

# Chapter 3: Building GNN Modules

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DGL NN module consists of building blocks for GNN models. An NN module inherits from [Pytorch's NN Module](#), [MXNet Gluon's NN Block](#) and [TensorFlow's Keras Layer](#), depending on the DNN framework backend in use. In a DGL NN module, the parameter registration in construction function and tensor operation in forward function are the same with the backend framework. In this way, DGL code can be seamlessly integrated into the backend framework code. The major difference lies in the message passing operations that are unique in DGL.

DGL has integrated many commonly used apinn-pytorch-conv, apinn-pytorch-dense-conv, apinn-pytorch-pooling, and apinn-pytorch-util. We welcome your contribution!

This chapter takes [`SAGEConv`](#) with Pytorch backend as an example to introduce how to build a custom DGL NN Module.

## Roadmap

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