

# **Lecture 0: Course Introduction & Slurm Intro**

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# 01 About this Course

# Course Information

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




# SCHEDULE



Tue

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3/11	Week 4	 Course Introduction && Slurm Intro	@atseng
3/18	Week 5	 OpenMP Intro	@atseng
3/25	Week 6	 Lecture 1 What's ROCm ( HW 1 announcement )	@atseng
4/1	Week 7	期中週	
4/8	Week 8	期中週	
4/15	Week 9	 Lecture 2 GPU basic parallel programming && HIP intro	@atseng
4/22	Week 10	AMD Invited Lecture (HW1 deadline 4/19)	
4/29	Week 11	 Lecture 3 Deep into Memory	@atseng
5/6	Week 12	 Lecture 4 Advanced skill in HIP	@atseng
5/13	Week 13	 Lecture 5 Profiling & Optimization	@atseng
5/20	Week 14	Final Presentation	@atseng
5/27	Week 15	期末週	
6/3	Week 16	期末週	

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GPU Programming Training Program

## What You Can Learn

Memory management

GPU Kernels for Parallel Execution

HIP programming model

Basic Knowledge of AMD GPU Architecture  
(RDNA 3)

Synchronize CPU and GPU Workloads

Profiling & Optimization Skills, etc.

# 02 What is Slurm



# Slurm Intro

**Slurm = Simple Linux Utility for Resource Manager**



**An Open-source resource management and job scheduling system**

## **Slurm's Mission**

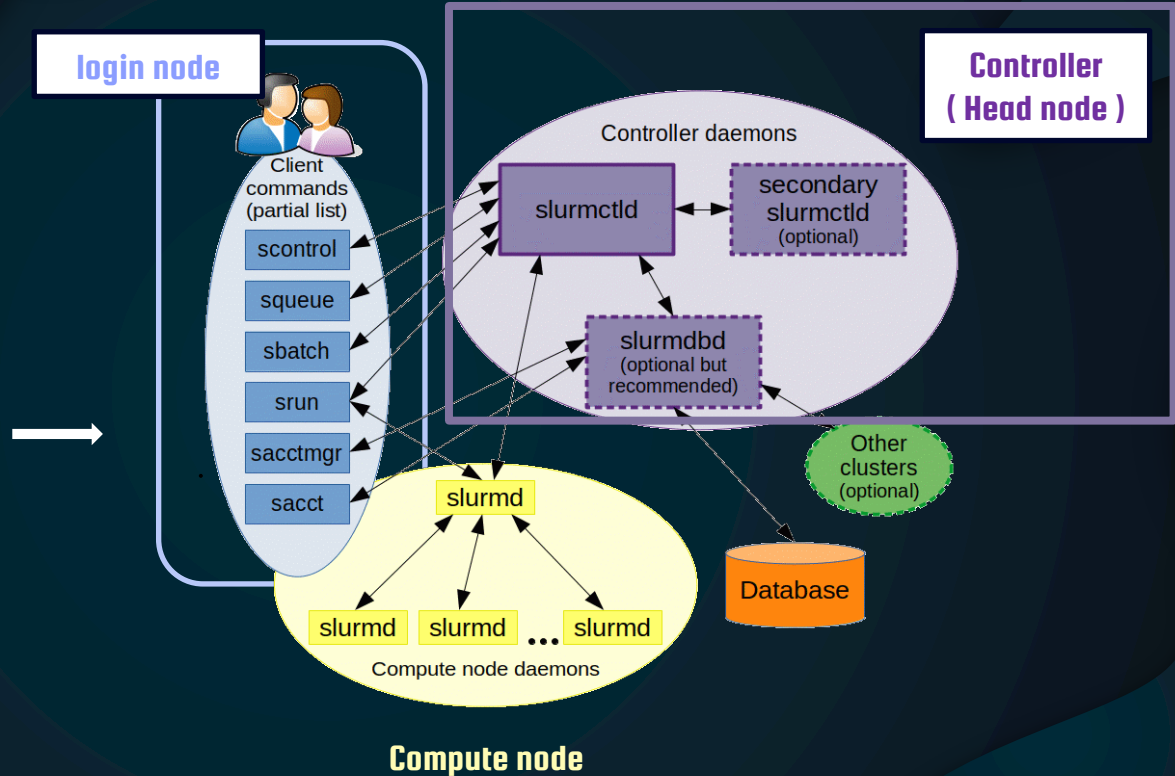
- **Resource Management: Allocates designated computing resources to users.**
- **Job Scheduling: Allows resources to be allocated based on priority.**

# Slurm Architecture



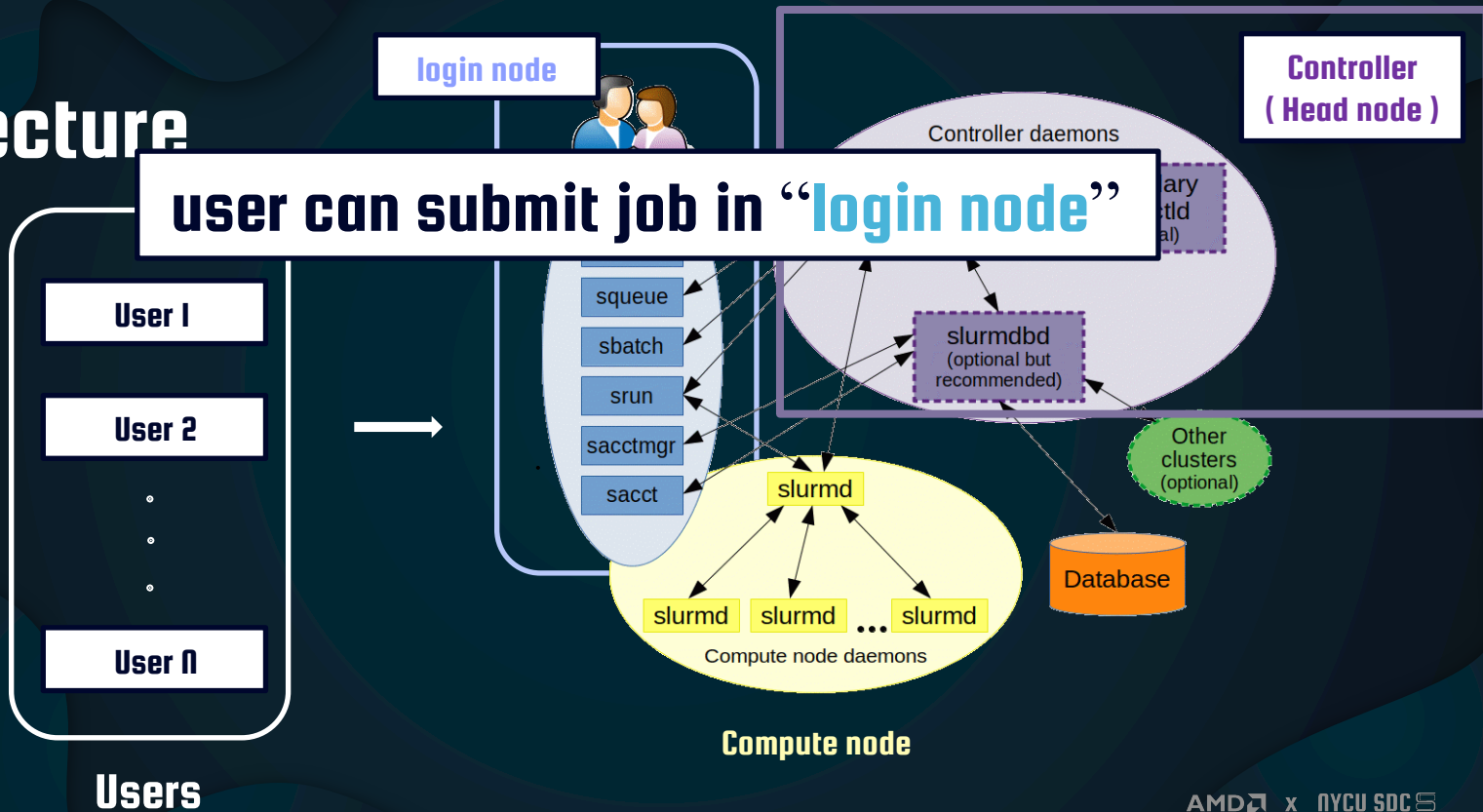
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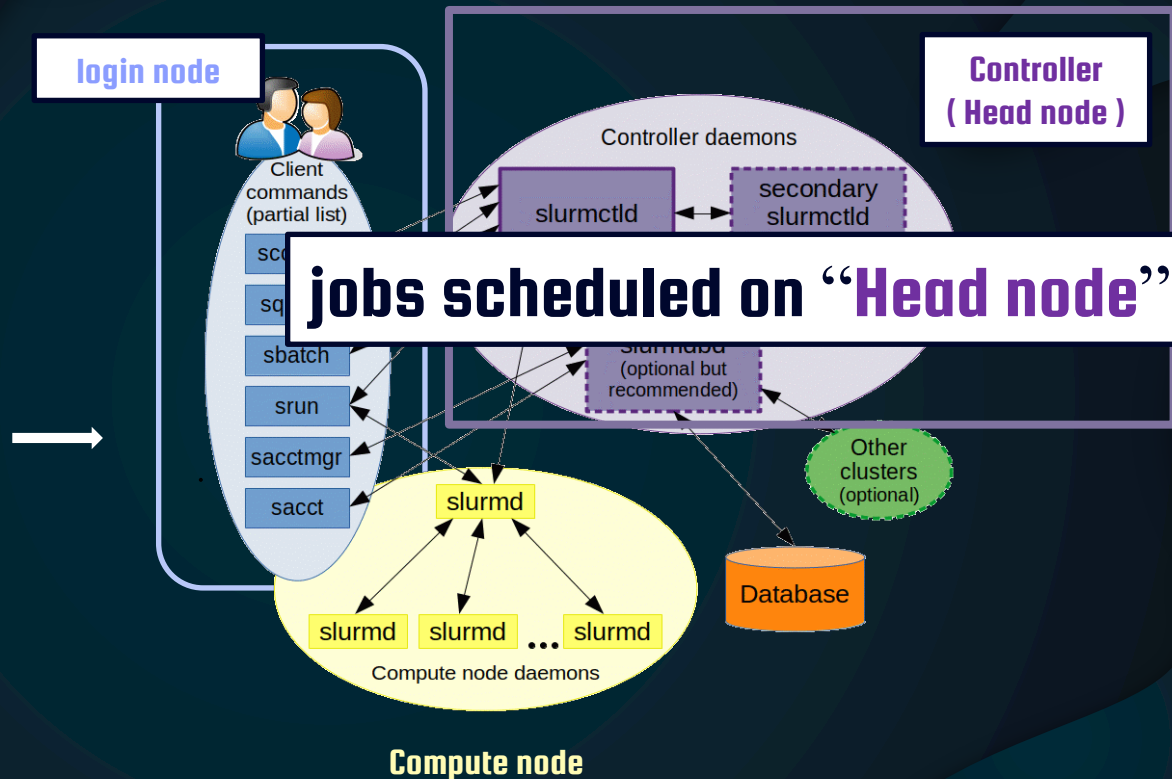


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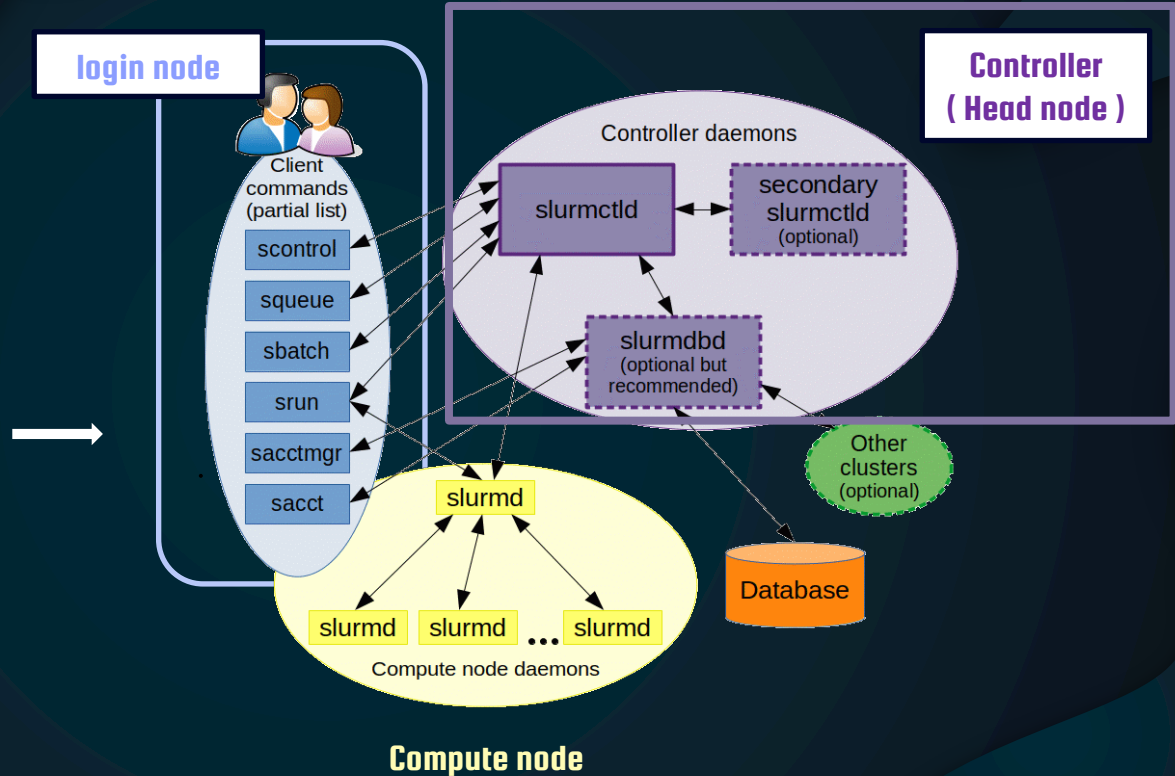
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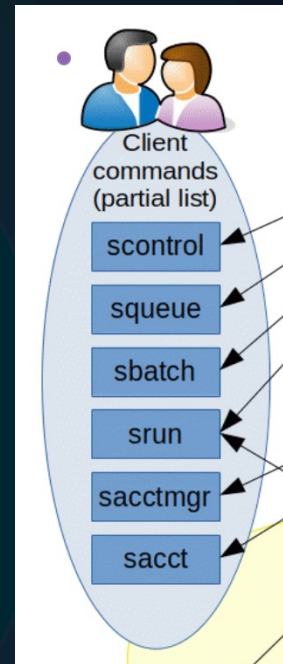


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# Login Node

- Provides users with an **entry point** to log in to the cluster (via SSH)
- **Job Submission** ( sbatch, salloc, and srun )
- Provides basic **resource queries** (sinfo...)

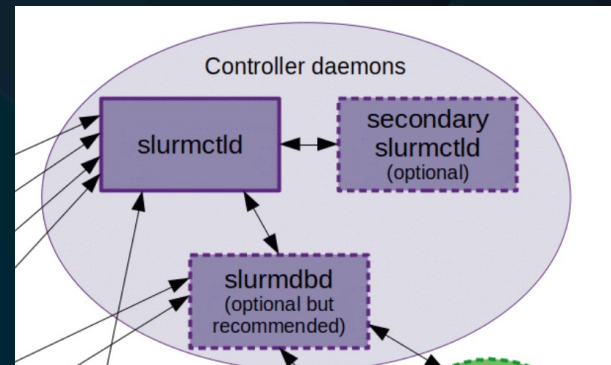
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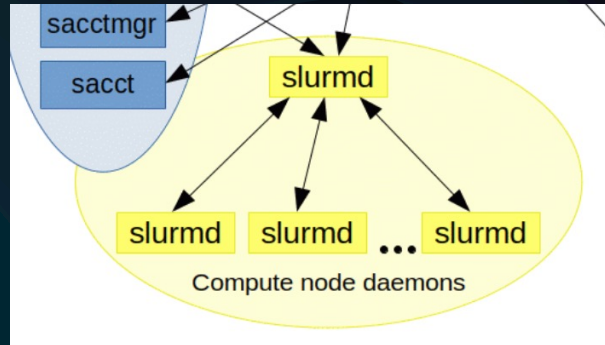
# Controller Node (head node) ( master node)

- Serves as the **central management hub** of the cluster.
- Handling **job scheduling, resource allocation**.
- Maintains **communication with compute nodes, monitoring their health, job execution status, and resource usage**.
- Handles **node failures, job errors, and recovery events to ensure the stability and smooth operation of the cluster**.



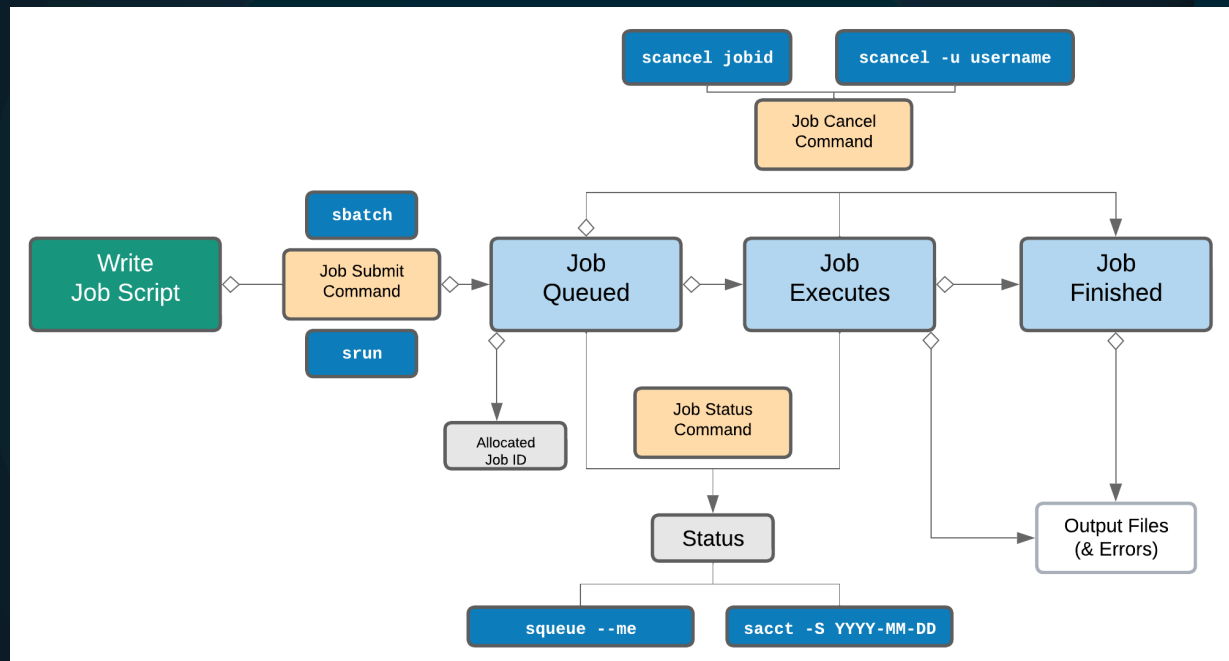
# Compute Node

- The actual compute resources for executing jobs .
- Runs the **Slurm execution daemon (slurmd)**, which accepts job tasks from the **controller node** and manages the job's runtime execution.
- Executes job steps as directed by the controller node, allocating CPU, memory, disk, and other resources as required.
- Sends job completion notifications or error messages to the controller node once a job finishes or encounters issues, aiding in monitoring and logging.





# Life Cycle of a Job



# The things that you should know !

## Job

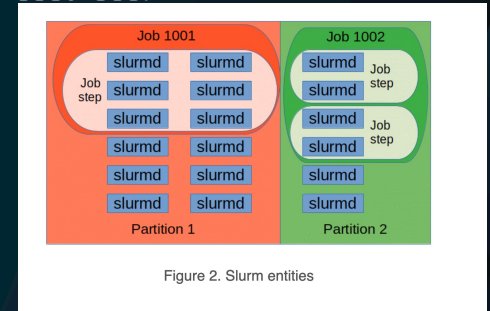
- The **unit submitted** by the user; the unit for which Slurm applies for and allocates resources.
- Represents the work to be **executed on compute nodes**.

## Job Step

- A job can include one or more job steps.
- Typically **consists of job commands**. (sinfo ...)

## Task

- **An instance of a job execution**, serving as the basic unit that performs the actual computation.
- A job step can include one or more tasks.
- Usually corresponds to a **process**. ( one task  $\sim$  = one process run that task)



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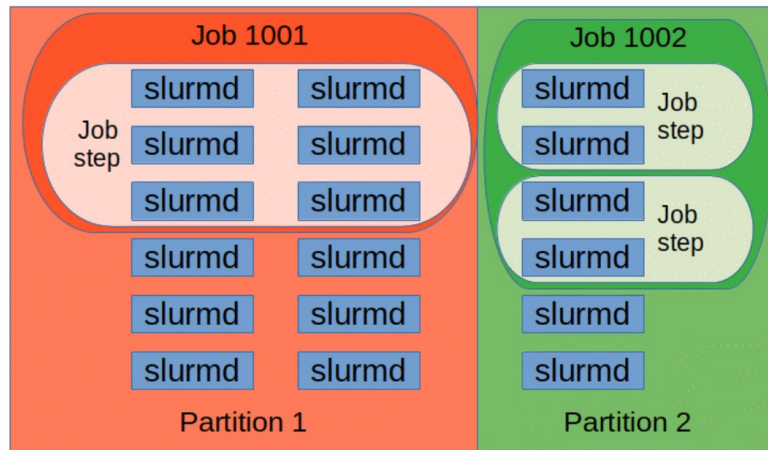


Figure 2. Slurm entities

# The things that you should know !

## Node

- A **compute node** is a node where **slurmd** is installed and correctly configured.
- A node with **slurmctld** installed is known as the **Slurm Master node ( Head node )**.

## Partition/Queue

- A **collection** of multiple nodes **grouped based on hardware configuration**, job runtime, job type, user permissions, etc.
- If compute nodes have different hardware configurations, partitions help users select the appropriate node.
- Each partition has its **unique configuration** and restrictions, such as maximum runtime, **user access limits**, or node count limits.

# The things that you should know !

## Workflow

**Request resources from Slurm. -> Specify resource requirements using parameters.**

**-> Execute the job      -> Run the job within the allocated environment.**

# Common commands (monitor job)

- **sinfo** : Displays the existing nodes and partitions available in the cluster.
- **squeue** : Shows all jobs under Slurm management that are either waiting in the queue or currently running.
- **scontrol** : A management tool used to view and modify Slurm configurations; most commands require root privileges.
- **sacct** : Lists the current state of jobs related to the active account, such as Pending, Running, Completed, Failed, etc.
- **sstat** : Monitors the status of a running job, including details like CPU usage, physical memory consumption, and virtual memory (VM)

# Common commands (Launch jobs)

- **salloc** : Allocates resources for interactive jobs and opens a new shell.

When you exit the shell, the job terminates automatically (be sure to exit!).

( Suitable for development and debugging of computational programs that require frequent testing.)

- **srun** : Directly executes tasks under the Slurm management environment and waits for the command to complete

Can be used with both sbatch (non-interactive) and salloc (interactive)

( Suitable for debugging tasks that require real-time output. )

- **sbatch** : Submits a job in batch mode by specifying resources and commands in a job script.

( Ideal for multi-node computational tasks )

- **scancel** : Used to cancel one or more running jobs.

Specify the job ID to cancel, or use **-u \$USER** to remove all jobs belonging to the current user.

# Parameters

- A, --account : Specify the job's account (wallet) ID.
- p, --partition : Specify the queue (**partition**) to which the job will be submitted.
- J, --job-name : Set the job's name.
- n, --nodes : Specify the **number of nodes** required for the job. partition 內的幾個 node
- n, --ntasks : Specify the total number of tasks for the job.
- c, --cpus-per-task : Specify the number of CPUs required per task.
- o, --output : Specify the path to the output file.
- e, --error : Specify the path to the error output file.



# Parameters

- `--mem` : Specify the memory requirement for each node.
- `--gres` : Request **generic resources**, such as GPUs or Infiniband.
- `--gpus-per-node` : Specify the number of **GPUs required per node**.
- `--pty` : Run the command in terminal mode.
- `-t, --time` : Set the maximum runtime for the job.
- `--exclusive` : Request exclusive access to nodes, ensuring that resources are not shared with other jobs.
- `--constraint` : Request compute nodes with a specific hardware configuration.

# 03 How to launch jobs in Slurm

# Non-interactive Jobs (sbatch)

1. Create a file called { **xxxxxxx.sh** }

2. Using

`sbatch hello_world.sh` to submit job.

```
#!/bin/bash

#SBATCH -A my_account # -A, --account : Specify the job's account (wallet) ID
#SBATCH -p my_partition # -p, --partition : Specify the job queue (partition)
#SBATCH -J HelloWorld # -J, --job-name : Set the job name
#SBATCH -N 1 # -N, --nodes : Specify the number of nodes (1 node)
#SBATCH -n 4 # -n, --ntasks : Specify the total number of tasks (4 tasks)
#SBATCH -c 1 # -c, --cpus-per-task : Specify the number of CPUs per task (1 CPU per task)
#SBATCH -o hello_world.out # -o, --output : Specify the output file path
#SBATCH -e hello_world.err # -e, --error : Specify the error output file path

# Simple operation:
echo "Hello world" to a file named hello_output.txt echo "Hello world" > hello_output.txt
```

# Interactive Jobs ( **srun**, **salloc** )

- Use **salloc** or **srun** to launch jobs through the terminal.

## Interactive Session with Two Separate Commands

### a. Request an interactive allocation using **salloc**:

```
salloc -A my_account -p my_partition -N 1 -n 4 -c 1
```

requests an allocation of 1 node with 4 tasks (each with 1 CPU) under the specified account and partition. Once granted, you'll get an interactive shell on the allocated node(s).

### b. Run the command using **srun**.

```
srun echo "Hello world" > hello_output.txt
```

This runs the command `echo "Hello world"` on the allocated resources and redirects the output to a file named `hello_output.txt`

# Summary

How to submit a **Interactive** job ?

- **salloc { parameters }**
- **srun { parameters } < your program >**

How to submit a **batch** job ?

- write a **job script** ( xxxxx.sh)
- **sbatch { parameters } < your job script >**

# 04 Hands-on time !

**It's your turn!**

# SSH to the login node

```
ssh {user}@{hostname}
```



# Course Reference

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