PRACE Course: Intermediate MPI

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ICHEC

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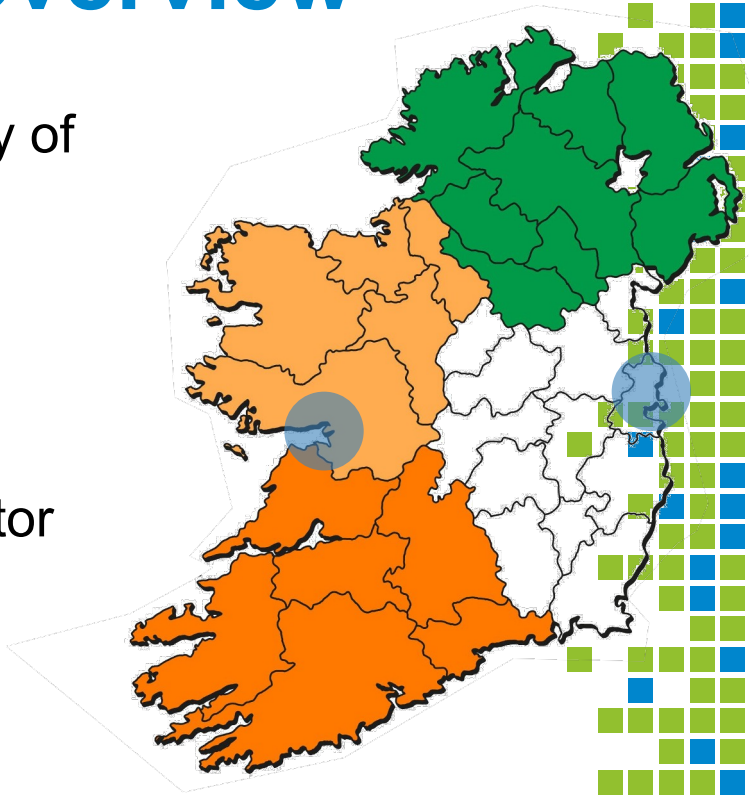
- Provides e-infrastructure, services and expertise
- Academia, industry and public sector
- Staff: sysadmins, computational scientists, researchers, etc.



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- **Thin**
  - 336 nodes (2x20 cores)
    Intel Xeon Gold 6148,
    2.4Ghz, 192 GiB RAM
    400 GiB SSD
- **Shmem**
  - 6 nodes (2x20 cores)
    Intel Xeon Gold 6148,
    2.4Ghz
    1.5 TiB RAM, 1 TiB SSD
- **GPU**
  - 16 nodes
    2x NVIDIA Tesla
    V100 16GB
- **Phi**
  - 16 nodes Intel Xeon Phi KNL
    64 cores @ 1.3 GHz,
    192 GiB RAM
    400 GiB SSD
- **Storage**
  - 1PiB DDN Storage

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- CINECA Consorzio Interuniversitario (Italy)
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About the Course

- Objectives:
  - summarises basic concepts and describes them in more detail
  - more advanced concepts will be described

- The main topics covered:
  - datatypes, communicator management and one-sided communication

- Topics not covered:
  - Remote Memory Operations, MPI Shared Memory, Parallel I/O, Dynamic Process Management

- Prerequisites:
  - Knowledge of C, basic knowledge of Unix/Linux commands and exposure to MPI

- Learning Outcome:
  - write parallel programs using the MPI library
  - define custom data types, groups and communicators
  - set up and use different communication modes

- Course Webpage: https://github.com/ICHEC-learn/intermediate-mpi

Agenda – Day 1

09:30 - 10:00	Introduction to Course and ICHEC Cluster
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction to MPI
10:30 - 11:00	MPI Point-to-Point Communication - Blocking
11:00 - 11:30	
11:30 - 12:00	MPI Point-to-Point Communication - Nonblocking
12:00 - 13:00	Practical (Ping pong benchmark)
13:00 - 14:00	
14:00 - 14:30	MPI Collective Communication
14:30 - 15:30	Practical (Communication in a ring)
15:30 - 16:00	
16:00 - 17:00	Practical (array increment)

Agenda – Day 2

10:00 - 10:30	MPI Error Handling
10:30 - 11:00	MPI Groups and Communicators
11:00 - 11:30	
11:30 - 12:30	MPI Virtual Topologies
12:30 - 13:30	Practical (2d Cartesian)
13:00 - 14:00	
14:00 - 14:30	MPI Derived Datatypes
14:30 - 15:00	Practical (Matrix row/column/submatrix)
15:00 - 15:30	Practical (game of life serial)
15:30 - 16:00	
16:00 - 17:00	Practical (game of life parallel)

Agenda – Day 3

10:00 – 11:00	Intercommunicators
11:00 - 11:30	
11:30 - 12:30	Persistent communications, Packing
12:30 - 13:00	Practical (persistent comms in ring)
13:00 - 14:00	
14:00 - 15:30	One-sided Communications (ring one sided)
15:30 - 16:00	
16:00 - 16:30	Practical
16:30 - 17:00	Discussion and Close

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