

Some Odds and Ends About Computational Infrastructure

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Computing Infrastructures

- Local Laptop/Desktop – Short jobs with small data
- Local Cluster – Larger jobs and larger data but subject to availability
- HPC – Prime performance with parallelized code
- HTC – Sustained computing over a long period for serialized workflows
- Cloud – Need deeper permission on an OS and/or have deeper pockets

Some Examples of Academic CIs Worldwide

- HTC
 - EGI (formally European Grid Initiative)
 - OSG (Open Science Grid)
 - ASGI (Asia Pacific Grid Initiative)
 - NorduGrid
 - Earth System Grid (ESG)
 - Many other regional and national infrastructures



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- HPC
 - XSEDE (eXtreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment)
 - PRACE (Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe)
 - Compute Canada
 - Greek Research and Technology Network (GRNET)
 - Centre for HPC (South Africa)
 - NCC (Brazil)



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- Cloud
 - EGI Federated Cloud
 - NeCTaR – National eResearch Collaboration Tools and Resources
 - Jetstream (Part of XSEDE)
 - SwissACC (Swiss Academic Computing Cloud)
 - Many other national cloud infrastructures



What happens when you go home?

- DOSAR: Distributed Organization for Scientific and Academic Research
- If you want long-term OSG access, you can request membership in the DOSAR Project at <https://osgconnect.net>
- Choose “Sign Up” and read AUP
- Fill out form and use DOSAR as Project (Group)



- <https://sciencegateways.org/>
- Abstract complex cyberinfrastructure from researchers
- Behind Web UI or Client
- Provide Consulting and Development Effort in Gateway Creation



Apache Airavata

- <https://airavata.apache.org/>
- Software framework that enables you to compose, manage, execute, and monitor large scale applications and workflows.
- Distributed computing resources such as local clusters, supercomputers, computational grids, and computing clouds.



Other Things to Consider

- Join ACM SIGHPC RCE
- Join and RDA IG/WG
- Just like DMP you should consider computational resources during the planning stages of your research
- If you develop code, use static analysis tools (<https://continuousassurance.org/>)
- Pass on to your colleagues and collaborators the things you've learned



Questions?

- Questions? Comments?
 - Feel free to ask me questions now or later:
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Exercises start here:

<https://opensciencegrid.org/dosar/Trieste2019/Materials/>

Presentations are also available from this URL.

