

Getting Started: Shelling into a server & copying files

Outline

- Access UMD network from home
- Launching the terminal/command prompt
- Connecting to your HPC
- Copying files to/from HPC
- Introducing SLURM job scheduling software

Accessing your HPC: get on UMD Network through VPN

UMD Network Remote **VPN Tunnel** User/Work PC from Lab AnyConnect cisco Secure Mobility Client **HPC** home server Work station * ~

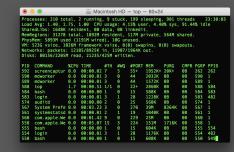
Accessing UMD Network

Virtual Private Network (VPN) allows you to work from off campus

Secure connection from your computer at home to UMD network, with all the access you would expect from actually being on-site!

https://terpware.umd.edu/Windows/title/1840

https://it.umd.edu/spotlight/connections/what-vpn



Accessing your HPC: Using the terminal

Terminal AKA Command line is a non-graphical interface to use your computer

- Mac has Terminal pre-installed in Utilities folder in Applications
- Windows has Command Prompt or CMD, but requires some set up to connect to HPC
 - Can use PowerShell or 3rd party App MobaXterm
 - o https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/
- Linux has Terminal pre-installed

Getting started: connecting to your server

Once you have an account, you can connect to your HPC or "shell in" through the terminal using the following syntax:

```
ssh <user name>@<server address>
ssh jmerch@login.bswift.umd.edu
```

Enter your password when prompted (you won't see the cursor move!!)

Now you're on the head node of the HPC, where you can run basic commands, explore the directory structure, and submit jobs

Do NOT run big jobs on the head node

Getting started: connecting to your server

Last login: Thu Feb 28 18:52:30 on ttys000 [training5s-MBP:~ junaid\$ ssh -Y jmerch@login.bswift.umd.edu

* * * WARNING * * *

Unauthorized access to this computer is in violation of Md. Annotated Code, Criminal Law Article sections 8-606 and 7-302 and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. sections 1030 et seq. The University may monitor use of its computing resources as permitted by state and federal law, including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. sections 2510-2521 and the Md. Annotated Code. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, Section 10, Subtitle 4. Anyone using this system acknowledges that all use is subject to University of Maryland Policy on the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources available at http://www.umd.edu/aup.

By logging in I acknowledge and agree to all terms and conditions regarding my access and the information contained therein.

To report problems or request assistance call the Help Desk at 301-405-1500

Password: ?



Getting started: copying files to HPC

Here are some ways to move data between your local computer and server:

scp – secure copy; copy files to/from the HPC server.

From local to HPC:

```
scp /local/path/file.ext <user name>@<server address>:/path/to/folder
scp /Users/junaid/IHeartHpc.txt jmerch@login.bswift.umd.edu:/data/dir
```

From HPC to local:

```
scp <user name>@<server address>:/path/to/file /local/path/directory
scp jmerch@login.bswift.umd.edu:/data/Results.txt /Users/junaid/Desktop
```

To copy entire directories, you can use the -r option after the scp command

More info: https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-use-scp-command-to-securely-transfer-files/

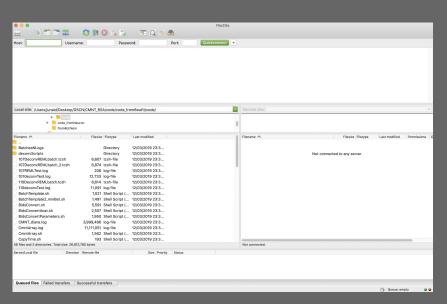
Getting started: copying files to/from HPC

You can use FileZilla for a graphical interface transfer:

https://filezilla-project.org/

I've occasionally gotten corrupted files using FileZilla.







SLURM

Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management (SLURM)

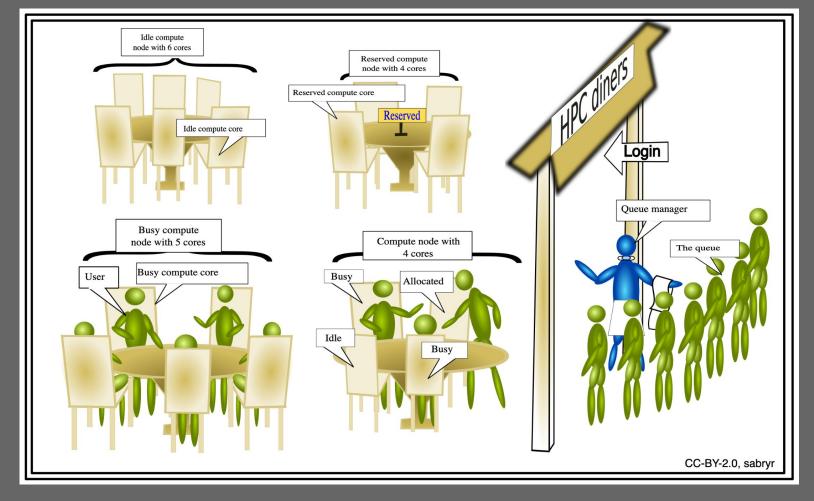
Workload manager, job scheduler, & queuing system for running processes on an HPC

Figures out what specifications you need, finds the available node that meets the requirements, and allocates your job to that node!

Runs multiple jobs in parallel at once.

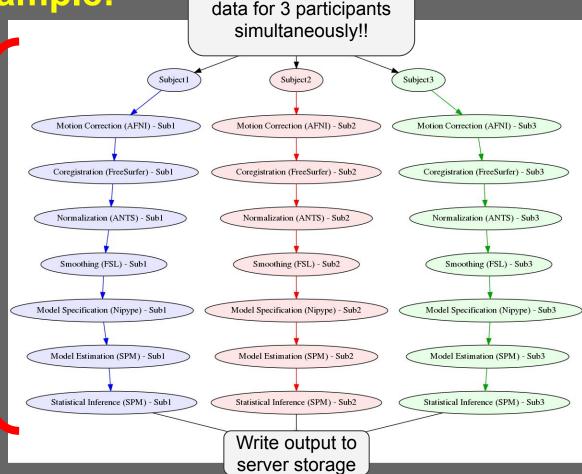
Use in conjunction with the job script you want to run

https://slurm.schedmd.com/quickstart.html



Neuroimaging Example:

The data processing pipeline for each participant can be a series of data analysis steps



Submit jobs to process

Parameter Tuning Example

Remember that each has to be able to run independently!

Estimate model performance at different parameter values simultaneously. E.g., c value in support vector classification in ML

c value = 1 Accuracy = 73% c value = 10 Accuracy = 96% c value = 100 Accuracy = 81%

After running the model at all values of parameter, you can compare to choose optimal value

SLURM Commands: sbatch

sbatch – probably the <u>most important</u> thing in this entire presentation

Allows you to submit a job to the appropriate node

Use with job script for whatever sort of process you want to run

Things you absolutely MUST specify when using sbatch to submit a job:

- # of Nodes
- Amount of RAM
- Time to process the job

You can specify a lot of other things: https://slurm.schedmd.com/sbatch.html

SLURM Commands: sbatch

sbatch https://slurm.schedmd.com/sbatch.html

Usage: sbatch [options] <job script>

For example: sbatch RunSimulation.sh

This will give you a job number that you can check in on later

```
[login-1:~: sbatch example.sh
Submitted batch job 82581
login-1:~:
```

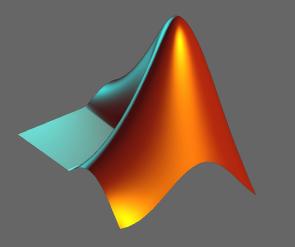
Any questions so far?

Things are about rev up really quickly in the next presentation...



Presentation 5:

How to write & submit code for HPC w/examples in MATLAB & R





Outline

- Basic approach of writing code for HPC
- SLURM options
- A MATLAB example with introduction to wrappers
- An example of an R script (translates to Python)

Write stand-alone scripts

The easiest way to implement code on a HPC is to write stand alone code in whatever programming language you like and create a "wrapper" script for it

A wrapper script is basically a way to tell the shell to launch a computing node, and run whatever script you have set it to run

The wrapper function contains syntax/options that are specific to the job submission software you are using, i.e., SLURM

And gives instructions that are specific to the programming language you are using

Important considerations

The script that you write (in whatever programming language) has to be able to be run non-interactively.

- You should be able to run it without having to do anything once you start.
- It can take an input, but once it has started, you cannot interact with it

No graphical interfaces/GUIs and you cannot generate figures!

When you submit a job, it is running on a node with no graphics potential

Solution/output of your code either needs to printed to screen or save to file

Before going too much further, we should look inside a job script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=144:00:00
#SBATCH --- nodes=1
#SBATCH ---mem=24000
#SBATCH ---output=sub-JAM014
#SBATCH ---mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.edu
#SBATCH ---mail-type=ALL
module load singularity
echo Starting fMRIprep at:
echo working on sub-JAM014
date
```

Before going too much further, we should look inside a job script

```
#!/bin/bash
                             First line is called the 'shebang' and indicates
                             what type of script it is.
#SBATCH --time=144:00:00
                             In this case it is bash code, which is very general
#SBATCH --nodes=1
                             purpose
#SBATCH ---mem=24000
#SBATCH ---output=sub-JAM014
#SBATCH ---mail-user=imerch@
                             You can do python this way:
#SBATCH ---mail-type=ALL
                             #!/bin/python
module load singularity
                             Or R:
echo Starting fMRIprep at:
                             #!/usr/bin/env Rscript
echo working on sub-JAM014
                             Matlab is a little different (more on this later)
date
```

Before going too much further, we should

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#!/bin/bash
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#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH ---mem=24000
#SBATCH ---output=sub-JAM014
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#SBATCH ---mail-type=ALL
module load singularity
echo Starting fMRIprep at:
echo working on sub-JAM014
date
```

The next few lines are sbatch options.
These options can be specified within the job script, or outside of the script as I described before:

sbatch [options] <job script>

Required:

- -time is the amount of time you want allocated in hours:minutes:seconds
- -nodes is # of nodes
- -mem is amount of RAM in megabytes

Optional:

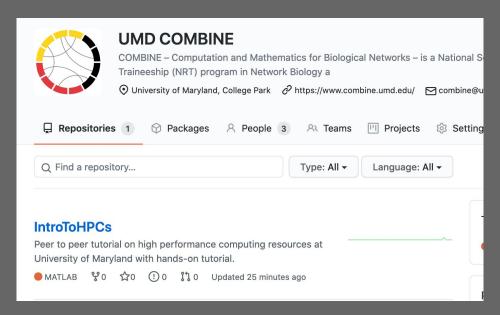
- -output name of the output log file that contains what would be printed to terminal and any errors that occurred
- -mail give your umd email so it sends a message when the job starts and ends!

Before going too much further, we should look inside a job script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=144:00:00
#SBATCH ---nodes=1
#SBATCH ---mem=24000
#SBATCH ---output=sub-JAM014
                                            The remainder of the script is what you
#SBATCH ---mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.ed
                                            want it to do! If you are wanting to load
#SBATCH ---mail-type=ALL
                                            any programs, do that in the first few
module load singularity
                                            lines, and have at it!
echo Starting fMRIprep at:
echo working on sub-JAM014
date
```

All the example code that I will show for the remainder of the time (and more!) can be found on the github repository we sent out:

https://github.com/UMD-COMBINE/IntroToHPCs



Matlab example: Monte Carlo simulation for estimation of the probability to obtain 8 or more heads, if a coin is tossed 10 times.

- 1) Write the standalone matlab script as you would run on your local workstation, and it outputs the solution in the command window.
- 2) Copy it up to the server
- 3) Write a wrapper script to submit it to a node using sbatch

This example can be found at:

https://github.com/UMD-COMBINE/IntroToHPCs/blob/main/MatlabExample1_MonteCarloSimulation.m

Code from:

https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-examples-with-matlabcentral/fileexchange/55306-monte-carlo-estimation-exam

```
Editor - /Users/junaid/Desktop/P2P HPC/MatlabExample1 MonteCarloSi
   MatlabExample1 MonteCarloSimulation.m × +
       % estimation of the probability to obtain 8 or more heads.
       % Author: Ph.D. M.Sc. Eng. Hristo Zhivomirov 02/08/16
       clear, clc, close all
       % initialization
       c = 0:
       N = 1e7:
11 -
       % run the simulation

    for n = 1:N

14
           % toss the coin 10 times
15
16 -
           x = randi([0 1], 1, 10);
17
18
           % check if the event occurs
19 -
           if nnz(x == 1) >= 8
21
               % find the number of occurrences
22 -
               c = c + 1;
23
24 -
25 -
       % estimate the probability to obtain 8 or more heads, if
       % the real value is approx. 0.0547
        err = (Pest - 0.0547)/0.0547*100:
       disp(['The estimated value is ' num2str(Pest)])
31 -
       disp(['The error of the estimation is ' num2str(err) '
  The estimated value is 0.054658
  The error of the estimation is -0.076234 %
```

Matlab example: Monte Carlo simulation for estimation of the probability to obtain 8 or more heads, if a coin is tossed 10 times.

Now, let's look at the special case of creating a job script with a MATLAB process.

For this, you want to create a bash script as before

```
# which will launch matlab and run the accompanying matlab code for an Ising model.
# works.
# > sbatch /path/to/MatlabExample1 Ising wrapper.sh
# load the matlab module
module load matlab
matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplash -r "clear; run /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1_MonteCarloSimulation.m ; exit"
```

```
#SBATCH --output=MatlabExample1.log
#SBATCH --mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.edu
#SBATCH --mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.edu
#SBATCH --mail-type=ALL
#
# This is the simplest way of running a single piece of mattab code. Fou would submit this stript,
# which will launch matlab and run the accompanying matlab code for an Ising model.
# This approach is not great for running things in parallel, but gives you an idea of how job submission
# works.
#
# to run this on a compute node:
# > sbatch /path/to/MatlabExample1_Ising_wrapper.sh
#
# load the matlab module
module load matlab
matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplash -r "clear; run /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1_MonteCarloSimulation.m; exit"
```

```
First, load matlab using module commands. More
                                               on modules and available software:
# This is the simplest way of running a single piece
                                              https://www.glue.umd.edu/hpcc/help/software.html
# which will launch matlab and run the accompanying
# This approach is not great for running things in
                                             parattet, but gives you an idea of now job submission
# works.
# > sbatch /path/to/MatlabF ample1 Ising wrapper.sh
module load matlab
matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplash -r "clear; run /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1_MonteCarloSimulation.m ; exit"
```

```
# This is the simplest way of running a single piece
# which will launch matlab and run the accompany in
# This approach is not great for running thirds in
# works.
# > sbatch /path/to/MatlabExampl Ising wrapper.sh
```

Next, you want to start matlab using the nodisplay options because otherwise it will try to launch the matlab window and crash because UMD HPCs have no graphics abilities

```
#SBATCH --mem=24000
#SBATCH --output=|
#SBATCH --output=|
#SBATCH --mail-us|
#SBATCH --mail-us|
#SBATCH --mail-us|
#SBATCH --mail-us|
#SBATCH --mail-us|
# This is the sim
# which will laun
# This approach is works.
# to run this on
# > sbatch /path/to/MatlabExample1_Ising_wrapper.sh
# load the matlab module
module load matlab
matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplasi -r "clear; run /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1_MonteCarloSimulation.m; exit*|
```

Now, to run this code, you can use the following command:

```
sbatch /path/to/MatlabExample1_wrapper.sh
specifically:
```

sbatch /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1_wrapper.sh

```
login-1:/data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P: sbatch MatlabExample1_wrapper.sh
Submitted batch job 57516
```

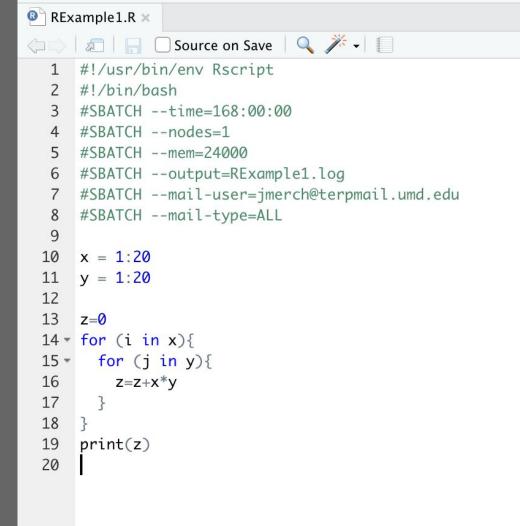
Once it finishes, you can check the output file using the 'more' command, which captures everything that would have printed to screen:

more /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample1.log

```
login-1:/data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P: more MatlabExample1.log
/export/software/slurm/spool/slurmd/job57516/slurm script: line
                            < MATLAB(R) >
                  Copyright 1984-2018 The MathWorks, Inc.
                   R2018a (9.4.0.813654) 64-bit (glnxa64)
                             February 23, 2018
To get started, type one of these: helpwin, helpdesk, or demo.
For product information, visit www.mathworks.com.
The estimated value is 0.054658
The error of the estimation is -0.076234 %
login-1:/data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P:
```

R example

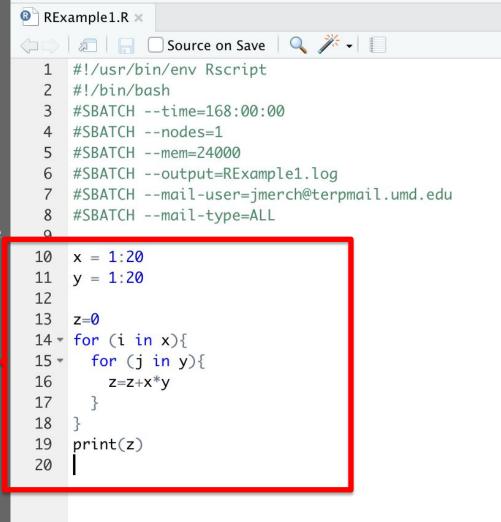
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R example

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For example, this is a set of standalone R commands

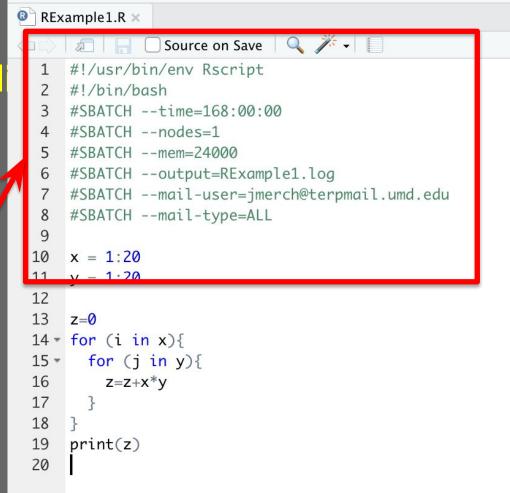


R example (will general

R and Python scripts are much easier because they don't require a wrapper!

For example, this is a set of standalor e R commands

As long as you add the shebang and SLURM options on top, this can run as-is!



R example

For instance:

sbatch /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/RExample1.R

```
-- ssn jmerch@lo
[login-1:P2P$ sbatch RExample1.R
Submitted batch job 57529
```

```
RExample 1.R >
#!/usr/bin/env Rscript
    #!/bin/bash
     #SBATCH --time=168:00:00
     #SBATCH --nodes=1
     #SBATCH --mem=24000
     #SBATCH --output=RExample1.log
     #SBATCH --mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.edu
     #SBATCH --mail-type=ALL
    x = 1:20
    y = 1:20
 12
 13
    z=0
 14 - for (i in x){
      for (j in y){
 16
        z=z+x*y
 17
 18
 19
     print(z)
```

Then check output:

```
login-1:P2P$ more RExample1.log
 [1]
        400
              1600
                      3600
                             6400
                                    10000
                                           14400
                                                   19600
                                                          25600
                                                                  32400
                                                                         40000
             57600
                     67600
                                    90000 102400 115600 129600 144400
      48400
                            78400
login-1:P2P$
```

Python example

And the same holds true if you add the shebang and SLURM options to a

Python script!

```
PythonExample.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=168:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --mem=24000
#SBATCH --output=PythonExample.log
#SBATCH --mail-user=jmerch@terpmail.umd.edu
#SBATCH --mail-type=ALL
# creating a simple data - set
sample = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print('range of sample is: ',max(sample)-min(sample))
```

More Information and example code

https://github.com/UMD-COMBINE/IntroToHPCs

I have added additional example code that will let you really allow you to take advantage of a super computing. For example:

- A general MATLAB wrapper that will run any MATLAB script
- A wrapper for MATLAB functions that require input variables
- And an example of an Array job that will automatically run the code multiple times based on the specified input variables
 - This is how you parallelize efficiently
 - o Can be used for things like parameter tuning etc

Questions?

I'm available for consulting on how to get you set up on an HPC and running code, but I might ask for some compensation (i.e., cash, food, beer etc) since I'm really busy & underpaid!

#AlwaysLookingForASideHustle

Email: jmerch@umd.edu





SLURM Job Scripts: MATLAB Array example

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=168:00:00
                                              Using the array SLURM option is a really great
                                              way to parallelize. In this case, we gave it an
                                              array of numbers:5,10,50,100
#SBAICH --mail-type=ALL
# This wrapper has an array option in slurm, which
                                              When you submit this this script, it will
# This is a great way to parallelize something!!
                                              automatically run 4 times on different nodes
                                              using the numbers in the array above
# > sbatch /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExample4_A
# The dollar sign $ in bash indicates a variable, and
module load matlab
Path=$(dirname $1)
Func=$(basename $1 .m)
Num=${SLURM ARRAY TASK ID}
```

matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplash -r "clear; addpath('\$Path'); \$Func \$Num; exit"

SLURM Job Scripts: MATLAB Array example

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH ---time=168:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
                                                This is useful, you can use those numbers as
                                                input to whatever function you're interested in (for
                                                example, values for parameter tuning). It
                                                automatically sets the number the variable here,
                                                which can then be fed as input to the MATLAB
                                                function we want to run
# We can use the same function from before, but don't
# > sbatch /data/bswift-1/jmerch/P2P/MatlabExar
# The dollar sign $ in bash indicates a varizole, and the numbered variables are the order of inputs this wrapper was given
module load matlab
# These will be used to add folder to the in matlab, and give function call
Path=$(dirname $1)
Func=$(basename $1 .m
# And this time, the iteration amounts will be defined by the array numbers defined in the slurm options
Num=${SLURM ARRAY TASK ID}
matlab -nodesktop -nodisplay -nosplash -r "clear; addpath('$Path'); $Func $Num; exit"
```