Introduction to HPC
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https://ua-researchcomputing-hpc.github.io/Intro-to-HPC/
Intro to HPC*

*HPC – high-performance computing

- Why use HPC?
- Anatomy of the HPC cluster
- Basics of working with the Linux shell
- Submitting jobs
Why HPC?

Research is easy!

It’s still running...
Why HPC?

Problems

• Computation takes too long
• Computation is too big
• Too many computations
Why HPC?

Problems

• Computation takes too long
  → Get a more powerful computer

• Computation is too big
  → Link multiple computers

• Too many computations
  → Use a separate one for each job
Why HPC?

• Modern instrument for High-Performance Computing is a **cluster**, consisting of lots of connected individual computers (nodes).

• Supercomputer is a commonly used nickname.
Why HPC?
Why HPC?
Why HPC?

Laptop : Personal

Supercomputer : Shared
Why HPC?

Laptop : Local

Supercomputer : Remote
Laptop: Interactive

Supercomputer: Batch

Why HPC?
The diagram of the UA HPC cluster

- Users
- Bastion host
- Login node
- File transfer node
- Shared data storage
- Computes nodes
Connecting to Ocelote – 2 Methods

```
ssh netid@hpc.arizona.edu
shell
```
Connecting with Command Line

Laptop $ ssh chrisreidy@hpc.arizona.edu
This is a bastion host used to access the rest of the RT/HPC environment.
Type "shell" to access the job submission hosts for all environments
-----------------------------------------
[chrisreidy@gatekeeper ~]$ shell
Last login: Mon Nov  8 20:16:14 2021 from gatekeeper.hpc.arizona.edu
***
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(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 08:35:32 ~]$ ocelote

(ocelote) [chrisreidy@wentletrap Intro_to_HPC]$ interactive
Connecting with Web Browser

- Open ood.hpc.arizona.edu in your web browser and login with your NetID and password.
- From the “Clusters” drop-down menu choose which HPC cluster you would like to access:

- Exercise - connect to Ocelote.

OnDemand provides an integrated, single access point for all of your HPC resources.
Login node

```
(puma) [chrisreidy@wentletrap 16:03:26 ~]$ ls
```
Command line

Your NetID (who are you)

Node name (where are you)

Name of the current directory

Prompt (what are you going to do)
Login Node aka Submit Node

Login Node

Compute Nodes
Login node

- Login node is a computer intended for users to prepare and manage computations:
  - submit jobs
  - edit files
  - manage files
  - compile codes - NO
  - small-scale testing - NO

- **DO NOT** run any calculations on the login node

I’ll just open MATLAB real quick
Command Line

Command

For companion information on the hands-on practice: https://ua-researchcomputing-hpc.github.io/Intro-to-HPC/
Command Line

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:16:38 ~]$ pwd
/home/u13/chrisreidy
(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:21:41 ~]$
• List all the files and directories

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:21:41 ~]$ ls

• Make a directory

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia ~]$ mkdir intro-to-hpc

• List all the files and directories again

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:21:41 ~]$ ls
Command Line

- Change directory

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:41:30 ~]$ cd intro-to-hpc/
(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:48:36 intro-to-hpc]$

- Go back a level

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:49:48 intro-to-hpc]$ cd ..
(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:49:51 ~]$}

- Change directory using absolute path

(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:49:51 ~]$ cd ~/intro-to-hpc/
(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:51:21 intro-to-hpc]$
Command Line

• Copy a file from our github

```bash
wget https://ua-researchcomputing-hpc.github.io/Intro-to-HPC/intro-to-hpc.tar.gz
tar xzvf intro-to-hpc.tar.gz --strip-components=1
rm intro-to-hpc.tar.gz
```

• List all the files and directories again

```bash
(puma) [chrisreidy@junonia 14:21:41 ~]$ ls
```

• View a file

```bash
cat sample_slurm.script
```
Working with a Linux shell

For more information on the Linux command line, follow the links in our documentation:

https://public.confluence.arizona.edu/display/UAHPC/Training#Training-LinuxSelfGuided
Storage

Users

Bastion host

Login node

Computes nodes

File transfer node

Shared data storage

/home/u1/netid /groups/Pl
• Every user gets two default storage locations:
  • /home
    • the default home directory
    • 50GB
    • Not backed up
  • /groups/PI
    • shared by the PI’s group
    • 500GB
    • Not backed up
Storage

• Command to list all the available storage options – uquota

$ uquota

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Directory</th>
<th>Used</th>
<th>Soft Limit</th>
<th>Hard Limit</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>/groups/chrisreidy</td>
<td>38.1G</td>
<td>500.0G</td>
<td>500.0G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/home</td>
<td>12.9G</td>
<td>50.0G</td>
<td>50.0G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/xdisk/chrisreidy</td>
<td>6.2T</td>
<td>9.9T</td>
<td>9.9T</td>
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Storage

- Additional Storage:
  - /xdisk
  - Upon request, up to 20TB for limited duration with one renewal

- /tmp
  - Every Puma node has about 1.4TB on a NVME SSD
• Every PI gets an allocation of free time, and each user shares that allocation:
  
  • standard
    • 100,000 cpu hours on Puma
    • 36,000 cpu hours on Ocelote
    • 7,000 cpu hours on Elgato
    • Limits on GPU nodes
    • Not preempted

  • windfall
    • Unlimited
    • Preemptable
Transferring Files

filexfer.hpc.arizona.edu
Transferring Files

- Puma and Ocelote have two specific nodes for file transfer
  - hostname – filexfer.hpc.arizona.edu
- Command line options:
  - scp
  - sftp
  - rsync
  - Irods
  - rclone
- GUI options
  - Windows based: WinSCP
  - Cross-platform: Cyberduck
  - Globus
Transferring Files with OnDemand

- Display and manage your files
- Edit text files
- Drag and drop files to/from the file explorer

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From the login node to compute

- Users
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    - File transfer node
From the login node to compute

- How do we know if there are any available nodes?
- How do we decide who gets what and when?
- How do we ensure that a task gets the resources it needs?

- The Scheduler!
- Software that manages the HPC resources and decides which computation runs where and when.
Scheduler - SLURM

Scheduler receives a request for resources and creates a job

Job is put in the queue, where it waits for the resources

Job is assigned to the compute nodes and performs computation

When job is finished output and error files are created
Scheduler

- All clusters use SLURM
- Every computation that requests resources from the scheduler is called a job.
- *Submitting a job* means requesting resources from the scheduler and giving it a list of commands to run.
You should already be in this directory: ~/intro-to-hpc
$ cat sample_slurm.script

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=test
#SBATCH -e test.e%A
#SBATCH -o test.o%A
#SBATCH --partition=windfall
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --time=00:10:00

echo 'This script is running on:'
hostname
sleep 120
#!/bin/bash

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• Submitting a batch job

$ sbatch sample_slurm.script

Did you get an error?

If not, you will see:
Submitted batch job 2118950

$ squeue -j 2118950

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<th>PARTITION</th>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>USER</th>
<th>ST</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>NODES</th>
<th>NODELIST(REASON)</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>2118950</td>
<td>windfall</td>
<td>test</td>
<td>chrisrei</td>
<td>PD</td>
<td>0:00</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(Priority)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

$ cat test.o2118950
This script is running on:
r1u11n1.puma.hpc.arizona.edu

Detailed performance metrics for this job will be available at
https://metrics.hpc.arizona.edu/#job_viewer?action=show&realm=SUPREMM&resource_id=73&local_job_id=2118950 by 8am on 2021/09/23.
• Modifying your batch job

1/ Change the script to use 4 cores from one node

$ vi sample_slurm.script

Hint: look at “other common options”

$ sbatch sample_slurm.script
Submitted batch job 2118966

2/ Change the script to use the standard queue

Answer:
#SBATCH --account=<PI GROUP>
#SBATCH --partition=standard

Note: \textit{partition} is the same as \textit{queue}
• Other SLURM commands

$ squeue
You might need to know grep to handle the hundreds of lines of output
$ squeue | wc

$ scancel jobid

$ scontrol show job 2099296
Show details about a running job

$ seff 2099296
Show details about a completed job

$ nodes-busy
$ system-busy
Shows activity of whole cluster at a glance
Interactive jobs

- Batch vs Interactive

Interactive is used when:
- You need to compile code
- You need test runs
- You need access to modules

Modules are not available on the login nodes
bash: module: command not found

`interactive` takes you to a compute node. It is an alias for:

```
$ salloc --job-name=interactive --mem-per-cpu=4GB --nodes=1 --ntasks=1 --time=01:00:00 --account=windfall --partition=windfall
```

Now your prompt includes the compute node hostname:
[chrisreidy@r3u13n1 chrisreidy]$
Job Composer with OnDemand

• Create and monitor your jobs

Jobs
Accessing Software Modules

- Much software is available as “modules”
- 100 Applications from Abaqus to Xcrysden

To see the list:
Either
https://public.confluence.arizona.edu/display/UAHPC/Software+Resources

Or
$ shell
$ ocelote
$ interactive
$ module avail
Accessing Software with OnDemand

Please NOTE: "windfall" jobs will be restarted or terminated without notice if pre-empted by a "standard queue.

OPEN OnDemand

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Pinned Apps A featured subset of all available apps

ABAQUS GUI
System Installed App

ANSYS Workbench GUI
System Installed App

Mathematica GUI
System Installed App

MATLAB GUI
System Installed App
Accessing Software with OnDemand

MATLAB GUI (187278)

Host: i0n11.ocelote.hpc.arizona.edu
Created at: 2021-09-22 20:34:37 MST
Time Remaining: 59 minutes
Session ID: 747e44e5-83b4-4515-b737-41147f8502fb

Compression
0 (low) to 9 (high)
Launch MATLAB GUI

Image Quality
0 (low) to 9 (high)
View Only (Share-able Link)
Accessing Software with OnDemand
Accessing Software Command Line

- `$ ocelote`
- `$ interactive`
- `r3u11n1 $ module avail`
- `r3u11n1 $ module avail python`
- `r3u11n1 $ module load python/3.8`
- `r3u11n2 $ $ python3`
- `Python 3.8.2 (default, Mar 16 2021, 17:11:14)`
- `[GCC 8.3.0] on linux`
- Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
- `>>> import numpy as np`
- `>>> quit()`
Accessing Software Command Line

What modules do:

- Set your command path:
  - `$ echo $PATH`

- Set your library path:
  - `$ echo $LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

Try this from a compute node:
- `$ which freesurfer`
- `$ module load freesurfer`
- `$ which freesurfer`

Now try the two `echo` commands
module command options

Loading / Unloading commands:
- `add` or `load` modulefile [...] Load modulefile(s)
- `rm` or `unload` modulefile [...] Remove modulefile(s)
- `purge` Unload all loaded modulefiles
- `reload` or `refresh` Unload then load all loaded modulefiles
- `switch` or `swap` [mod1] mod2 Unload mod1 and load mod2

Listing / Searching commands:
- `list` [...] [-t|-l] List loaded modules
- `avail` [-d|-L] [-t|-l] [mod ...] List all or matching available modules
- `aliases` List all module aliases
- `whatis` [modulefile ...] Print whatis information of modulefile(s)
- `apropos` | `keyword` | `search` str Search all name and whatis containing str
Getting help

• HPC documentation docs.hpc.arizona.edu

• Support ticket
  https://uarizona.service-now.com/sp?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=2983102adbd23c109627d90d689619c6&sysparm_category=84d3d1acdbc8f4109627d90d6896191f

• Office Hours
  https://gather.town/app/dVsAprPNBVml9NpL/hpc-office-hours

• HPC consulting
  hpc-consult@list.arizona.edu

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