HPC Induction

Part III: Software

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 - Inter-Process Communication
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VIRTUALISATION

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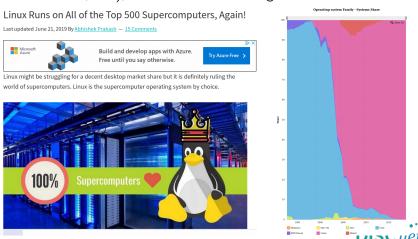
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- For a tutorial on how to use Linux (or Unix), please see:

Linux Induction Lecture [Link]

(it is **ESSENTIAL** that you know these very few basics BEFORE you start working on the system, especially if you are using the command-line interfaces (CLI))

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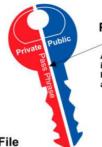


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Associated with the key is a Pass Phrase. It is mandatory to use a Pass Phrase.

Private Key File Public Key File

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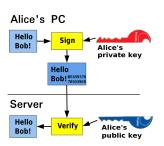


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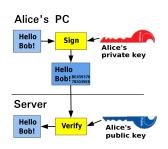


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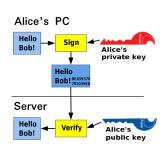


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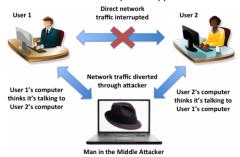
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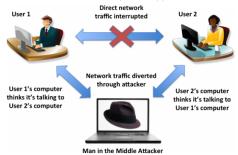
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- Alternatively, you can use the SFTP protocol, either via CLI tools or using GUI-based tools (e.g. many Linux file managers support in natively, FileZilla on Windows)

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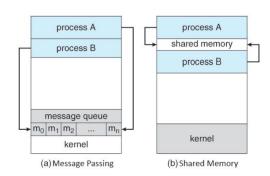


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Two models of IPC

Message Passing - communication takes place by means of messages exchanged between the cooperating process.

Shared Memory - a region of memory that is shared by cooperating processes is established then exchange information takes place by reading and writing data to the shared area



MUCH more on this on Day 2 & 3 !!



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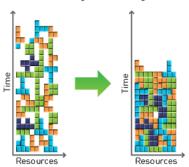


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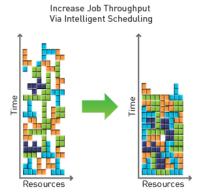
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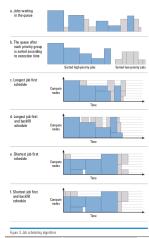


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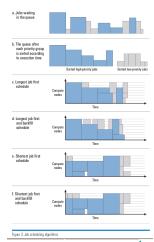


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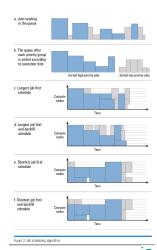


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- The waiting time can be substantial and any loss of your ssh connection to the login node would results in loss of the allocation (request). You can use e.g. screen to prevent that (see exercises).

```
$ screen -S my_useful_name
[user@artemis-login-0 ~]$ srun --pty bash
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#SBATCH --partition=discnet
#SBATCH --nodes=4
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#SBATCH --time=1:00
module purge
module load system
echo "$SLURM JOB NODELIST #: $SLURM NTASKS"
hostname
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#SBATCH --nodes=4
                                             == sriin
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- Make sure to wrap your commands into srun if you want them to run on any other than the login node (actually, nothing but VERMISC net light-weight tasks should be run without srun)

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```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=test_threading
#SBATCH --output=test threading.log.%i
#SBATCH --partition=discnet
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4
#SBATCH --time=1:00
module purge
module load system
echo "#: $SLURM NTASKS *: $SLURM CPUS PER TASK"
export OMP NUM THREADS = $SLURM CPUS PER TASK
echo "=="
./test threading
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 (i.e. make it easier to manage output file from multiple submissions
 of the same script)

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```
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module load intel_comp/2019.2
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echo $SLURM JOB NODELIST
echo "#: $SLURM_NTASKS *: $SLURM_NTASKS"
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- it also helps to keep the scheduler/queues not being overwhelmed by 100s of single submissions/job requests

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# Wait for jobs to complete successfully
sbatch --depend=afterok:123 my.job

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You can create complex dependencies by combining conditions e.g.

```
# Wait for specific jobs to be started and another to fail
sbatch --depend=after:123:126,afternotok:125 my.job
```



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There are many additional arguments that can be passed to the resource manager:

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- Logging:
 - --error=<filename> Instruct Slurm to connect stderr directly to the file specified (by default same as --output)
 - --mail-type=<type> Requests notifications by email to user address stored in system)

slurm: Resources/Accounting (sinfo)

 The command sinfo lists the nodes and their states belonging to the various partitions (aka queues) of the computational resources.

```
[ischewts@loginl(sciama)] ~1$ sinfo
PARTITION
             AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES STATE NODELIST
sciama4.q
                     infinite
                                         mix node304
sciama4.d
                     infinite
                                      alloc node[300-303.308-311]
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                                        idle node[305-307]
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                                     alloc node[313-314]
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                     infinite
                                  12 idle node[316-327]
                                   1 drain* node125
sciama2.q*
                     infinite
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sciama2.g*
                     infinite
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                     infinite
                                   1 drain node200
sciama3.q
                     infinite
                                        mix node[201-212,225-228]
sciama3.d
                     infinite
                                  16 alloc node[213-224,229-232]
sciama3.q
                                      idle node[233-247]
himem.a
                     infinite
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rsml.a
                     infinite
                                        mix node[190-191]
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```

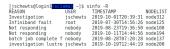


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 There are various states, nodes can be in: e.g. alloc/mixed/idle, drng/drain/down; For the latter, reasons are provided





slurm: Resources/Accounting (sacct)

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[[jschewts	@loginl(sciana)						state,time,	start,er	nd,elapsed,MaxR						
	User	JobID	JobName	Partition	State	Timelimit		Sta	-t	End	Elapsed	MaxRSS	MaxVMSize	NNodes	NCPUS	NodeList
-																
		1135959	starccm	sciana4.q	RUNNING	2-00:00:00	2019-1	0-22T15:17:	11	Unknown	1-02:14:01			1	8	node388
		1135959.0	bash		RUNNING		2019-1	0-22T15:17:	10	Unknown	1-02:13:32			1	8	node300
	1000	1153763	starccm	sciana4.q			2019-1	0-23T14:44:	31 2019-	10-23T14:47:47				1	8	node308
		1153763.bat+	batch		CANCELLED		2019-1	0-23T14:44:	31 2019	10-23T14:47:48	00:03:17	7492K	414884K	1	8	node308
		1153763.8	bash		CANCELLED					10-23T14:47:47		375156K	3085040K	1	8	node308
		1153770	starccm	sciana4.q			2019-1	0-23T14:47:	31 2019-	10-23T14:49:59				1	8	node308
		1153770.bat+	batch		CANCELLED		2019-1	0-23T14:47:	31 2019	10-23T14:50:00	00:02:29	7496K	414884K	1	8	node308
		1153770.0	bash		CANCELLED					10-23T14:50:00		356672K	3975998K	1	8	node308
		1153778	starccm	sciana4.q	COMPLETED	2-00:00:00	2019-1	0-23T14:50:	32 2019-	10-23T14:50:24				1	8	node308
		1153778.bat+	batch		COMPLETED		2019-1	0-23T14:50:	32 2019	10-23T14:50:24	00:00:22	1360K	157252K	1	8	node308
		1153778.0	bash		COMPLETED					10-23T14:50:24		1152K	225628K	1	8	node308
		1153805	starccm	sciana4.q			2019-1	0-23T14:53:	32 2019-	10-23T14:53:24				1	8	node308
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		1153805.0	bash		COMPLETED					10-23T14:53:24		1148K	225628K	1	8	node308
		1153825	starcom	sciana4 o	COMPLETED	2-88-88-88	2819-1	0.23T15:08:	24 2010.	18-23T15-88-38	88-88-26			1	8	node389



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[is-	chewts	@loginl(sciama)	~]s sacct	format=U	Jser, JobID,	Jobname, pa	tition,	state,time,st	art,end,elapse	d, MaxRs	ss,MaxVMSize,	nnodes,ncp	us,nodelist	-u		
	User	JobID	JobName	Partition	State	Timelimi		Start		End	Elapsed	MaxRSS	MaxVMSize	NNodes	NCPUS	NodeList
	-	1135959	starccm	sciana4.q	RUNNING	2-00:00:01	2019-1	0-22T15:17:11	U	nknown	1-02:14:01			1	8	node300
		1135959.0	bash		RUNNING		2019-10	0-22T15:17:46	U	nknown	1-02:13:32			1	8	node300
	-	1153763	starccm	sciana4.q	CANCELLED+	2-80:80:81	2019-1	0-23T14:44:31	2019-10-23T14	:47:47	00:03:16			1	8	node308
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		1153770.0	bash		CANCELLED		2019-10	0-23T14:47:52	2019-10-23T14	:50:00	88:02:08	356672K	3975998K	ī	8	node388
	_	1153778	starccm	sciana4.q	COMPLETED	2-80:80:81	2019-1	0-23T14:50:02	2019-10-23T14	:50:24	00:00:22			1	8	node308
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• on public HPC framework, this accounting is used to keep track/limit resource usage for charging users/project



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User	JobID	JobName	Partition	State	Tinelimit		Start		End	Elapsed	MaxRSS	MaxVMSize	NNodes	NCPUS	NodeList
1000	1135959	starccm	sciana4.q	RUNNING	2-80:80:88	2019-1	0-22T15:17:11		Unknown	1-02:14:01			1	8	node300
	1135959.0	bash		RUNNING		2019-1	0-22T15:17:46	1	Unknown	1-02:13:32			1	8	node300
10000	1153763	starcom	sciana4.q	CANCELLED+	2-80:80:88	2019-1	0-23T14:44:31	2019-10	-23T14:47:47	00:03:16			1	8	node308
	1153763.bat+	batch		CANCELLED		2019-1	0-23T14:44:31	2019-10	-23T14:47:48	00:03:17	7492K	414884K	1	8	node308
	1153763.0	bash		CANCELLED			0-23T14:44:54			00:02:53	375156K	3085040K	ī	8	node308
10000	1153770	starcom	sciana4.q	CANCELLED+	2-80:80:88	2019-1	0-23T14:47:31	2019-10	-23T14:49:59	00:02:28			1	8	node308
	1153770.bat+	batch		CANCELLED		2019-1	0-23T14:47:31	2019-10	-23T14:50:00	88:82:29	7496K	414884K	1	8	node308
	1153770.0	bash		CANCELLED		2019-1	8-23T14:47:52	2019-10	-23T14:50:00	88:82:88	356672K	3975998K	1	8	node388
T-continue.	1153778	starcom	sciana4.q	COMPLETED	2-80:80:88	2019-1	0-23T14:50:02	2019-10	-23T14:50:24	80:80:22			ī	8	node308
	1153778.bat+	batch		COMPLETED		2019-1	0-23T14:50:02	2019-10	-23T14:50:24	88:88:22	1360K	157252K	1	8	node308
	1153778.0	bash		COMPLETED		2019-1	0-23T14:50:22	2019-10	-23T14:50:24	88:88:82	1152K	225628K	1	8	node388
T-continue.	1153805	starcom	sciana4.q	COMPLETED	2-80:80:88	2019-1	0-23T14:53:02	2019-10	-23T14:53:24	80:80:22			ī	8	node308
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	1153805.0	bash		COMPLETED		2019-1	0-23T14:53:22	2019-10	-23T14:53:24	88:88:82	1148K	225628K	1	8	node388
Continue	1153825	starcom	sciana4.q	COMPLETED	2-00:00:00	2019-1	0-23T15:08:04	2019-10	-23T15:08:30	00:00:26			ī	8	node389

- on public HPC framework, this accounting is used to keep track/limit resource usage for charging users/project
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```
export CFLAGS="-I<INSTALL PATH>/include $CFLAGS"

or
export LDFLAGS="-L<LIB PATH> -W1,-rpath=<LIB PATH> $LDFLAGS"
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 if you want to have certain modules loaded by default, simply modify the .modules in your home directory accordingly (do NOT use any of these module commands within your .bashrc or .bash_profile)



Modules: Artemis

 Artemis uses LMod (i.e. Lua-based reimplementation of original TCL/L-based module system)

```
[3x23x78artenis-login-0 -]5 module av
gmu2/12.2.0 hulos/2.11.1 (D) libfabric/1.18.0 os pesi/6.0.0 peix/4.2.9 prm/1.2 usc/1.17.0

ARMY/2380.0 CCCccre-11.2.0 Open9P/1.4.8.6 CCC 33.3.6 graff/1.22.4 CCCccre-11.2.0 open9P/1.4.1.1.6 CC 32.3.0 graff/1.22.4 CCCccre-11.2.0 open9P/1.4.1.1.6 CC 32.3.0 graff/1.22.4 CCCccre-11.2.0 open9P/1.4.1.4 CCC 32.3.0 graff/1.22.4 CCCccre-12.2.0 open9P/1.4.1.4 CCC 32.3.0 graff/1.22.4 CCCccre-12.3.0 graff/1.23.4 CCCccre-12.3.0 openP/1.4.1.4 CCC 32.3.0 graff/1.23.4 CCCccre-12.3.0 graff/1.23.4 CCCccre-13.3.0 graff/1.2
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