other jobs
- wear** Assign servers with the least wear (i.e., most remaining endurance/lifetime)

### **pool=poolname**

Suggests which storage pool to use. This option is only supported by SLURM.

### **write\_window\_multiplier=mult**

Number of times `capacity` number of bytes may be written in a period defined by `write_window_length`; default = 10.

### **write\_window\_length=numsecs**

Number of seconds to use when calculating the moving average of bytes written; default = 86,400 (24 hours).

## Command Arguments and Options for Cache Configurations

When `type = cache`, the `#DW jobdw` command requires the following arguments:

### **access\_mode=striped | ldbalance[(MODIFIERS)]**

Valid access modes are:

- striped** Files are striped across multiple DataWarp nodes. As noted in the description, striped access mode is not ready for use in production for `type=cache`.
- ldbalance** Files are replicated on multiple DataWarp nodes; valid only for cache configurations.

The compute node path to the instance storage is communicated via the following automatically-created environment variables:

- cache striped access mode: `$DW_JOB_STRIPED_CACHE`
- cache ldbalance access mode: `$DW_JOB_LDBAL_CACHE`

Additionally, the `access_mode` option accepts the following modifiers:

<b>client_cache=yes   no</b>	Enable or disable client-side caching. Although many workloads can benefit from client-side caching because it can reduce the frequency and necessity of network operations, others will be negatively affected. In some cases (e.g., many compute nodes modifying a specific file simultaneously with this access mode) data corruption can occur. It is important to understand how client-side caching works before invoking this option.
<b>MFS=mfs</b>	For SSD protection: maximum size of any file in the access mode

### Cache Configuration Options

When `type = cache`, the `#DW jobdw` command also accepts the following options:

#### **modified\_threshold=N**

Maximum amount of modified data (in bytes or MiB|GiB|TiB) cached per file before write back to PFS starts

- If `modified_threshold=0`, no maximum is set and modified data can be written back at any time; default = 256MiB.
- If `modified_threshold=-1`, an infinite maximum is set and modified data will not be written back until a `close` or `sync` occurs or the cache is full.

#### **optimization\_strategy=strategy**

Specifies a preference for how space is chosen on server nodes. The strategy chosen is best effort; it is not guaranteed. The default is controlled by the `instance_optimization_default` parameter in `dwsd.yaml` and is modifiable by an administrator.

Strategy options are:

<b>bandwidth (default)</b>	Assign as many servers as possible (as determined by the capacity request, pool granularity and available space) to maximize bandwidth
<b>interference</b>	Assign as few servers as possible to minimize interference (e.g., sharing servers) from other jobs
<b>wear</b>	Assign servers with the least wear (i.e., most remaining endurance/lifetime)

#### **pfs=path**

Path to a directory on the parallel file system

#### **pool=poolname**

Suggests which pool to use. This option is only supported by Slurm.

#### **read\_ahead=N:rasize**



*N* specifies the minimum amount of data (in bytes or MiB|GiB|TiB) read sequentially per stripe before read ahead starts; *rasize* specifies the amount (in bytes or MiB|GiB|TiB) to read ahead.

**sync\_on\_close=yes|no**

Controls whether modified data should be flushed to the PFS on close; default = no.

**sync\_to\_pfs=yes|no**

Controls whether a POSIX `sync` or `fsync` request flushes to the PFS or just to DataWarp storage; default = no.

**write\_window\_multiplier=mult**

Number of times `capacity` number of bytes may be written in a period defined by `write_window_length`; default = 10.

**write\_window\_length=numsecs**

Number of seconds to use when calculating the moving average of bytes written; default = 86,400 (24 hours).

## 5.2 #DW persistentdw - Job Script Command

### NAME

#DW persistentdw - Configure access to an existing persistent DataWarp instance

### SYNOPSIS

```
#DW persistentdw name=resname [client_cache=yes|no]
#DW persistentdw name=resname [type=type access_mode=mode[ (MODIFIERS) ]]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Optional command to configure access to an existing persistent DataWarp instance (created through the WLM) with the specified parameters; it can appear multiple times in a job script. A persistent instance can be configured as scratch or cache.



**WARNING:** For `type=cache`, striped access mode is not ready for use in production.

The #DW persistentdw command requires the following argument:

**name=resname**

The name given when the persistent instance was created; valid values are anything in the `label` column of the `dwstat instances` command where the `public` value is also `true`.

### Common Command Option

The #DW persistentdw command accepts the following option:

**client\_cache=yes|no**

Enable or disable client-side caching. Although many workloads can benefit from client-side caching because it can reduce the frequency and necessity of network operations, others can be negatively affected. It is important to understand how client-side caching works before invoking this option. Not valid with options `type` and `access_mode`.

## Command Options for Persistent Scratch Configurations

When `type = scratch`, the following option must also be set:

**`access_mode=striped [ (MODIFIER) ]`**

Currently only striped access mode (files are striped across multiple DataWarp nodes) is valid for scratch configurations.

The compute node path to the instance storage is:

- scratch stripe access mode: `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_resname`

where *resname* is the name of the persistent instance.

Additionally, the `access_mode` option accepts the following optional modifier:

<b><code>client_cache=yes   no</code></b>	Enable or disable client-side caching. Although many workloads can benefit from client-side caching because it can reduce the frequency and necessity of network operations, others will be negatively affected. In some cases (e.g., many compute nodes modifying a specific file simultaneously with this access mode) data corruption can occur. It is important to understand how client-side caching works before invoking this option.
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## Command Options for Persistent Cache Configurations

When `type=cache`, the following option must also be set:

**`access_mode=striped|ldbalance [ (MODIFIER) ]`**

Valid access modes are:

<b><code>striped</code></b>	Files are striped across multiple DataWarp nodes. As noted in the description, striped access mode is not ready for use in production for <code>type=cache</code> .
<b><code>ldbalance</code></b>	Files are replicated on multiple DataWarp nodes; valid only for cache configurations.

The compute node path to the instance storage is as follows, where *resname* is the name of the persistent instance:

- cache striped access mode: `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_CACHE_resname`
- cache ldbalance access mode: `$DW_PERSISTENT_LDBAL_CACHE_resname`

Additionally, the `access_mode` option accepts the following optional modifier:

<b><code>client_cache=yes   no</code></b>	Enable or disable client-side caching. Although many workloads can benefit from client-side caching because it can reduce the frequency and necessity of network operations, others will be negatively affected. In some cases (e.g., many compute nodes
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modifying a specific file simultaneously with this access mode) data corruption can occur. It is important to understand how client-side caching works before invoking this option.

## 5.3 #DW stage\_in - DataWarp Job Script Command

### NAME

#DW stage\_in - Stage files into a DataWarp scratch instance

### SYNOPSIS

```
#DW stage_in destination=dpath source=spath type=type
               [tolerate_errors=yes|no|nerror]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Optional command, only valid when `access_mode=striped`, to stage files from a parallel file system (PFS) into an existing DataWarp instance at job start; it can appear multiple times in a job script. Missing files cause the job to fail.

The #DW stage\_in command requires the following arguments:

<b>destination=dpath</b>	Path of the DataWarp instance; <code>destination</code> must start with the exact string <code>\$DW_JOB_STRIPED</code> , or <code>\$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_resname</code> if staging in to a persistent instance. It must be followed by a file name, a subdirectory, or a subdirectory and file name. Not valid when <code>type=list</code> .
<b>source=spath</b>	The PFS path; it must be readable by the user.
<b>type=type</b>	The type of entity for staging; options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>directory</b> When <code>type=directory</code>, <code>source</code> is a single directory to stage, including all files and sub-directories. All symlinks, other non-regular files, and hard linked files are ignored.</li> <li><b>file</b> When <code>type=file</code>, <code>source</code> is a single file to stage. If the specified file is a directory, other non-regular file, or has hard links, the stage in fails. <code>destination</code> must include a file name or subdirectory and file name. For example (command lines may wrap due to space limitations but are not yet supported):</li> </ul>

```
#DW stage_in type=file source=spath destination=
$DW_JOB_STRIPED/mydata
```

copies the specified source file into file `mydata` in the root of the DataWarp allocation, and

```
#DW stage_in type=file source=spath destination=
$DW_JOB_STRIPED/mydir/mydata
```

creates subdirectory `mydir` in the root of the DataWarp allocation and copies the specified source into file `mydata` in that subdirectory.

### **list**

When `type=list`, `source` is a file containing a source and destination pair on each line. `destination` must include a file name or subdirectory and file name. For example (command lines may wrap due to space limitations but are not yet supported):

```
spath $DW_JOB_STRIPED/mydata
```

copies the specified source file into the file `mydata` in the root of the DataWarp allocation, and

```
spath $DW_JOB_STRIPED/mydir/mydata
```

creates subdirectory `mydir` in the root of the DataWarp allocation and copies the specified source into file `mydata` in that subdirectory.

Additionally, the `list` file path must be accessible to the workload manager (WLM), wherever it runs. Valid locations are site dependent and certain WLM configurations may be incompatible with the `list` option. The command line `destination` parameter is not used. If a specified file is a directory, other non-regular file, or has hard links, the stage out fails.

The `#DW stage_in` command also accepts the following option:

<b>tolerate_errors=yes no nerror</b>	Determines behavior if stage in operations fail. By default, stage in errors are not tolerated, causing the job to fail. Valid values for <code>tolerate_errors</code> are:
<b>yes</b>	Allow the job to continue although there are stage in failures. In this case, the job fails if the default maximum number of failures allowed (set by the administrator) is reached.
<b>no</b>	Stage in errors are not tolerated; the job fails (default).
<b>nerror</b>	Number of errors to tolerate (implicitly sets <code>tolerate_errors=yes</code> ). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <code>nerror=0</code>, tolerate all stage in errors.</li> <li>• If <code>nerror&gt;0</code>, tolerate a maximum of <code>nerror</code> stage in errors before the job fails.</li> </ul>

Note that an application can detect a stage in failure using one of the following `libdatawarp` functions:

- `dw_query_file_stage()`

- `dw_query_directory_stage()`
- `dw_query_list_stage()`

Additionally, `libdatawarp` includes three `dw_failed_stage` functions that can be used in combination to identify failed stages:

- `dw_open_failed_stage()`
- `dw_close_failed_stage()`
- `dw_read_failed_stage()`

## 5.4 #DW stage\_out - Job Script Command

### NAME

`#DW stage_out` - Stage files from a DataWarp instance

### SYNOPSIS

```
#DW stage_out destination=dpath source=spath type=type
                [tolerate_errors=yes|no|nerror]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Optional command to stage files from a DataWarp instance to the PFS at job end; can appear multiple times in a job script. Valid for scratch configurations only.

The `#DW stage_out` command requires the following arguments:

**destination=*dpath*** Path within the PFS; it must be writable by the user. Not valid with `type=list`.

**source=*spath*** Path within the DataWarp instance; `source` must start with the exact string `$DW_JOB_STRIPE`, or `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPE` if staging out from a persistent instance.

**type=*type*** Specifies the type of entity for staging. Options are:

**directory** `source` is a single directory to stage, including all files and sub-directories. All symlinks, other non-regular files, and hard linked files are ignored.

**file** `source` is a single file to stage. If the specified file is a directory, other non-regular file, or has hard links, the stage out fails.

**list** `source` is a file containing a list of files to stage (one file/destination pair per line); the `destination` parameter is not used. If a specified file is a directory, other non-regular file, or has hard links, the stage out fails.

Additionally, the `list` file path must be accessible to the workload manager, wherever it runs. Valid locations are site dependent and certain workload manager configurations may be incompatible with the `list` parameter.

The `#DW stage_out` command also accepts the following option:

<b>tolerate_errors=yes no <i>nerror</i></b>	Determines behavior if stage out operations fail. By default, stage out errors are not tolerated, causing the job to fail. Valid values for <code>tolerate_errors</code> are:
<b>yes</b>	Allow the job to continue although there are stage out failures. In this case, the job fails if the default maximum number of failures allowed (set by the administrator) is reached.
<b>no</b>	Stage out errors are not tolerated; the job fails (default).
<b><i>nerror</i></b>	Number of errors to tolerate (implicitly sets <code>tolerate_errors=yes</code> ). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <code>nerror=0</code>, tolerate all stage out errors.</li> <li>• If <code>nerror&gt;0</code>, tolerate a maximum of <code>nerror</code> stage out errors before the job fails.</li> </ul>

Note that an application can detect a stage in failure using one of the following `libdatawarp` functions:

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- `dw_query_directory_stage()`
- `dw_query_list_stage()`

Additionally, `libdatawarp` includes three `dw_failed_stage` functions that can be used in combination to identify failed stages:

- `dw_open_failed_stage()`
- `dw_close_failed_stage()`
- `dw_read_failed_stage()`

## 5.5 #DW swap - Job Script Command

### NAME

`swap` - Configure swap space per compute node

### SYNOPSIS

```
#DW swap n
```

### DESCRIPTION

Optional command to configure *n* GiB of swap space per compute node assigned to the job; can appear only once in the job script. The job instance capacity must be large enough to provide *N* GiB of space to each node in the node list, or the job will fail.

#DW swap is only valid with `type = scratch`, and the swap space is shared with any other use of a scratch instance.

## 5.6 DataWarp Job Script Command Examples

**TIP:** In PDF format, due to page constraints, some of the lengthy #DW *command* lines wrap to the next line. Wrapped command support is planned for a future release.

For examples using DataWarp with Slurm, see [http://www.slurm.schedmd.com/burst\\_buffer.html](http://www.slurm.schedmd.com/burst_buffer.html).

### EXAMPLE: Job instance (type=scratch), no staging

Batch command:

```
> qsub -lmpwidth=3,mpnppn=1 job.sh
```

Job script `job.sh`:

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=100TiB
aprun -n 3 -N 1 my_app $DW_JOB_STRIPED/sharedfile $DW_JOB_PRIVATE/scratchfile
```

Each compute node has striped/shared access to DataWarp via `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` and access to a per-compute node scratch area via `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`. The stripe configuration and the private configuration share the full capacity of the instance. No other limits on block usage are imposed on either of them; either one can fill the full 100TiB. At the end of the job, the WLM runs a series of commands to initiate and wait for data staged out as well as to clean up any usage of the DataWarp resource.

### EXAMPLE: Job instance (type=scratch), uses SSD write protection, no staging

Job script `job.sh`:

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped(MFC=1000),private capacity=100TiB
write_window_length=86400 write_window_multiplier=10
aprun -n 3 -N 1 $DW_JOB_STRIPED/sharedfile $DW_JOB_PRIVATE/scratchfile
```

This is the previous example with SSD write protection (see [Use SSD Protection Settings](#) on page 40) added. It specifies that the job may write  $10 * 100\text{TiB} = 1\text{PiB}$  of data in any window of 86400 seconds (1 day). Over the entire batch job, only 1000 files can be re-created within the striped access mode. When either threshold is hit, continued violations result in either a log message to the system console, an IO error to the application process, or both. The error action is determined by a DataWarp configuration option.

### EXAMPLE: Job instance (type=cache)

Job script `job.sh`

```
#DW jobdw type=cache access_mode=striped pfs=/lus/users/seymour modified_threshold=500MiB
read_ahead=8MiB:2MiB sync_on_close=yes sync_to_pfs=yes capacity=100TiB
aprun -n 3 -N 1 ./a.out $DW_JOB_STRIPED_CACHE
```

DWS implicitly caches reads and writes to any files in `/lus/users/seymour` via the `$DW_JOB_STRIPE_CACHE` mount on computes. Write back starts when a file has at least 500MiB of modified data in the cache, or sooner if



the cache fills up. Read ahead (in 2MiB chunks) starts after 8MiB of contiguous reads. The file is sync'd to the PFS on the last `close` and every `fsync` request.

## EXAMPLE: Persistent instance

Creating persistent instances is done via the site-specific WLM. Each WLM has its own syntax for this, and it is beyond the scope of this guide to detail the various methods. The following examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out of sync with changes made by the WLM vendors. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

**Slurm:** This example creates a persistent instance `persist1`.

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -n 1 -t 1
#BB create_persistent name=persist1 capacity=700GB access=striped type=scratch
```

Which results in:

```
$ dwstat most
  pool units quantity      free      gran
  kiddie bytes  5.82TiB  4.66TiB 397.44GiB
wlm_pool bytes 17.47TiB 16.69TiB 397.44GiB

sess state      token creator owner          created expiration nodes
9924 CA--- persist1      CLI 29993 2017-02-25T23:04:04      never      0

inst state sess      bytes nodes   created expiration intact    label public confs
3234 CA--- 9924 794.88GiB      2   23:04:04      never intact persist1 public    1
```

Each compute node has shared access to DataWarp via `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_persist1` as described in [#DW persistentdw - Job Script Command](#) on page 23.

**Slurm:** to remove the persistent instance (with or without the `hurry` option):

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -n 1 -t 1
#BB destroy_persistent name=persist1 hurry
```

See [http://www.slurm.schedmd.com/burst\\_buffer.html](http://www.slurm.schedmd.com/burst_buffer.html) for more Slurm examples.

**Moab:** the `ac_dw_admin_cli` command creates a persistent instance and has the following syntax:

```
> ac_dw_admin_cli -h
```

Options:

```
-c: Create a DW persistent instance
-d: Diagnose user job requesting DW storage
```

Additional params for (-c) Create:

```
Params: -n name, -u user, -S size, -p pool-name, -s start-time, -d duration
Params from dw_create_persistent_instance: --type, --access_mode, --pfs,
--modified_threshold, --read_ahead, --sync_on_close, --sync_to_pfs
```

Additional params for (-d) Diagnose:

```
Params: -j jobid, --logs-stagein, --logs-stageout, --logs-teardown
```

For example:

```
> ac_dw_admin_cli -c -n shared_inst -u username -S 256GiB -p poolname -s +0:00:00:00 \
-d +1:00:00:00 --type scratch --access_mode striped
```

Each compute node has shared access to DataWarp via `$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_shared_inst` as described in [#DW persistentdw - Job Script Command](#) on page 23.

## EXAMPLE: Staging

```
qsub -lmpwidth=128,mppnppn=32 job.sh
```

Job script `job.sh`

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=100TiB
#DW stage_in type=directory source=/pfs/dir1 destination=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/dir1
#DW stage_in type=list source=/pfs/inlist
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/file1 destination=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/file1
#DW stage_out type=directory destination=/pfs/dir1 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/dir1
#DW stage_out type=list source=/pfs/inlist
#DW stage_out type=file destination=/pfs/file1 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/file1

aprun -n 128 -N 32 my_app $DW_JOB_STRIPED/file1
```

## EXAMPLE: Compute node swap

Job script `job.sh`:

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=100GiB
#DW swap 10GiB
#Supports up to 10 compute nodes in this case
aprun -n 10 -N 1 big_memory_application
```

Each compute node has striped access to a unique swap instance (10GiB) via `$DW_JOB_STRIPED`.

## EXAMPLE: Interactive PBS job with DataWarp job instance

```
> qsub -I -lmpwidth=3,mppnppn=1 job.sh
```

Job script `job.sh`

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=100TiB
```

For the interactive PBS job case, the job script file is only used to specify the DataWarp configuration - all other commands in the job script are ignored and job commands are taken from the interactive session same as for any interactive job. This allows the same job script to be used to configure DataWarp instances for both a batch and interactive job.

## 5.7 Example Batch Jobs that Use DataWarp Scratch

**IMPORTANT:** Each workload manager (WLM) has its own batch syntax, but they all share a common DataWarp request syntax. It is beyond the scope of this guide to completely detail the various WLM commands. Therefore, WLM examples are provided with the caveat that they may be out of sync with

changes made by the WLM vendors, although it is Cray's intent to keep them up-to-date. For details, see the appropriate WLM documentation.

A scratch file system is requested by specifying its size and access mode in the DataWarp job commands added to a batch script. An application accesses the file system through a DataWarp environment variable based on the access mode (striped, private, or loadbalance) and instance type (job or persistent). DataWarp, through the batch scheduler, sets this environment variable to point to the directory on the compute nodes where the DataWarp file system is accessible. An application or job script may need to be modified to use this directory.

The following examples demonstrate how to use DataWarp job commands to configure and access a DataWarp scratch file system for use with applications. Some examples use IOR, a parallel file system benchmark application, as the example application.

## Striped Access Mode

**Example 1:** writes a file (`ior_example1`) to DataWarp storage, and then checks it. It requests 2TiB of per-job striped DataWarp space, which is accessed through `$DW_JOB_STRIPED`.

**Moab:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=2TiB

aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example1 \
-G 1234567890 -w -k

aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example1 \
-G 1234567890 -W
```

**SLURM:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example1
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=2TiB

srun -n 64 -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example1 \
-G 1234567890 -w -k

srun -n 64 -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example1 \
-G 1234567890 -W
```

**Example 2:** extends the previous example by staging out the generated data file to the parallel file system (PFS) after the job completes. If the job is sized to use many DataWarp service nodes, all of them participate in copying the data. Note that the `#DW stage_out source` argument must begin with `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` in order to access the requested DataWarp scratch storage.

**Moab:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4
```

```
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=2TiB
#DW stage_out type=file destination=/pfs/doc/example_1 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example2

aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example2 \
-G 1234567890 -w -k

aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example2 \
-G 1234567890 -W
```

**SLURM:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example2
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=2TiB
#DW stage_out type=file destination=/pfs/doc/example2 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example2

srun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/ior_example2 \
-G 1234567890 -w -k
```

**Example 3:** stages in a data file from the PFS to DataWarp storage, processes the data, and then stages out a directory of results back to the PFS. Compute node time is reduced by staging in data at job start, prior to launching the application, as well as staging data out at job end, after the application has completed. The application also runs faster reading/writing data to/from the SSDs rather than the PFS.

The data file `example3_data` was previously created by running IOR with the following options:

```
IOR -o /pfs/doc/ex3_data -k -v -b 64m -t 1m -E -C -w -G 1248
```

Note that the `#DW stage_in destination` argument must begin with `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` in order to access the requested DataWarp scratch storage.

**Moab:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=128GiB
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example3_data destination=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/input
#DW stage_out type=directory destination=/pfs/doc/results3 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/output

echo DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_STRIPED

aprun -n 16 IOR -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/input -k -v -b 64m -t 1m -E -C -W -r -G 1248
aprun -n 1 mkdir $DW_JOB_STRIPED/output
aprun -n 16 IOR -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/output/res -k -v -b 64m -t 1m -E -C -w -G 163264 -F
```

**SLURM:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example3
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=128GiB
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example3_data destination=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/input
```

```
#DW stage_out type=directory destination=/pfs/doc/results3 source=$DW_JOB_STRIPED/output
echo DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_STRIPED

srun -n 16 IOR -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/input -k -v -b 64m -t 1m -E -C -W -r -G 1248
srun -n 1 mkdir $DW_JOB_STRIPED/output
srun -n 16 IOR -o $DW_JOB_STRIPED/output/res -k -v -b 64m -t 1m -E -C -w -G 163264 -F
```

## Persistent Instances

Persistent instances provide storage that is usable across jobs, including jobs run by multiple users. The storage is requested outside of a batch job, and remains until it is deleted, or optionally its lifetime expires. Any user can request a persistent instance subject to the WLM configuration, but standard POSIX file permissions still apply to the files.

Each WLM has a different way of creating persistent instances.

- As of release time, when using Moab/Torque, only an administrator can create a persistent instance. Contact site support services for more information.
- When using SLURM, a persistent instance is requested by submitting a job with the following request:

```
#BB create_persistent name=DataRun1 capacity=1GiB access=striped type=scratch
#BB create_persistent name=DataRun2 capacity=1GiB access=striped type=scratch
```

**Example 4:** requests access to two persistent instances. The persistent instance is named via #DW persistentdw job script command, and the environment variable set by DataWarp is \$DW\_PERSISTENT\_STRIPED\_name where *name* is the name of the persistent instance.

### Moab:

```
#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun1
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun2

echo DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1 $DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1
echo DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2 $DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2

aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o \
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/input1 -G 1234567890 -w -W -r
aprun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o \
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2/input2 -G 1248163264 -w -W -r
```

### SLURM:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example4
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun1
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun2

echo DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1 $DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1
echo DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2 $DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2
```

```

srun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o \
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/input1 -G 1234567890 -w -W -r
srun -n 64 IOR -a POSIX -g -b 8G -t 1M -e -o \
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2/input2 -G 1248163264 -w -W -r

```

**Example 5:** staging is used to copy data into or out of a persistent instance by specifying the persistent instance's reference variable in the source or destination. Staging out is a useful way to make a backup of a persistent instance.

**Moab:**

```

#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#MSUB -l nodes=1
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun1
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun2
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example5_in destination=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/example5_on_dw
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example5_in destination=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2/example5_on_dw
#DW stage_out type=file destination=/pfs/doc/example5_out source=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/example5_on_dw

```

**SLURM:**

```

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example5
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun1
#DW persistentdw name=DataRun2
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example5_in destination=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/example5_on_dw
#DW stage_in type=file source=/pfs/doc/example5_in destination=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun2/example5_on_dw
#DW stage_out type=file destination=/pfs/doc/example5_out source=
$DW_PERSISTENT_STRIPED_DataRun1/example5_on_dw

```

## Private Access Mode

An alternative to striped access mode is private. A private instance has a directory hierarchy for each compute node, but the SSD space is shared. Data can be restricted to one DataWarp service node, or striped across all service nodes. Each namespace has its own metadata server (MDS), and the MDSs are spread across the service nodes that are used for the file system. This is the primary difference between striped and private.

A use case for this is an application that uses temporary files, but requires more temporary space than `/tmp`, a ram disk on the compute node, provides. With a private access mode the application on each node can use the file system without concern for having filename collisions.

**Example 6:** requests 100GiB of scratch file system such that each of the job's compute nodes has its own private storage, accessible through `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`.

**Moab:**

```

#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4

```

```
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=private capacity=100GiB

echo DW_JOB_PRIVATE $DW_JOB_PRIVATE

aprun -n 1 df -h $DW_JOB_PRIVATE
```

**SLURM:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example6

#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=private capacity=100GiB

echo DW_JOB_PRIVATE $DW_JOB_PRIVATE
srun -n 1 df $DW_JOB_PRIVATE
```

**Example 7:** requests 100GiB of DataWarp scratch that is accessible using both private and striped access mode via `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` and `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`, respectively. Using both striped and private access mode is useful when an application does a lot of metadata operations such as creates and deletes that it can keep private to the node, but also needs to share data with all other ranks.

**Moab:**

```
#!/bin/bash
#MSUB -l nodes=16:ppn=4
#MSUB -l walltime=1:00:00
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=100GiB

echo DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_STRIPED
echo DW_JOB_PRIVATE $DW_JOB_PRIVATE

aprun -n 1 df -h $DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_PRIVATE
```

**SLURM**

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --job-name=example7

#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=100GiB

echo DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_STRIPED
echo DW_JOB_PRIVATE $DW_JOB_PRIVATE

srun -n 1 df $DW_JOB_STRIPED $DW_JOB_PRIVATE
```



## 5.8 Diagrammatic View of Batch Jobs

These diagrams are graphs of how these batch jobs look and how the objects are linked with each other, as seen in `dwstat` output.

### EXAMPLE: DataWarp job instance (type = scratch), no staging

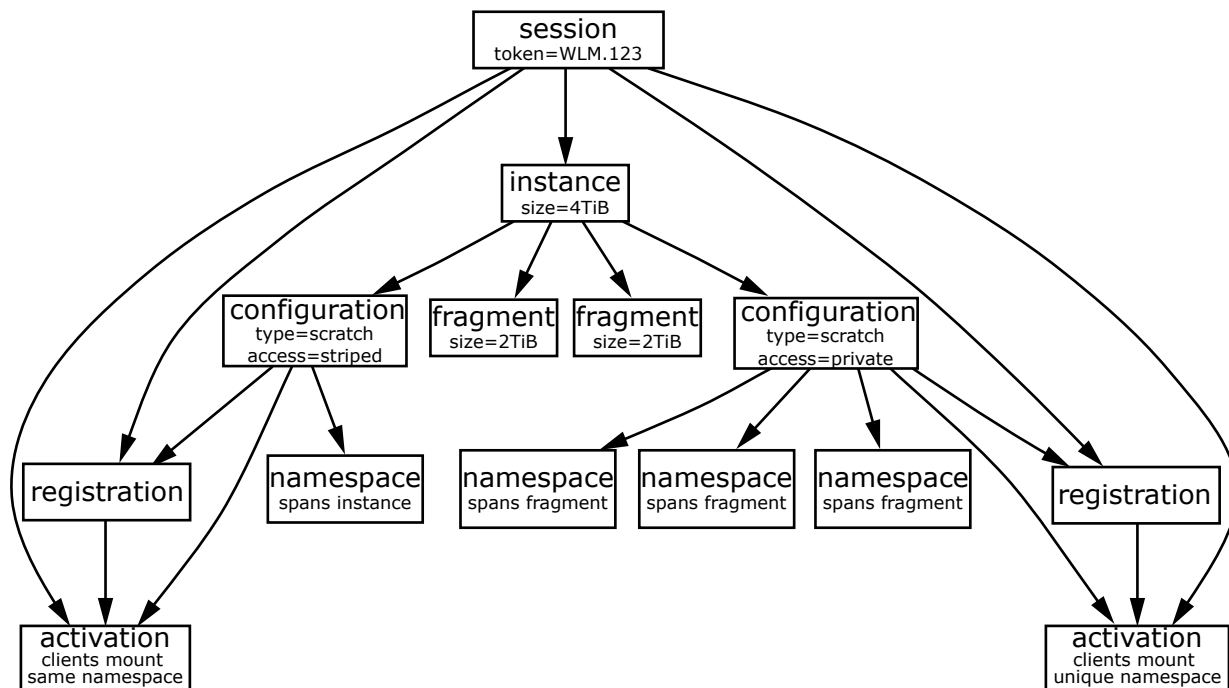
The following diagram shows how the `#DW jobdw` request is represented in the DWS for a batch job in which a job instance is created, but no staging occurs. For this example, assume that the job gets three compute nodes and the batch job name is `WLM.123`.

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=4TiB
```

In this example, each compute node has striped/shared access to DataWarp via `$DW_JOB_STRIPED` and access to a per-compute node scratch area via `$DW_JOB_PRIVATE`. The stripe configuration and the private configuration share the full capacity of the instance. No other limits on block usage are imposed on either of them; either one can fill of the full 4TiB.

If any of the referenced boxes are removed (e.g., `dwcli rm session --id id`), then all boxes that it points to, recursively, are removed. In this example, the scratch stripe configuration gets one namespace and the scratch private configuration gets three namespaces, one for each compute node. The 4TiB capacity request is satisfied by having an instance of size 4TiB, which in turn consists of two 2TiB fragments that exist on two separate DW servers.

Figure 7. Job Instance (type = scratch) with No Staging

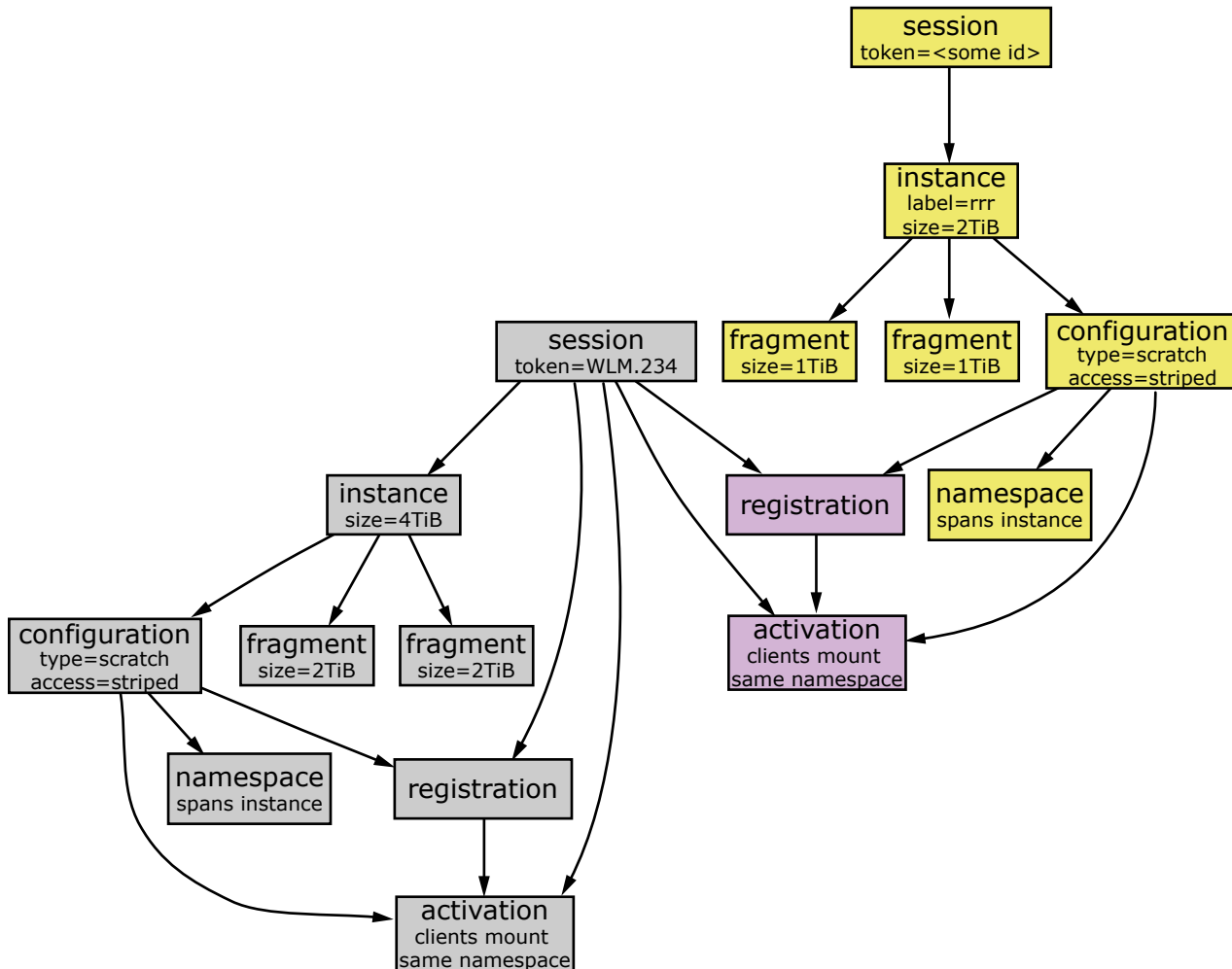


## EXAMPLE: Use both job and persistent instances

The following diagram shows how the `#DW jobdw` request is represented in the DWS for a batch job in which both a job and persistent instance are created. For this example, assume that the existing persistent DataWarp instance `rrr` has a stripe configuration of 2TiB capacity and the batch job name is `WLM.234`.

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped,private capacity=4TiB
#DW persistentdw name=rrr
```

Figure 8. Job and Persistent Instances (type = scratch)

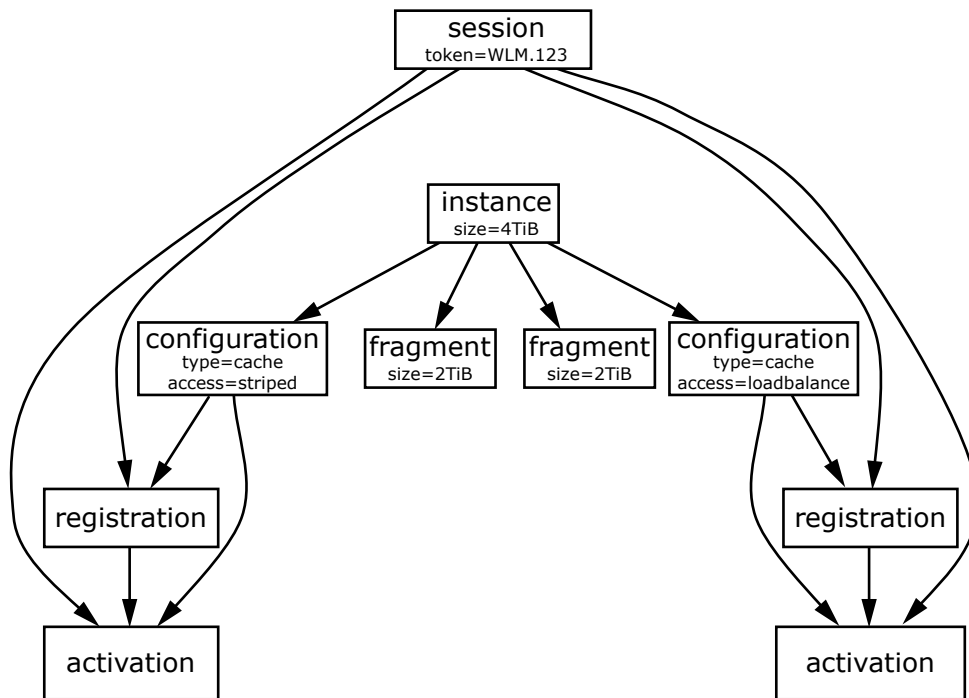


## EXAMPLE: Job Instance for Cache Configuration

The following diagram shows how the `#DW jobdw` command is represented in the DWS for a batch job for a cache configuration.

```
#DW jobdw type=cache access_mode=stripe,ldbalance capacity=4TiB pfs=/lus/peel/users/seymour
```

In this example, the cache stripe configuration and cache loadbalance configuration read and/or write to the files in the PFS at the `/lus/peel/users/seymour` path. The 4TiB capacity request is satisfied by having an instance of size 4TiB, which in turn consists of two 2TiB fragments that exist on two separate DataWarp servers.

*Figure 9. Job Instance (type = cache)*

## 6 Additional Considerations when Using DataWarp

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### 6.1 DVS Client-side Caching can Improve DataWarp Performance

With the advent of DataWarp and faster backing storage, the overhead of network operations has become an increasingly large portion of overall file system operation latency. DVS provides the ability to cache both read and write data on a client node while preserving close-to-open coherency and without contributing to out-of-memory issues on compute nodes. Instead of using network communication for all read/write operations, DVS can aggregate those operations and reuse data already read by or written from a client. This can provide a substantial performance benefit for these I/O patterns, which typically bear the additional cost of network latency:

- small reads and writes
- reads following writes
- multiple reads of the same data

#### Client-side Write-back Caching may not be Suitable for all Applications



**CAUTION:** Possible data corruption or performance penalty!

Using the page cache may not provide a benefit for all applications. Applications that require very large reads or writes may find that introducing the overhead of managing the page cache slows down I/O handling. Benefit can also depend on write access patterns: small, random writes may not perform as well as sequential writes. This is due to pages being aggregated for write-back. If random writes do not access sequential pages, then less-than-optimal-sized write-backs may have to be issued when a break in contiguous cache pages is encountered.

More important, successful use of write-back caching on client nodes requires a clear understanding and acceptance of the limitations of close-to-open coherency. It is important for site system administrators to ensure that users at their site understand how client-side write-back caching works before enabling it. Without that understanding, users could experience data corruption issues.

For detailed information about DVS client-side caching, see *XC™ Series DVS Administration Guide (S-0005)*.

### 6.2 Use SSD Protection Settings

The possibility exists for a user program to unintentionally cause excessive activity to SSDs, and thereby diminish the lifetime of the devices. To mitigate this issue, DataWarp includes both administrator-defined configuration options and user-specified job script command options that help the DataWarp service (DWS) detect when a program's behavior is anomalous and then react based on configuration settings.

Error messages generated when a protection limit is exceeded indicate the offense:

<b>EROFS</b>	Write window exceeded
<b>EMFILE</b>	Maximum files created exceeded
<b>EFBIG</b>	Maximum file size exceeded

## Job Script Command Options

The `#DW jobdw` job script command provides users with options for the following DataWarp SSD protection features:

- write tracking
- File creation limits
- File size limits

Users are encouraged to implement the following options to prevent unintentional activity that over utilizes the SSDs through excessive writes. Use of these options can prolong the lifetime of these devices. The `#DW jobdw` SSD protection options are:

**`write_window_multiplier=mult`**

Number of times capacity number of bytes may be written in a period defined by `write_window_length`; default = 10.

**`write_window_length=numsecs`**

Number of seconds to use when calculating the moving average of bytes written; default = 86,400 (24 hours).

**Example 1:** This `#DW jobdw` command indicates that the user may write up to 10 \* 222GiB in any 10 second rolling window:

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped capacity=222GiB write_window_length=10
write_window_multiplier=10
```

**Example 2:** This `#DW jobdw` command indicates that the user does not require files greater than 16777216 bytes, and does not intend to create more than 12 files:

```
#DW jobdw type=scratch access_mode=striped(MFS=16777216,MFC=12) capacity=222GiB
```

For further information regarding the `#DW jobdw` command and the SSD protection options, see [#DW jobdw - Job Script Command](#) on page 19 and [DataWarp Job Script Command Examples](#) on page 29.

## 7 libdatawarp - the DataWarp API

`libdatawarp` is a C library API for use by applications to control the staging of data to/from a DataWarp configuration, query staging and configuration data, and access accounting data. It allows greater control for what a user can do with staging than is available via the job (#DW) commands. Batch jobs only support staging in and out for striped access mode, and the commands are implemented before compute node allocation. The `libdatawarp` functions are used after the compute nodes have been allocated and support both striped and private access modes.

- For striped access mode, any rank can call the APIs and all ranks see the effects of the API call. If multiple ranks on any node stage the same file concurrently, all but the first will get an error indicating a stage is already in progress. The actual stage will run in parallel on one or more DW nodes depending on the size of the file and number of DW nodes assigned.

**IMPORTANT:** Before compiling programs that use `libdatawarp`, load the `datawarp` module.

```
> module load datawarp
```

### API Routines

The `libdatawarp` routines and a brief description of their functionality are listed in the following table. For complete details of a specific routine, see its man page (e.g., `dw_stage_file_in(3)`).

Table 2. *libdatawarp* Routines

Routine	Function
<code>dw_failed_stage</code>	Trio of functions ( <code>dw_open_failed_stage</code> , <code>dw_read_failed_stage</code> , and <code>dw_close_failed_stage</code> ) used in combination to identify failed stages
<code>dw_get_accounting_data_json</code>	Converts raw scratch accounting data to JSON format
<code>dw_get_mds_path</code>	Returns the MDS path
<code>dw_get_stripe_configuration</code>	Returns the current stripe configuration for a file
<code>dw_query_directory_stage</code>	Queries all files within a directory and all subdirectories
<code>dw_query_file_stage</code>	Queries stage operations for a DataWarp file
<code>dw_query_list_stage</code>	Queries stage operations for all files within a list
<code>dw_set_stage_concurrency</code>	Sets the maximum number of concurrent stage operations
<code>dw_stage_directory_in</code>	Stages all regular files from a PFS directory into a DataWarp directory

Routine	Function
<code>dw_stage_directory_out</code>	Stages all regular files in a DataWarp directory to a PFS directory
<code>dw_stage_file_in</code>	Stage a PFS file into a DataWarp file
<code>dw_stage_file_out</code>	Stages from a DataWarp file into a PFS file
<code>dw_stage_list_in</code>	Stages all regular PFS files within a list into a DataWarp directory
<code>dw_stage_list_out</code>	Stages all DataWarp files within a list into a PFS directory
<code>dw_terminate_directory_stage</code>	Terminates one or more in-progress or waiting stage operations
<code>dw_terminate_file_stage</code>	Terminates an in-progress or waiting stage operation
<code>dw_terminate_list_stage</code>	Terminates one or more in-progress or waiting stage operations (within a list)
<code>dw_wait_directory_stage</code>	Waits for one or all stage operations to complete
<code>dw_wait_file_stage</code>	Waits for a stage operation to complete for a target file
<code>dw_wait_list_stage</code>	Waits for one or all stage operations within a list to complete

## Example

The following C program uses several of the API routines found in `libdatawarp`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/ioctl.h>
#include <linux/limits.h>

#include <datawarp.h>

/* build with:
 * gcc dirstageandwait.c -o dirstageandwait `pkg-config --cflags \
 * --libs cray-datawarp`
 */

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int ret;
    int comp, pend, defer, fail;

    if (argc != 4) {
        printf("Error: Expected usage:  \n"
```

```

        "%s [in | out | defer | revoke | terminate] [dw dir] [PFS dir]\n",
        argv[0]);
    return 0;
}

/* perform stage in */
if (strcmp(argv[1], "in") == 0) {
    ret = dw_stage_directory_in(argv[2], argv[3]);a
/* perform stage out */
} else if (strcmp(argv[1], "out") == 0) {
    ret = dw_stage_directory_out(argv[2], argv[3], DW_STAGE_IMMEDIATE);
/* mark files as deferred stage */
} else if (strcmp(argv[1], "defer") == 0) {
    ret = dw_stage_directory_out(argv[2], argv[3], DW_STAGE_AT_JOB_END);
/* revoke deferred stage tag */
} else if (strcmp(argv[1], "revoke") == 0) {
    ret = dw_stage_directory_out(argv[2], NULL, DW_REVOKE_STAGE_AT_JOB_END);
/* cancel an in progress or deferred stage */
} else if (strcmp(argv[1], "terminate") == 0) {
    ret = dw_terminate_directory_stage(argv[2]);
} else {
    printf("%s: invalid option - %s\n", argv[0], argv[1]);
    return 0;
}

if (ret != 0) {
    printf("%s: dw_stage_file error - %d %s\n", argv[0], ret,
        strerror(-ret));
    return ret;
}

printf("%s: STAGE SUCCESS!\n", argv[0]);

/* wait for stage request to complete */
ret = dw_wait_directory_stage(argv[2]);
if (ret != 0) {
    printf("%s: dw_wait_dir_stage error %d %s\n", argv[0], ret,
        strerror(-ret));
    return ret;
}

/* query final stage state of dw target */
ret = dw_query_directory_stage(argv[2], &comp, &pend, &defer, &fail);
if (ret != 0) {
    printf("%s: query_file_stage error %d %s\n", argv[0], ret, strerror(-ret));
    return ret;
}

printf("%s: Wait and query complete: complete %d pending %d defer %d
    failed %d\n", argv[0], comp, pend, defer, fail);

return 0;
}

```



## 8 Troubleshooting

### 8.1 Why Do `dwcli` and `dwstat` Fail?

The `dwcli` and `dwstat` commands fail for a variety of reasons, some of which are described here.

1. Both commands fail if the DataWarp service is not configured or not up and running.

```
user@login> dwstat
Cannot determine gateway via libdws_thin
fatal: Cannot find a valid api host to connect to or no config file found.
```

**Fix:** contact site support personnel.

2. Both commands fail if the `dws` module is not loaded.

```
user@login> dwstat
If 'dwstat' is not a typo you can use command-not-found to lookup the package
that contains it, like this:
cnf dwstat
```

**Fix:** load the module and try again.

```
user@login> module load dws
> dwstat
      pool units quantity      free  gran
wlm_pool bytes 53.12TiB 16.74TiB  1GiB
```

3. Both commands fail if the DataWarp scheduler daemon goes offline.

```
user@login> dwstat
cannot communicate with dwsd daemon at sdb-hostname port 2015
[Errno 111] Connection refused
```

**Fix:** contact site support personnel.

4. Both commands fail when SSL certificate verification fails.

```
user@login> dwstat all
Connecting to https://c1-0c0s0n2:81 yielded fatal error:
[SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED] certificate verify failed (_ssl.c:581)
```

**Fix:** contact site support personnel.

5. Both commands fail if the DataWarp configuration option `allow_dws_cli_from_computes` is set to `false` and one of the following is true:

- the command is executed from a batch script
- the command is executed from a compute node

Both commands output an error message similar to the following:

```
Connecting to https://dwrest-nodename yielded fatal error:
[SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED] certificate verify failed (_ssl.c:581)
```

**Fix:** to have this functionality, the system administrator must change the configuration setting and restart DataWarp.

6. Both commands fail when there is a MUNGE authentication issue.

```
user@login> dwstat
You must be authenticated to request this resource.
```

**Fix:** contact site support personnel.

7. Depending on the options and actions invoked, `dwcli` can fail when `dwmd` is not functional.

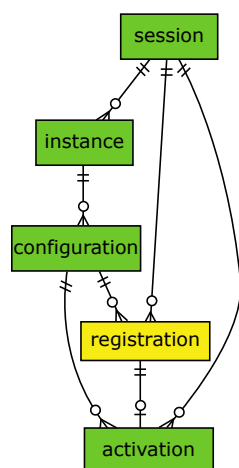
```
user@login> dwcli stage in -c 1 -s 1 --backing-path /etc/lvm/ --dir /test
cannot communicate with backend dwmd daemon at datawarp port 49214
[Errno 111] Connection refused
```

**Fix:** contact site support personnel.

## 9 Terminology

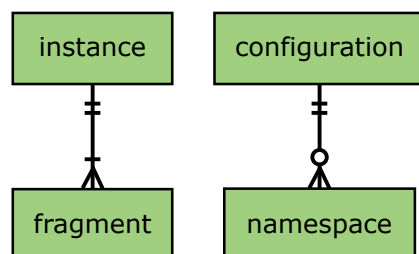
The following diagram shows the relationship between the majority of the DataWarp service terminology using Crow's foot notation. A session can have 0 or more instances, and an instance must belong to only one session. An instance can have 0 or more configurations, but a configuration must belong to only one instance. A registration belongs to only one configuration and only one session. Sessions and configurations can have 0 or more registrations. An activation must belong to only one configuration, registration and session. A configuration can have 0 or more activations. A registration is used by 0 or no activations. A session can have 0 or more activations.

Figure 10. DataWarp Component Relationships



<b>Activation</b>	An object that represents making a DataWarp configuration available to one or more client nodes, e.g., creating a mount point.
<b>Client Node</b>	A compute node on which a configuration is activated; that is, where a DVS client mount point is created. Client nodes have direct network connectivity to all DataWarp server nodes. At least one parallel file system (PFS) is mounted on a client node.
<b>Configuration</b>	A configuration represents a way to use the DataWarp space.
<b>Fragment</b>	A piece of an instance as it exists on a DataWarp service node.  The following diagram uses Crow's foot notation to illustrate the relationship between an instance-fragment and a configuration-namespaces. One instance has one or more fragments; a fragment can belong to only one instance. A configuration has 0 or more namespaces; a namespace can belong to only one configuration.

Figure 11. Instance/Fragment ↔ Configuration/Namespace Relationship



<b>Instance</b>	A specific subset of the storage space comprised of DataWarp fragments, where no two fragments exist on the same node. An instance is essentially raw space until there exists at least one DataWarp instance configuration that specifies how the space is to be used and accessed.
<b>DataWarp Service</b>	The DataWarp Service (DWS) manages access and configuration of DataWarp instances in response to requests from a workload manager (WLM) or a user.
<b>Fragment</b>	A piece of an instance as it exists on a DataWarp service node
<b>Job Instance</b>	A DataWarp instance whose lifetime matches that of a batch job and is only accessible to the batch job because the <code>public</code> attribute is not set.
<b>Namespace</b>	A piece of a scratch configuration; think of it as a directory on a file system.
<b>Node</b>	A DataWarp service node (with SSDs) or a compute node (without SSDs). Nodes with space are server nodes; nodes without space are client nodes.
<b>Persistent Instance</b>	A DataWarp instance whose lifetime matches that of possibly multiple batch jobs and may be accessed by multiple user simultaneously because the <code>public</code> attribute is set.
<b>Pool</b>	Groups server nodes together so that requests for capacity (instance requests) refer to a pool rather than a bunch of nodes. Each pool has an overall quantity (maximum configured space), a granularity of allocation, and a unit type. The units are either bytes or nodes (currently only bytes are supported). Nodes that host storage capacity belong to at most one pool.
<b>Registration</b>	A known usage of a configuration by a session.
<b>Server Node</b>	An IO service blade that contains two SSDs and has network connectivity to the PFS.
<b>Session</b>	An intangible object (i.e., not visible to the application, job, or user) used to track interactions with the DWS; typically maps to a batch job.

## 10 Prefixes for Binary and Decimal Multiples

The International System of Units (SI) prefixes and symbols (e.g., kilo-, Mega-, Giga-) are often used interchangeably (and incorrectly) for decimal and binary values. This misuse not only causes confusion and errors, but the errors compound as the numbers increase. In terms of storage, this can cause significant problems. For example, consider that a kilobyte ( $10^3$ ) of data is only 24 bytes less than  $2^{10}$  bytes of data. Although this difference may be of little consequence, the table below demonstrates how the differences increase and become significant.

To alleviate the confusion, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) adopted a standard of prefixes for binary multiples for use in information technology. The table below compares the SI and IEC prefixes, symbols, and values.

SI decimal vs IEC binary prefixes for multiples					
SI decimal standard			IEC binary standard		
Prefix (Symbol)	Power	Value	Value	Power	Prefix (Symbol)
kilo- (kB)	$10^3$	1000	1024	$2^{10}$	kibi- (KiB)
mega- (MB)	$10^6$	1000000	1048576	$2^{20}$	mebi- (MiB)
giga- (GB)	$10^9$	1000000000	1073741824	$2^{30}$	gibi- (GiB)
tera- (TB)	$10^{12}$	1000000000000	1099511627776	$2^{40}$	tebi- (TiB)
peta- (PB)	$10^{15}$	1000000000000000	1125899906842624	$2^{50}$	pebi- (PiB)
exa- (EB)	$10^{18}$	1000000000000000000	1152921504606846976	$2^{60}$	exbi- (EiB)
zetta- (ZB)	$10^{21}$	1000000000000000000000	1180591620717411303424	$2^{70}$	zebi- (ZiB)
yotta- (YB)	$10^{24}$	1000000000000000000000000	1208925819614629174706176	$2^{80}$	yobi- (YiB)

For a detailed explanation, including a historical perspective, see <http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/binary.html>.