

Introduction to Supercomputing

How to Use an HPC Machine

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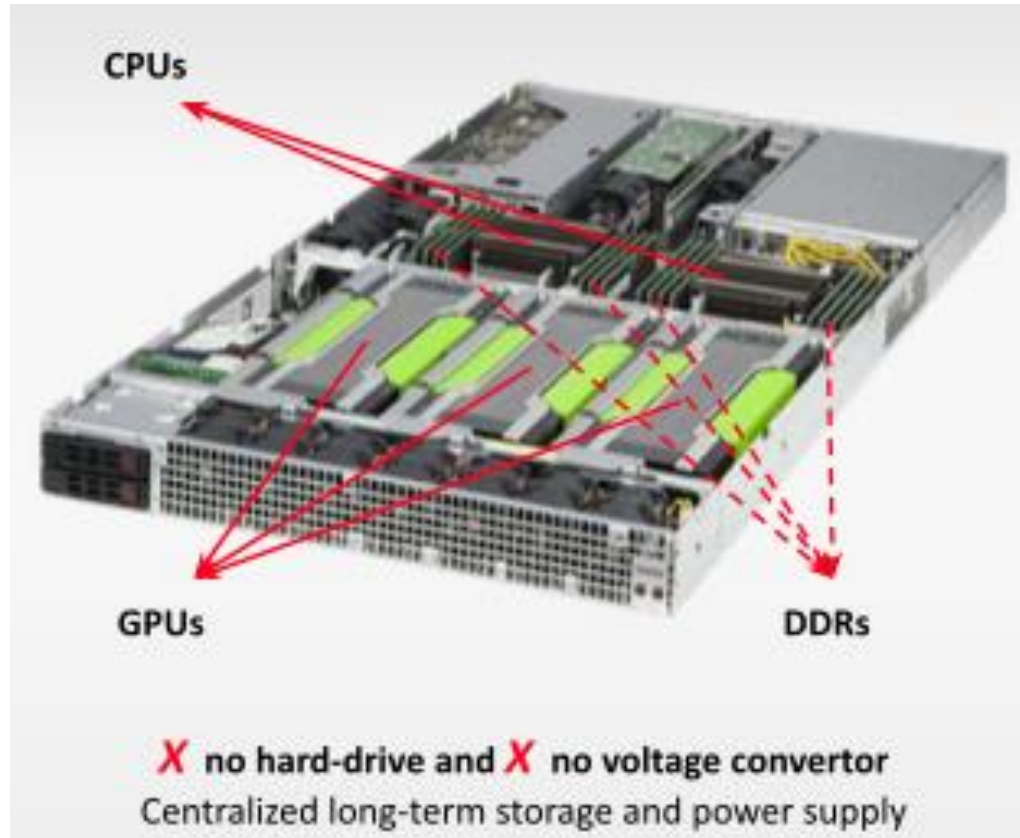


What is a Supercomputer?





Compute Node



vs

Desktop

A node is
~5x faster
than a desktop





Inside a Supercomputer



Compute Node



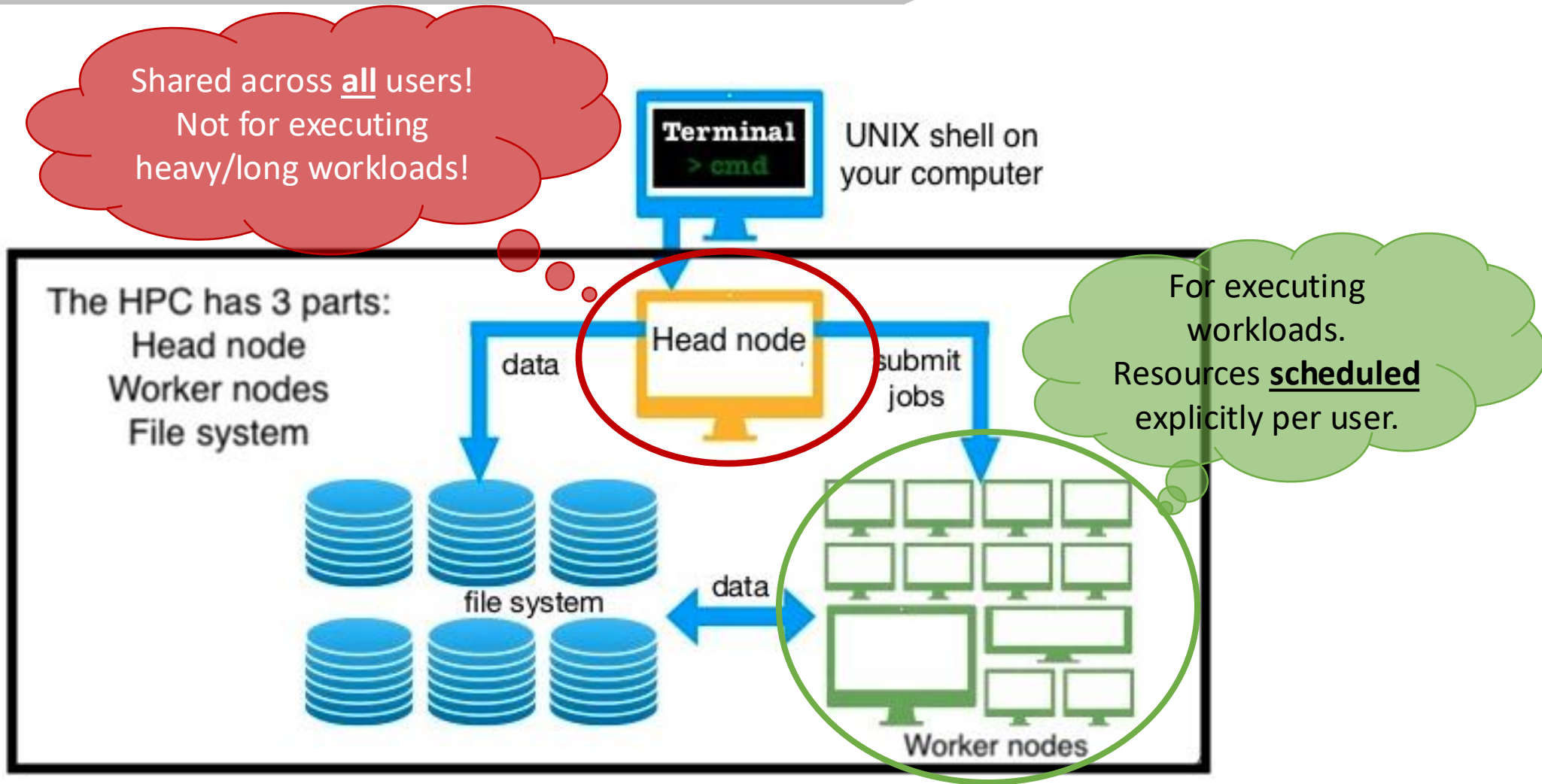
Rack



Supercomputer



The Cluster Architecture





Linux/Mac:

Open a new Terminal Session.

In `~/ .ssh` directory create a `config` file:

```
$ cd ~/.ssh  
$ vim config
```

Configure file as shown in image. **Note** you will need to change the `User` field to your own and `IdentityFile` to the path of your ssh key generated for the hackathon.

Windows:

Open a new PowerShell.

In `<path\to\home>\.ssh` directory create a `config` file.

Remove any extension (e.g., `.txt`) from the `config` file!

Open file and configure file as shown in image.

Note you will need to change the `User` field to your own and `IdentityFile` to the path of your ssh key generated for the hackathon.

```
≡ config  
1  Host *  
2      AddKeysToAgent yes  
3  
4  Host cyclone  
5      Hostname cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy  
6      User hack24cs1  
7      IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa  
8      ForwardAgent yes
```



Linux/Mac/Windows:

Open a Terminal Session.

```
$ ssh cyclone
```

If that didn't work, possibly `config` wasn't picked up. Try:

```
$ ssh-add <path/to/ssh/key>
```

```
$ ssh <Username>@cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy
```

Windows:

If you have created your key using puTTY you will need to save it using the **OpenSSH format**.

More on <https://hpcf.cyi.ac.cy/documentation/login.html>

```
o cstyl@cstyl-2:~$ ssh cyclone
```

NONE of the data on this system is backed up. Please keep backups of valuable files at alternative locations. Maintaining backups is the sole responsibility of the user.

Welcome to the Cyclone HPC system!

- System Documentation: <https://hpcf.cyi.ac.cy/documentation/index.html>
- Support: Email to hpc.support@cyi.ac.cy or open a ticket here: <https://hpcf-support.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/3>
- Use "module avail" and "module load" to list/use available software
- You can now use the "qhist" command to check your project's usage
- Utilize --reservation=short for 1-hour jobs on specific nodes during work hours for no queue time

```
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$
```




Definition:

- Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management (SLURM) is an open-source **job scheduler** used in Linux clusters **to manage and allocate resources**.

Key Features:

- Job scheduling and management.
- Resource allocation.
- Monitoring and accounting.

Basic Workflow:

1. **Submit a Job:** Use `sbatch` to submit a job script.
2. **Monitor a Job:** Use `squeue` to view job status.
3. **Job Completion:** Job finishes and results are available.



Category	Command	Action
Job Submission	<code>sbatch <job_script></code>	Submit a batch job
	<code>srun <command></code>	Run a command in parallel
Job Monitoring	<code>squeue</code>	View queued jobs
	<code>squeue --user=\$USER</code>	View MY queued jobs
	<code>scontrol show job <job_id></code>	Detailed job info
Job Management	<code>scancel <job_id></code>	Cancel a job
	<code>scontrol hold <job_id></code>	Hold a job
	<code>scontrol release <job_id></code>	Release a held job
Resource Allocation	<code>sinfo</code>	Information about nodes and partitions
	<code>scontrol show node <node_id></code>	Show Node details



An Example Job Script – launch_hackathon.sub

```
#!/bin/bash -l
```

```
#SBATCH --job-name=hackathon
#SBATCH --partition=gpu # Partition
#SBATCH --nodes=1 # Number of nodes
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:1 # Number of GPUs
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1 # Number of tasks
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=10
#SBATCH --output=~/.slurm-output/job.%j.out # Stdout (%j=jobId)
#SBATCH --error=~/.slurm-output/job.%j.err # Stderr (%j=jobId)
#SBATCH --time=24:00:00 # Walltime
#SBATCH -A hackathon # Accounting project
#SBATCH --reservation=hackathon
```

One GPU per team!

```
# Load any necessary modules
module load CUDA
nvidia-modprobe -c 0 -u
```

Reservation to get
jobs through faster!

```
# Launch the executable exe.out
srun aptainer run --writable-tmpfs --nv \
-B /nvme/scratch/hackathon/ollama_models:/nvme/scratch/hackathon/ollama_models \
/nvme/scratch/hackathon/hackathon.sif
```



Only one user: Launch the job from Cyclone:

```
$ cd ~/
$ sbatch hackathon/launch_hackathon.sub
sbatch: Jobs under the 'hackathon' reservation will have the GPU
option set to 1.
Submitted batch job 968110
```

Check job status. After a while the status (ST) should be set to running (R):

```
$ queue --user=$USER
JOBID PARTITION NAME USER ST TIME NODES NODELIST(...)
968110 gpu hackatho hack24cs R 0:00 1 gpu03
```

Once the job starts running, a `connection_info.txt` should appear in your `$HOME` directory containing info to:

- Setup SSH tunneling
- URL for accesing notebook on your browser
 - Password
- Model endpoint.

```
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$ sbatch hackathon/launch_hackathon.sub
sbatch: Jobs under the 'hackathon' reservation will have the GPU option set to 1.
Submitted batch job 968110
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$ queue --user=$USER
      JOBID PARTITION   NAME     USER ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
      968110      gpu hackatho hack24cs  R        0:02      1  gpu03
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$ ls
hackathon job.968110.err job.968110.out jupyter.log ollama.log
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$ ls
connection_info.txt job.968110.err jupyter.log
hackathon          job.968110.out ollama.log
[hack24cs1@front02 ~]$ cat connection_info.txt
=====
Run this command to connect on your jupyter notebooks remotely
ssh -N -J hack24cs1@cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy hack24cs1@gpu03 -L 23239:localhost:23239
=====

Jupyter Notebook is running at: http://localhost:23239
Password to access the notebook: YuZpYX53cpLWW4ME
Ollama is serving models on: http://gpu03:23229
=====
```

URL &
Password

SSH
Tunneling

Model
Endpoint



Launching a Jupyter Notebook on Cyclone – SSH Tunneling

- Launch a new terminal session

```
$ ssh -N -J <Username>@cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy <username>@gpu03 -L 23239:localhost:23239
```

- If prompted about establishing authenticity of the host, press "Y" and enter.

```
[cstyl@cstyl-2:~$ ssh -N -J hack24cs1@cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy hack24cs1@gpu03 -L 23239:localhost:23239
[The authenticity of host 'gpu03 (<no hostip for proxy command>)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:sLgZ1EDZEwruWtCE5dZ2T0y2Q2o6HiKiE5l5jk0s2Yg.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:7: front02.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:34: cyclone.hpcf.cyi.ac.cy
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:35: sim01
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'gpu03' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
```



- After the SSH Tunnel has been established, open your browser and enter the link and password to Jupyter Notebook. E.g.,:
 - `http://localhost:23239`
 - `YuZpYX53cpLWW4ME`

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the Jupyter Notebook interface. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost'. The Jupyter interface includes a menu bar (File, View, Settings, Help) and a file browser. The file browser shows a list of files and folders in the root directory.

Name	Last Modified	File Size
hackathon	yesterday	
connection_info.txt	19 minutes ago	465 B
job.968110.err	20 minutes ago	0 B
job.968110.out	19 minutes ago	465 B
jupyter.log	10 seconds ago	4.9 KB
ollama.log	16 minutes ago	19.3 KB



Launching a Jupyter Notebook on Cyclone – Test

- Open hackathon > example.ipynb
- Run first three cells to prompt your local LLM!
 - First time it runs might take a while until it loads the model.
- Share with each team member the URL and Password to open the model on their own browser!

```
jupyter example

File Edit View Run Kernel Settings Help

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JupyterLab Python 3 (ipykernel) notebook is read-only

▼ Configure Ollama for inference

• [3]: import os

OLLAMA_ENDPOINT="http://gpu03:23229"
os.environ['OLLAMA_HOST']=OLLAMA_ENDPOINT

[4]: from langchain_community.chat_models import ChatOllama

local_llm = "gemma2:27b"
num_ctx=25000
llm = ChatOllama(model=local_llm, base_url=OLLAMA_ENDPOINT, temperature=0, num_ctx=num_ctx)

Prompt your local LLM

[5]: from langchain_core.messages import AIMessage

messages = [
    (
        "system",
        "You are a helpful assistant that translates English to French. Translate the user sentence. Don't respond in json",
    ),
    ("human", "I love programming. Tell me if you also love programming"),
]
ai_msg = llm.invoke(messages)
ai_msg.pretty_print()

===== Ai Message =====

J'adore programmer. Oui, j'aime beaucoup programmer ! C'est très gratifiant de pouvoir créer des choses avec du code.

What do you like to program?
```



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