

# Enable Teradata Connections

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This section provides information on how to enable connection to Teradata databases.

- Teradata provides Datawarehousing & Analytics solutions and Marketing applications. The Teradata database supports all of their Datawarehousing solutions. For more information, see <http://www.teradata.com>.
- For more information on supported versions, see [Connection Types](#).

## Download and Install Teradata drivers

To enable connectivity, you must download and install the Teradata drivers into an accessible location on the Trifacta® node.

**NOTE:** Please download and install the Teradata driver that corresponds to your version of Teradata. For more information on supported versions, see [Connection Types](#).

## Steps:

1. If you don't have a Teradata developer account, create one here:  
<https://downloads.teradata.com/user/register>
2. Log in to the account. Navigate to <http://downloads.teradata.com/download/connectivity/jdbc-driver>
3. Download the JDBC driver in ZIP or TAR form.
4. Copy the downloaded ZIP or TAR file to the Trifacta node.
5. Extract and place the JAR file into a folder accessible to the Trifacta user.
6. Verify that the Trifacta user is the owner of the JAR file and its parent folder.
7. You can apply this change through the [Admin Settings Page](#) (recommended) or `trifacta-conf.json`. For more information, see [Platform Configuration Methods](#).
8. Locate the `data-service.classpath`. To the classpath value add the folder where you installed the JAR file. For the new entry, remember to add the following to the entry:
  - a. Add a prefix of `:.`
  - b. Add a suffix of `/*.`
  - c. Example:

```
:/opt/trifacta/drivers/*
```

- d. Whole classpath example:

```
"data-service": { ...  
"classpath": "%(topOfTree)s/services/data-service/build/libs/data-service.jar:%(topOfTree)s  
/services/data-service/build/conf:%(topOfTree)s/services/data-service/build/dependencies/*:/opt  
/trifacta/drivers/*"
```

9. Save your changes and restart the platform.

## Increase Read Timeout

Particular when reading from large Teradata tables, you might experience read timeouts in the Designer Cloud application .

The default setting is 300 seconds (5 minutes). You should consider raising this limit if you are working with large tables.

For more information, see *Configure Photon Running Environment*.

## Create Teradata Connection

If you have not done so already, you must enable basic JDBC-based relational connections. See *Enable Relational Connections*. For more information on creating a Teradata connection, see *Create Connection Window*.

## Testing

### Steps:

1. After you create your connection, load a small dataset based on a table in the connected Teradata database. See *Import Data Page*.
2. Perform a few simple transformations to the data. Run the job. See *Transformer Page*.
3. Verify the results.

For more information, see *Verify Operations*.