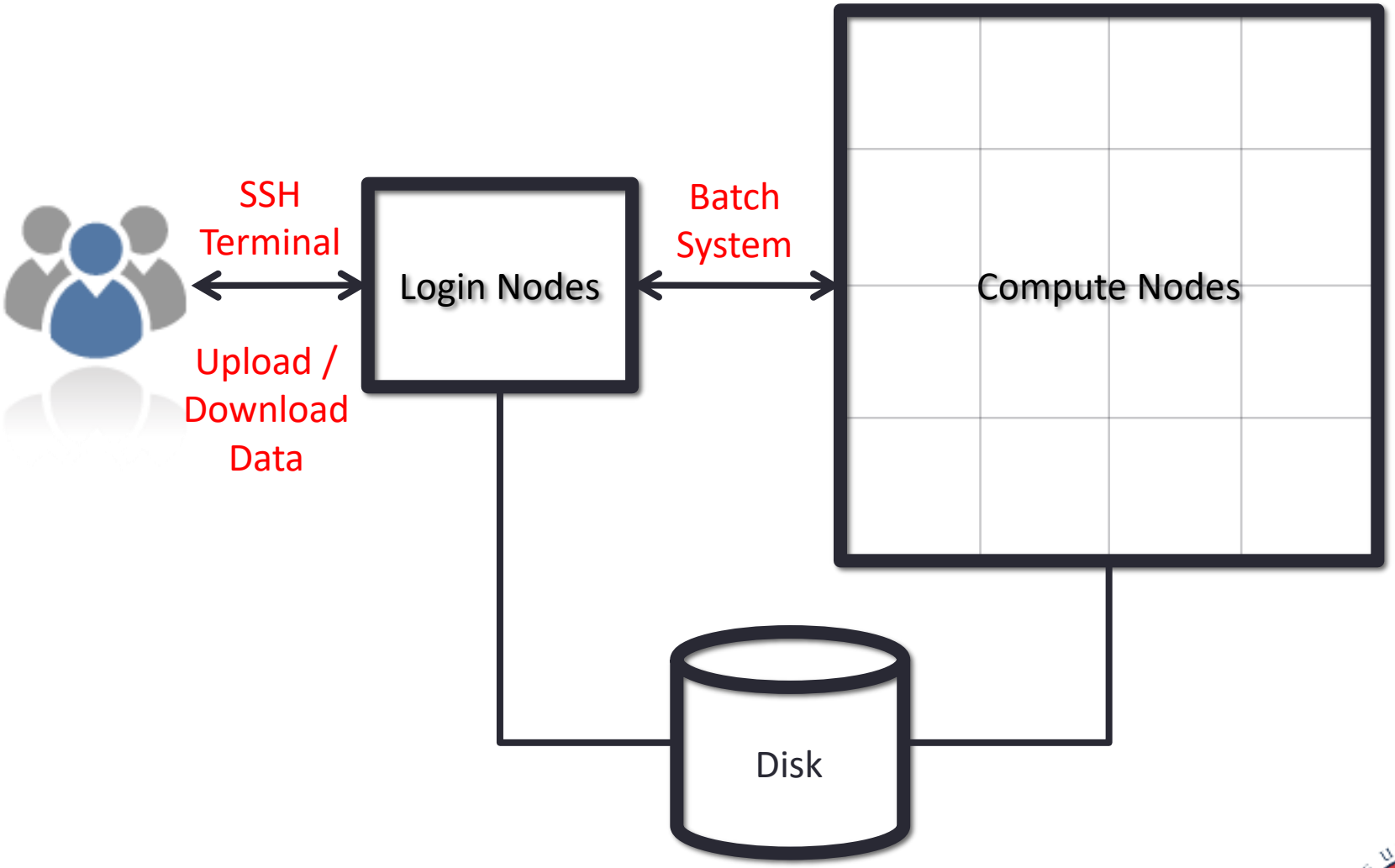
MPI on Cirrus and ARCHER2

Reusing this material

Access

- ARCHER2: `ssh -X user@login.archer2.ac.uk`
- Cirrus: `ssh -X 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

Compiling MPI Programs on ARCHER2

- C programmers use **`cc`**
- C++ programmers use **`CC`**
- Fortran programmers use **`ftn`**
- There is nothing magic about these MPI "compilers" !
  - simply wrappers which automatically include various libraries etc
  - compilation done by standard (Cray) compilers
    - **`clang`**, **`clang++`** and **`crayftn`**
- You can use the supplied Makefiles (C, C++, Fortran) for convenience
  - **`make -f Makefile_c`**
  - **`make -f Makefile_cc`**
  - **`make -f Makefile_f90`**
- Easiest to make a copy of your choice called "Makefile"
  - e.g. **`cp Makefile_c Makefile`**
    - also need to change the first line "MF=" in the Makefile itself
  - then you can just type "**`make`**"

ARCHER2 idiosyncrasies

- Not possible to run MPI programs directly on login nodes
- Can be a substantial delay in batch queues
  - have dedicated queues for some courses for more rapid turnaround
  - or use the short queue for development
- Cannot run from the home file system
  - on logging in, your working directory is /home/taXXX/taXXX/username/
  - compute nodes can only see the /work/ file system, not /home/
- Recommendation
  - do everything in /work/
  - i.e. change directory to /work/taXXX/taXXX/username/

Running on ARCHER2 back-end

- Run via a batch system
  - on ARCHER2 we use SLURM
  - submit a script that then launches your program
- In MPP-templates/ is a standard batch script: **`archer2mpi.job`**
  - set up to run a program called **`hello`** in the short queue
- Submit: **`sbatch archer2mpi.job`**
  - runs on 4 processes of a single ARCHER2 node (each node has 128 CPU-cores)
  - output will appear in a file called **`hello-XXXXXX.out`**
  - can follow job progress using command: **`squeue -u $USER`**
  - full instructions included as comments in the template
- Batch script has instructions on how to use different queues

Running interactively

- Cannot run on ARCHER2 login node
  - must run on compute nodes via SLURM and sbatch
- However, can run “interactively”
  - sbatch command waits until resources are available
  - output appears on the screen in real time as your program runs
  - can be very useful for debugging (e.g. to detect deadlock)

```
srun --partition=standard --qos=short --reservation=shortqos \
--time=00:01:00 --unbuffered --cpu-bind=cores --nodes=1 --tasks=4 ./hello
```

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

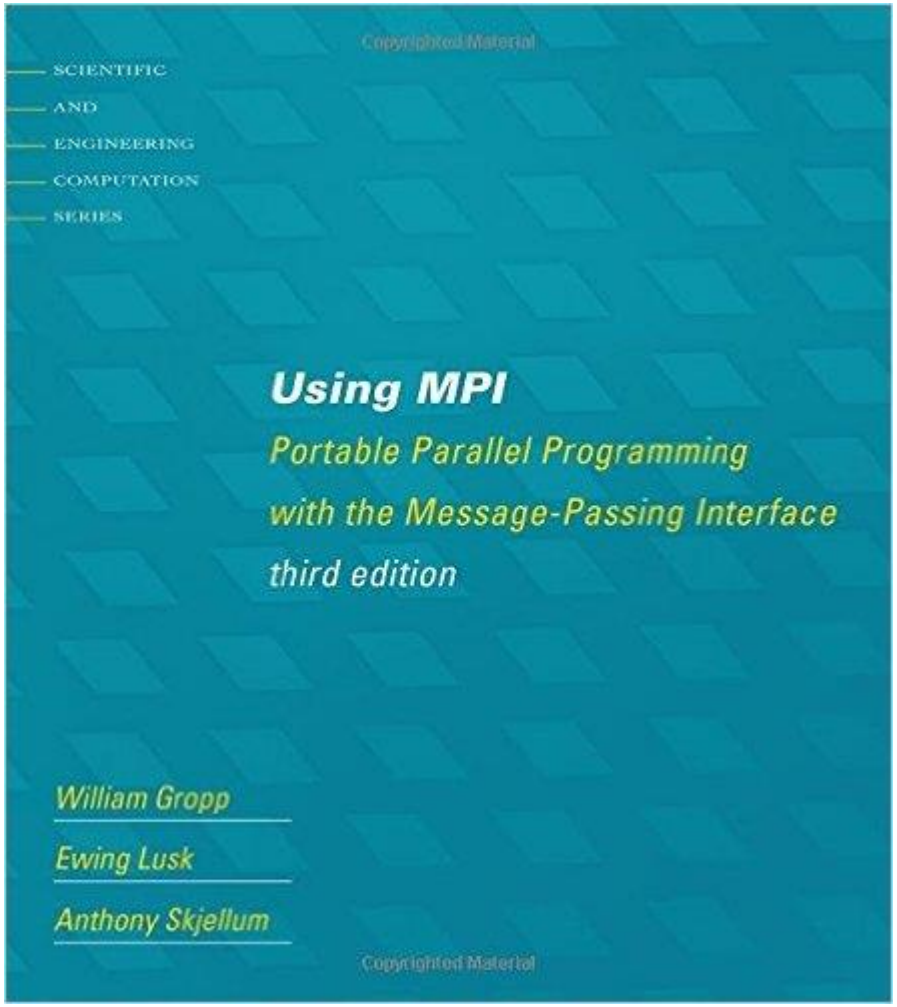
Documentation

- MPI Standard available online
  - See: http://www.mpi-forum.org/docs/
  - currently version 4.0

- Available in printed form
  - http://www.hlrs.de/mpi/mpi31/

- Man pages available on Cirrus and ARCHER2
  - must use the C style of naming: **`man MPI_Routine_name`**, e.g.:
  - **`user@computer$ man MPI_Init`**

MPI Books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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