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## Getting Help with DETER

**The short answer:** take *all* of the details about your problem (project/experiment id, logs, error output, etc) and [file a ticket](#) - you must log in again with your DeterLab username and password.

### What to do first if you are having trouble?

Read the [FAQ page](#) to see if your question has already been answered. You can also search the documentation and trouble tickets on the [Search](#) page.

### If you still need help...

#### Step 1: Collect the information we need to help you

Take a few moments to properly document what you are having trouble with to get your problem addressed quickly. Please include the following information in your ticket:

- Your DeterLab username
- Your project name
- Your experiment (if applicable)
  - Include a link in this format: `[experiment:pid:eid]` where `pid` is the project name and `eid` is the experiment name.
- A description of the problem. Be as detailed as you can. The following are all helpful:
  - What you typed or clicked, what you expected to happen as a result, and what did happen
  - Any error messages or logs (verbatim errors are best)
  - Which nodes in your experiment are having a problem (if applicable)
- If your problem is with an experiment, please leave a copy swapped in for us (disable idle swap)

#### Step 2: Create a new support ticket

- Go to [the new ticket page](#) and log in again with your DeterLab username and password. Note: you will receive an **Error:Forbidden** when you first click the link - this is expected (the ticket system currently requires a separate login).
- Fill in as many details as possible (see above)
  - *Summary:* Use a brief description of the issue
  - *Reporter:* User your DeterLab username (this should be pre-filled)
  - *Message:* Include the project name and all of the other details you collected in the first step.
  - *Attachments:* You may include screenshots and any other files (logs, etc) that could be useful to us in understanding your issue.

We are notified when new tickets are opened and respond to them quickly, often as soon as we receive them (during business hours, US Pacific time).

You can use the *View Tickets* button in the navigation bar to find any tickets you have created.

### For the fastest response, please do the following

- If you are reporting a support problem, **do not email us**. Instead, follow the instructions above for filing a support ticket.
- If for some reason you must email us, DeterLab testbed operations may be reached at testbed-ops at deterlab.net.
- Response to this email is typically slower than response to a ticket.
- Always send email to the testbed-ops address and not just an individual who responded to you. Then, if the individual is not available, someone will still be aware of your email.