

# MPI on Cirrus and ARCHER2

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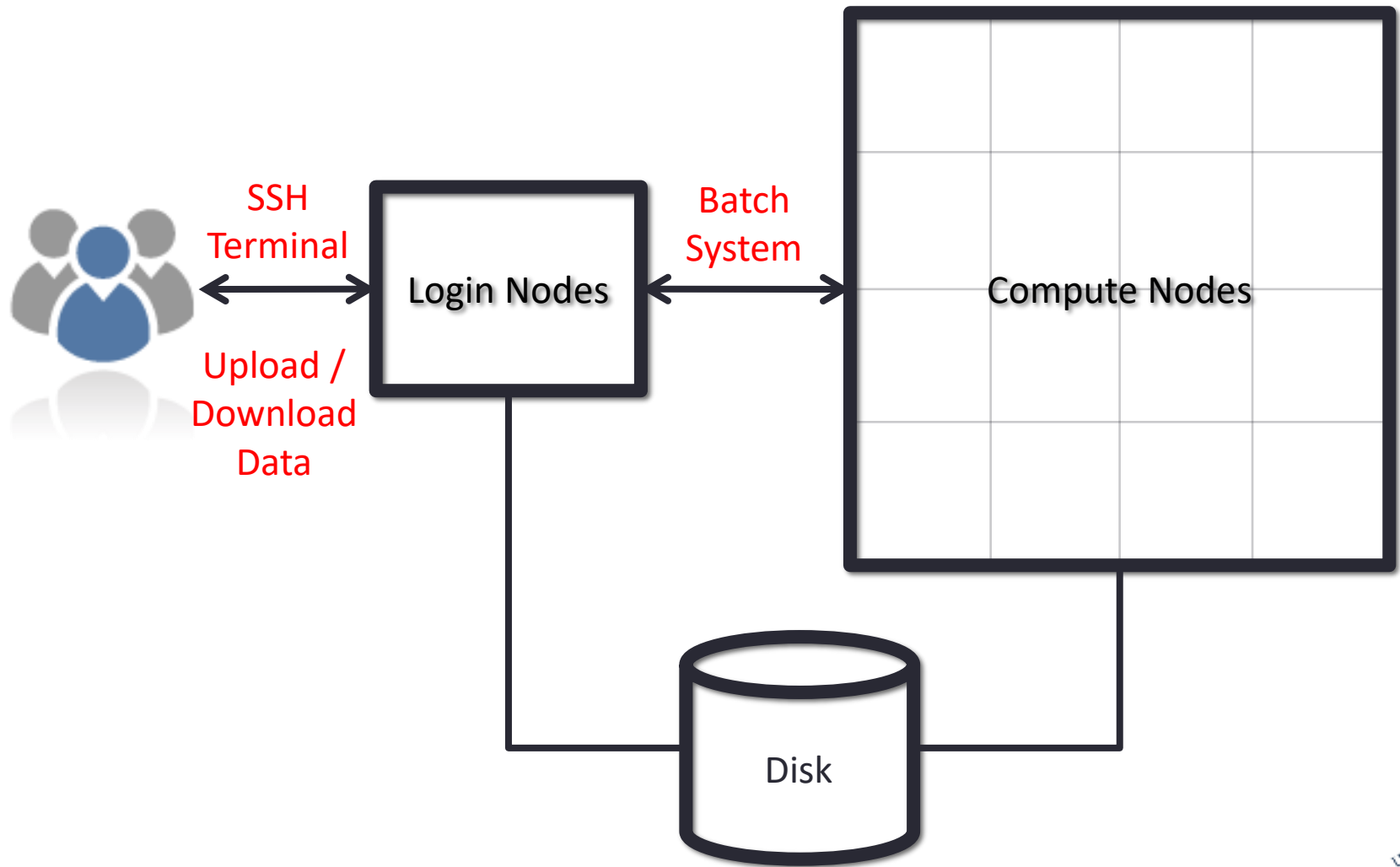
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# Access

- ARCHER2: `ssh -XY user@login.archer2.ac.uk`
- Cirrus: `ssh -XY user@login.cirrus.ac.uk`
- You can access EPCC systems using ssh from anywhere
  - Linux: terminal + command line
  - Mac: Mac terminal + command line + enable an X server (e.g. xquartz) to display any graphics
  - Windows: need to install an ssh program such as MobaXterm
- This gives you access to a login node
  - a few login nodes, users assigned to different nodes depending on system load
  - login nodes shared by all users
  - the many hundreds of compute nodes are accessed exclusively via the SLURM batch system
  - on ARCHER2, MPI programs can only be run on the compute nodes
- Full instructions on access & login in separate document on course web pages

# Typical HPC system layout



# Useful files and templates

- Take a copy of **MPP-templates.tar**
  - see the course web pages
- unpack: **tar -xvf MPP-templates.tar**
- Crib sheets for MPI programs available on course web pages

# Setting up Cirrus environment

- Load the Intel Compilers
  - module load intel-compilers-19
- Load the Message-Passing Toolkit
  - module load mpt
- To automate, add these lines to your “.bash\_profile” file

```
[user@cirrus] emacs -nw ~/.bash_profile
```

# Compiling MPI Programs on Cirrus

- C programmers use: `mpicc -cc=icc`
- C++ programmers use: `mpicxx -cxx=icpc`
- Fortran programmers use: `mpi f90`
- There is nothing magic about these MPI compilers!
  - simply wrappers which automatically include various libraries etc
  - compilation done by standard (e.g. Intel) compilers
    - icc, icpc and ifort
- You can use the supplied Makefiles for convenience
  - `make -f Makefile_c`
  - `make -f Makefile_cc`
  - `make -f Makefile_f90`
- Easiest to make a copy of one of these called “Makefile”
  - also need to change the line “MF=” in the Makefile itself

# Running interactively on Cirrus

- Timings will not be reliable
  - shared with other users, many more processes than processors
  - but **very useful** during development and for debugging
- `mpirun -n 4 ./mpiprogram.exe`
  - runs your code on 4 processes
- NOTE
  - output might be buffered
  - if your program crashes, you may see no output at all
- It *may* help to explicitly flush prints to screen
  - `fflush(stdout);`
  - `FLUSH(6)`



# Running batch jobs on Cirrus

- Run via a batch system
  - Cirrus uses SLURM: you submit a batch script that launches your program
- In **MPP-templates/** is a standard batch script: **cirrusmpi.job**
  - set up to run a program called “hello” on 4 processors
- To run on 4 processors: **sbatch cirrusmpi.job**
  - runs executable called “hello”
  - output will appear in a file called **hello-XXXX.out**
  - errors will appear in a file called **hello-XXXX.err**
  - can follow job progress using **squeue** or **squeue -u <user>**
  - e.g. if your username is s1234567 use: **squeue -u s1234567**
  - full instructions included as comments in the template
- MSc students should alter charging: dc134 -> dc134-user
  - e.g. **#SBATCH --account=d134-s1234567**

# Cirrus idiosyncrasies

- By default, MPI wrappers are not in your path

```
user@cirrus$ mpicc
```

```
-bash: mpicc: command not found
```

- To access correct version: `module load mpt`

- defaults to GNU compilers: gcc, g++ and gfortran

- in SLURM batch system, job launcher is called `srun`

- Intel compilers: `module load intel-compilers-19`

- can add these to end of your `.bash_profile` file in home directory

- to check you have the right version (similarly for mpif90)

```
user@cirrus$ which mpicc
```

```
/opt/hpe/hpc/mpt/mpt-2.22/bin/mpicc
```

- to use Intel C compiler: `mpicc -cc=icc`

- to use Intel C++ compiler: `mpicxx -cxx=icpc`

- to use Intel Fortran compiler: `mpif90 -fc=ifort`

# C++ Interface

- MPI is not an OO interface
  - however, can be called from C++
- Originally had different function calls, e.g.
  - `MPI::Intracomm comm;`
  - `...`
  - `MPI::Init();`
  - `comm = MPI::COMM_WORLD;`
  - `rank = comm.Get_rank();`
  - `size = comm.Get_size();`
- Compiler is called cc
  - see `hello.cc` and `Makefile_cc`

C++ interface is  
now removed

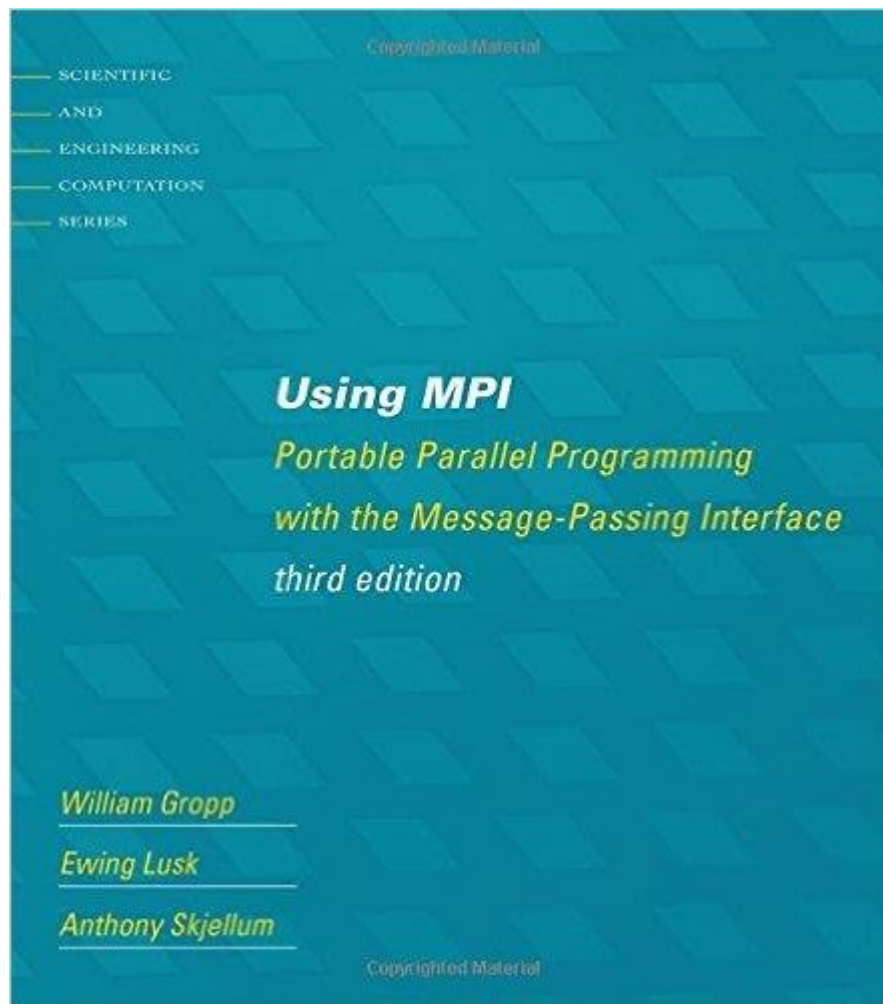
Must therefore  
cross-call to C

# Documentation

- ▶ MPI Standard available online
  - See: <http://www.mpi-forum.org/docs/>
  - currently version 3.1
- ▶ Available in printed form
  - <http://www.hlrs.de/mpi/mpi31/>
- ▶ Man pages available on Cirrus and ARCHER
  - must use the C style of naming: `man MPI_Routine_name`, e.g.:
  - `user@computer$ man MPI_Init`



# MPI Books



# Exercise: Hello World

## The minimal MPI program

- See Exercise 1 on the exercise sheet
- Write an MPI program that prints a message to the screen
- Main purpose is to get you compiling and running parallel programs on HPC system
  - both interactively and in batch via SLURM and sbatch
  - also illustrates the SPMD model and use of basic MPI calls
- We supply some very basic template code
  - you need to add appropriate calls to compute rank and size