

ImageSearch

Getting Started

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1 Create an ImageSearch Instance

For details about the concept, advantages, functions, and application scenarios of ImageSearch, see the [Service Overview](#).

The procedure of using ImageSearch is as follows:

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Scenario Description

To help you quickly get familiar with ImageSearch, this document describes how to use the general image search function of ImageSearch to search for images that match the local image from the image library.

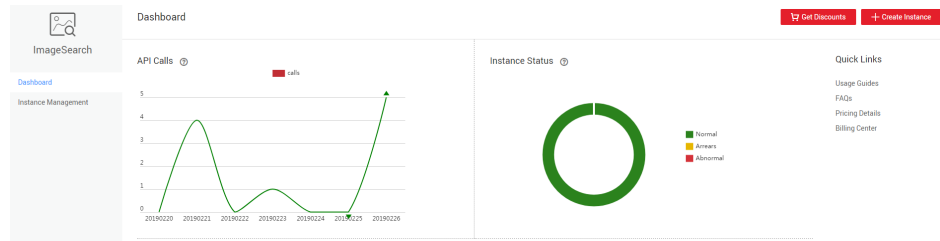
In this example, select the local image **1.jpg**. Use ImageSearch to create an instance, select the general image search service model, and import the existing image library to an OBS bucket. After the instance is executed, the information about the images that match the local image **1.jpg** is outputted through instance test.

Step 1: Applying for a Service

The procedure is as follows:

1. Log in to [Huawei Cloud](#). If you do not have a Huawei Cloud account, register on the registration page as prompted.
2. On the top of the Huawei Cloud page, choose **Products > Enterprise Intelligence > ImageSearch**. The **ImageSearch** product page is displayed.
3. On the product page, click [Try Now](#) and enter the username and password to access the **ImageSearch** management console.
4. The **Dashboard** page displays the total number of API calls in the latest week and the status of all instances. See [Figure 1-1](#).

Figure 1-1 Dashboard



Step 2: Creating an Instance

Before using ImageSearch, create an instance and select a service model for search.

1. On the **Dashboard** or **Instance Management** page, create an instance. Creating an instance on the **Instance Management** page is used as an example. On the **Instance Management** page, click **Create Instance**. The **Create Instance** page is displayed. Refer to the following table to understand the parameters for creating an instance.

Figure 1-2 shows the instance parameters.

Figure 1-2 Creating an instance

Table 1-1 Parameters for creating an instance

Parameter	Description
Instance Name	Name of the instance to be created. The value contains only lowercase letters, digits, hyphens (-), and underscores (_) and must start with a lowercase letter.

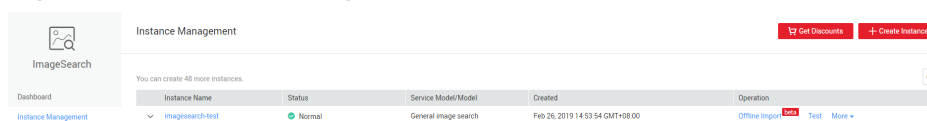
Parameter	Description
Service Model	Support General image search . General image search : searches for images of similar content or categories in the image library.
Customize Tag	You can add image tags to facilitate image filtering when adding or querying images. A maximum of 10 tags can be added. For example, when creating an instance, add a custom tag scenery . After the instance is created, upload an image on the Add Image page, for example, an image of the sky. The value of the scenery tag can be set to sky . After the image is added, you can upload the image to be searched on the Search Image page and enter the tag value sky in the scenery field. In this way, only the image whose tag value is sky is returned in the search result. You can set custom tags to filter images that are found. If you do not set a custom tag when creating an instance, you can choose Instance Management > Instance Details to set one.
Description	Description of the created instance.

NOTE

You can purchase a discount package to call ImageSearch APIs. The package quota is deducted when you start to use the service.

2. Click **Create Now**. The created instance is displayed on the **Instance Management** page. See [Figure 1-3](#).

Figure 1-3 Instance management



Step 3: Offline Import

ImageSearch provides the offline import function. You can import image files to instances in batches. Before using this function, upload the required image files to OBS.

1. Preparations before offline data import

1. Before using OBS, you need to subscribe to it. For details, see [Logging In to OBS Console](#) in the *Object Storage Service Console Operation Guide*.
2. To store data in OBS, create a bucket first. A bucket is a container used to store objects in OBS. For details about how to create a bucket, see [Creating a Bucket](#) in the *Object Storage Service Console Operation Guide*.

Information about the created OBS bucket:

Region: CN North-Beijing1

Bucket Name: obs-5daf

Storage Class: Standard

Bucket Policy: Private

 **NOTE**

1. You can only import images from Object Storage Service (OBS) to ImageSearch. Before using this function, upload the images to OBS.
 2. Retain the default value of **Bucket Policy**.
 3. The region of the ImageSearch instance must be the same as that of the OBS bucket to which the image is uploaded.
3. Upload files to the OBS bucket. For details about how to upload file, see [Uploading a File](#) in the *Object Storage Service Console Operation Guide*.

2. Executing the offline import task

The offline import function can be implemented by using OBS buckets or list files.

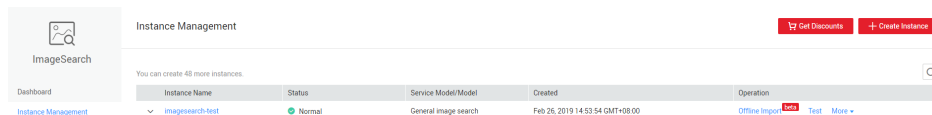
- **Method 1: Import data from an OBS bucket. (You need to provide the OBS directory where the data is stored.)**

 **NOTE**

To implement offline import with OBS, grant the permission to access OBS objects to the ImageSearch service account.

- a. On the **Instance Management** page, click **Offline Import** in the **Operation** column. The **Offline Import** page is displayed.

Figure 1-4 Offline import

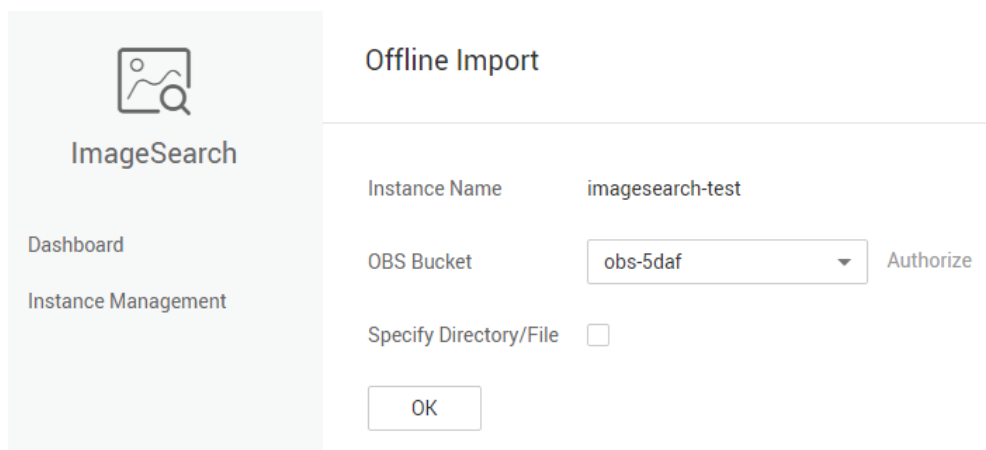


- b. Select the OBS bucket where data is stored, for example, **obs-5daf**. Click **Authorize**. When the button becomes unavailable, the OBS authorization is complete.

 **NOTE**

The authorization operation needs to be performed only once. If the **Authorize** button becomes unavailable, the selected bucket has been authorized. If the **Authorize** button is available, the OBS bucket needs to be authorized.

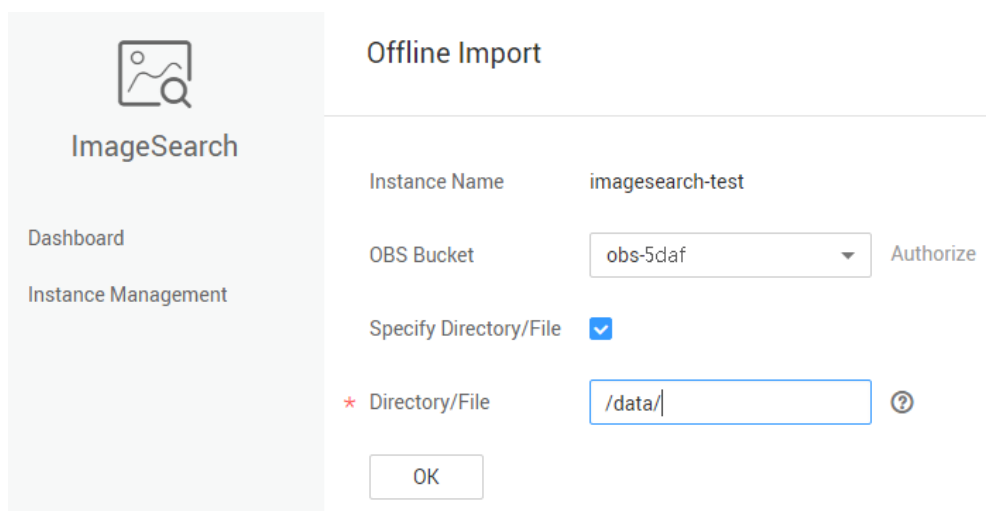
- c. Click **OK** to create an offline import task. See [Figure 1-5](#).

Figure 1-5 Importing data from an OBS bucket

The screenshot shows the 'ImageSearch' interface with a sidebar containing 'Dashboard' and 'Instance Management'. The main area is titled 'Offline Import' and contains the following fields:

- Instance Name: imagesearch-test
- OBS Bucket: obs-5daf (with a dropdown arrow) and an 'Authorize' button.
- Specify Directory/File:
- OK button

- d. If you select **Specify Directory/File**, enter a folder in the OBS bucket and import data from the specified directory. For example, import data from the **data** directory in the **obs-5daf** bucket. See [Figure 1-6](#).

Figure 1-6 Importing data from an OBS directory

The screenshot shows the 'ImageSearch' interface with a sidebar containing 'Dashboard' and 'Instance Management'. The main area is titled 'Offline Import' and contains the following fields:

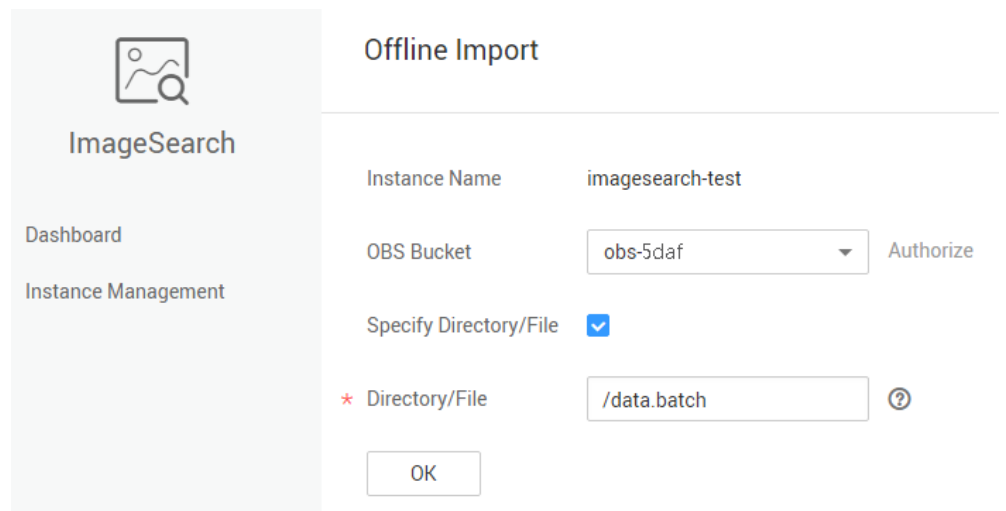
- Instance Name: imagesearch-test
- OBS Bucket: obs-5daf (with a dropdown arrow) and an 'Authorize' button.
- Specify Directory/File:
- * Directory/File: /data/ (with a help icon)
- OK button

- **Method 2: Import data from a list file. (You need to provide a JSON file with the extension .batch.)**

ImageSearch can obtain the information about the images to be imported from a list file. The file list stores the content related to the offline import task. You can customize tags for the images. The list file format must comply with the following rules:

- a. The file name extension must be **.batch**.
- b. The list file needs to be stored in the bucket where the data is stored. There are no special requirements on the directories in the bucket. [Figure 1-7](#) shows offline import with a list file.

Figure 1-7 Importing data with a list file



- c. The content format of the list file is as follows:
- Each line corresponds to an image. See [Example list file](#).
 - The images are in JSON format. For details about the fields, see [Table 1-2](#).

Table 1-2 Parameters in the list file

Parameter	Mandatory	Type	Description
operation	Yes	String	Operation type. The value can be add , indicating adding an image.
path	Yes	String	Image URL. The URL is used as the ID of an indexed image in the gallery, as well as the address for downloading the image. Currently, images can be downloaded only from OBS in the region where ImageSearch is located.
tags	No	Array	Custom image tag. A maximum of 10 tags are supported.

- **Example list file**

```
{ "operation": "add", "path": "https://obs-5daf.obs.cn-north-1.myhuaweicloud.com/data/1.jpg", "tags": { "tag1": "v1" } }
{ "operation": "add", "path": "https://obs-5daf.obs.cn-north-1.myhuaweicloud.com/data/1.jpg" }
{ "operation": "add", "path": "data/1.jpg", "tags": { "my_tag1": "v1", "my_tag2": "v2", "my_tag3": "v3" } }
```

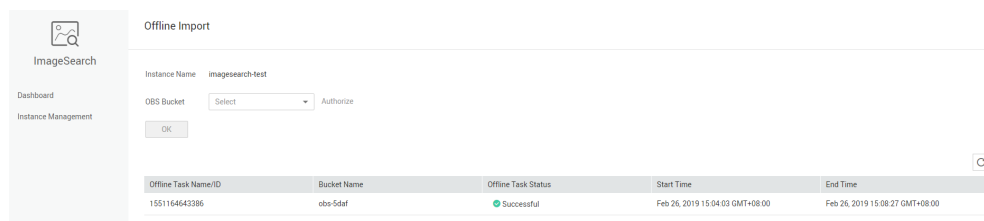
3. Viewing the offline import tasks

On the **Instance Management** page, click **Offline Import** in the **Operation** column. On the **Offline Import** page that is displayed, view the offline import tasks.

The offline import status can be **Initializing**, **Running**, or **Successful**. **Initializing** indicates that the task is being prepared. **Running** indicates that the image is being imported to the instance. **Successful** indicates that the offline import task is completed,

as shown in [Figure 1-8](#).

Figure 1-8 Viewing the offline import tasks



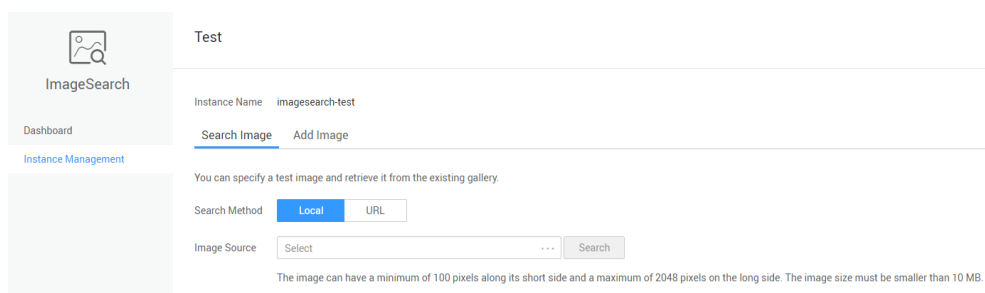
Step 4: Testing the Instance

1. On the **Instance Management** page, click **Test** in the **Operation** column. On the **Test** page that is displayed, add an image and search for the similar images.

This example shows how to search for images that are similar to image **1.jpg** in the OBS bucket.

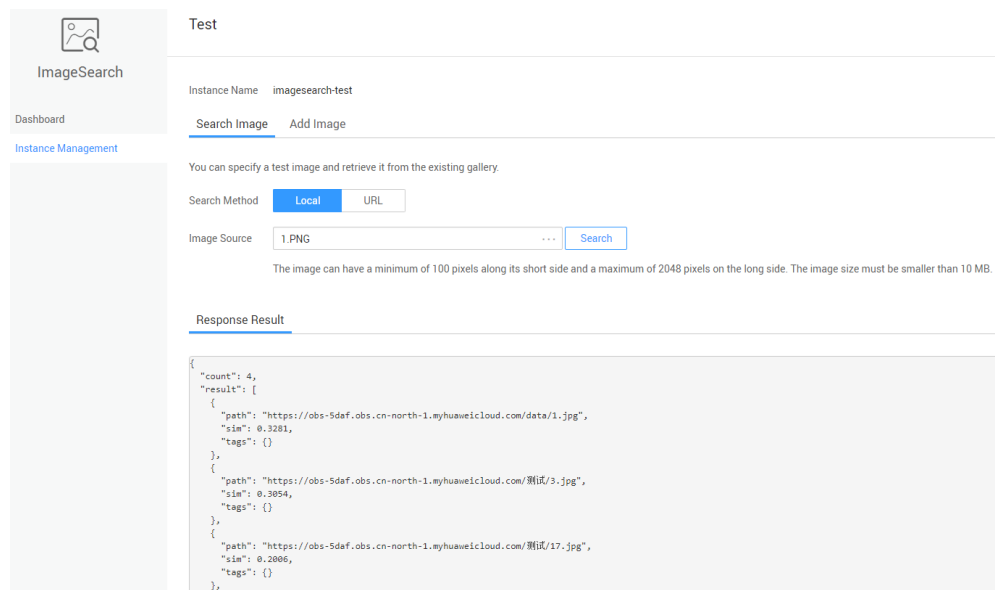
2. On the **Search Image** tab page, set **Search Method** to **Local**, select image **1.jpg**, and click **Search**, as shown in [Figure 1-9](#).

Figure 1-9 Testing an instance



3. In the **Response Result** area, the matching result between the **imagesearch-test** instance and the local image **1.jpg** in the **obs-5daf** bucket is displayed. For details about the response parameters, see the [response parameter description](#).

[Figure 1-10](#) shows the response result.

Figure 1-10 Response result

Step 5: Deleting the Instance

If an instance is no longer needed after the instance is run, you can delete it to avoid wasting resources or occupying the quota.

NOTE

An instance cannot be deleted if it has any offline import task that has not been completed. Deleted instance cannot be recovered. Exercise caution when performing this operation.

1. In the left navigation pane, click **Instance Management**. The **Instance Management** page is displayed.
2. Locate the row that contains **test1**, and choose **Mode > Delete** in the **Operation** column.
3. In the dialog box that is displayed, click **OK** to delete the instance.