



Introduction to Dardel

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General information about PDC

The map displays Sweden's geographical context, including its position relative to the Baltic Sea, North Sea, and Kattegat. Key features include the Gota Canal Ship Route, major cities like Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Malmö, and the Swedish coastline. The map is color-coded to show different regions and is labeled with various geographical names in English.

Can I use PDC resources?

- PDC resources are **free** for swedish academia
- Please acknowledge NAISS/PDC in your publications
"The computations/data handling/[SIMILAR] were/was enabled by resources provided by the National Academic Infrastructure for Supercomputing in Sweden (NAISS) at [NAISS AFFILIATED SITE] partially funded by the Swedish Research Council through grant agreement no. 2022-06725"
- More information at <https://www.naiss.se/policies/acknowledge/>



How to access PDC resources

Time allocations

- A measure for how many jobs you can run per month (corehours/month)
- Which clusters you can access
 - Every user must belong to at least one time allocation
- Apply via a SUPR account at <https://supr.naiss.se/>

More information at https://www.naiss.se/#section_allocations

User account (SUPR/PDC)

- For projects you must have a linked SUPR and PDC account <https://supr.naiss.se/>
- For courses a PDC account suffices

Dardel



Nodes: 1270

Cores: 158976

Peak performance: 13.5 PFLOPS

Node configuration

- 2xAMD EPYC™ 2.25 GHz CPU with 64 cores each
- RAM
 - 256 GB
 - 512 GB RAM
 - 1024 GB RAM
 - 2048 GB RAM
- 4xAMD Instinct™ MI250X GPUs



How to login

Login with SSH pairs

- Only available if your PDC account is linked to a SUPR account
- More information at
https://www.pdc.kth.se/support/documents/login/ssh_login.html

Kerberos

- authentication protocol originally developed at MIT
- PDC uses kerberos together with SSH for login

Ticket

- Proof of users identity
- Users use password to obtain tickets
- Tickets are cached on users computer for a specified duration
- As long as tickets are valid there is no need to enter password
- Tickets should always be created on your local computer



Kerberos realm

All resources available to access

Example: **NADA.KTH.SE**

Principal

Unique identity to which kerberos can assign tickets

Example: **[username]@NADA.KTH.SE**

Kerberos commands

Command	Description
kinit	proves your identity
klist	List of your kerberos tickets
kdestroy	destroy your kerberos ticket file
kpasswd	change your kerberos password

```
$ kinit -f [username]@NADA.KTH.SE
$ klist -T
Principal: [username]@NADA.KTH.SE
Issued Expires Flags Principal
Mar 25 09:45 Mar 25 19:45 FI krbtgt/NADA.KTH.SE@NADA.KTH.SE
```

Login using kerberos ticket

1. Get a 7 days forwardable ticket on your local system

```
$ kinit -f -l 7d [username]@NADA.KTH.SE
```

2. Forward your ticket via ssh and login

```
$ ssh [username]@darde1.pdc.kth.se
```



Login from any OS

- You can reach PDC from any computer or network
- The kerberos implementation heimdal can be installed on most operating systems
 - **Linux:** heimdal, openssh-client
 - **Windows:** Windows Subsystemfor Linux (WSL), Network Identity Manager, PuTTY
 - **Mac:** homebrew/openssh
 - **KTH Computers:** pdc-[kerberos command]
- Follow the instructions for your operating system

<https://www.pdc.kth.se/support/documents/login/login.html>



Lustre file system

1. Distributed
2. High performance
3. No backup

\$HOME

Quota: 25 GB

```
/cfs/klemming/home/[u]/[username]
```

Scratch

Data deleted after 30 days

```
/cfs/klemming/scratch/[u]/[username]
```

Projects

Quota: according to project

```
/cfs/klemming/projects/supr/
```



File transfer

Files can be transferred to PDC clusters using `scp`

https://www.pdc.kth.se/support/documents/data_management/data_management.html

From my laptop to \$HOME at dardel

```
scp file.txt [username]@dardel.pdc.kth.se:~
```

From my laptop to scratch on dardel

```
scp file.txt [username]@dardel.pdc.kth.se:/cfs/klemming/scratch/[u]/[username]
```

Modules

Used to load a specific software, and versions, into your environment

```
$ module show R/4.0.0
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/pdc/modules/system/base/R/4.0.0:

module-whatis      GNU R
module-whatis
module             add gcc/7.2.0
module             add jdk/1.8.0_45
prepend-path       PATH /pdc/vol/R/4.0.0/bin
prepend-path       MANPATH /pdc/vol/R/4.0.0/share/man
prepend-path       LD_LIBRARY_PATH /pdc/vol/R/4.0.0/lib64/
-----
```


Module commands

Command	Abbreviation	Description
module load <i>[s]/[v]</i>	ml <i>[s]/[v]</i>	Loads software/version
module avail <i>[s]/[v]</i>	ml av <i>[s]/[v]</i>	List available software
module show <i>[s]/[v]</i>	ml show <i>[s]/[v]</i>	Show info about software
module list	ml	List currently loaded software
ml spider <i>[s]</i>		searches for software

[s]: Software. Optional for *avail* command

[v]: Version. Optional. Latest by default

Accessing the Cray Programming Environment

```
$ ml av PDC
---- /pdcc/software/modules -----
      PDC/21.09      PDC/21.11      PDC/22.06 (L,D)
```

- Every PDC module relate to a specific version of **CPE**
- Every software is installed under a specific **CPE**
- To access the softwares you need to first...

```
$ ml PDC/22.06
```

- Omitting the *[version]* you will load the latest stable **CPE**

How to run jobs

SLURM workload manager

Allocates exclusive and/or non-exclusive access to resources (computer nodes) to users for some duration of time so they can perform work.

Provides a framework for starting, executing, and monitoring work (typically a parallel job) on a set of allocated nodes.

Arbitrates contention for resources by managing a queue of pending work

Installed by default, no need to load module

Which allocation I am a member of

projinfo

```
$ projinfo -h
Usage: projinfo [-u <username>] [-c <clustername>] [-a] [-o] [-m] [-c <cluster>] [-d] [-p <DNR>] [-h]
-u [user] : print information about specific user
-o : print information about all (old) projects, not just current
-m : print usage of all months of the project
-c [cluster] : only print allocations on specific cluster
-a : Only print membership in projects
-d : Usage by all project members
-p [DNR] : only print information about this project
-h : prints this help
```

Statistics are also available at...

https://pdc-web.eecs.kth.se/cluster_usage/



Partitions

Partitions are a mandatory entry for running jobs on Dardel

Main

Exclusive node access

Time limit: 24h

Long

Exclusive node access

Time limit: 7 days

GPU

4xGPUs Exclusive node access

Time limit: 24h

Memory

512+ Gb RAM Exclusive node access

Time limit: 24h

Shared

Shared node access

Time limit: 24h (most nodes), 7 days

Using salloc

To book and execute on a dedicated node

```
$ salloc -t <min> -N <nodes> -A <allocation> -p <partition> srun -n <ntasks> ./MyPrgm
```

In the current course, use the project `edu23.introgpu` to run on the `gpu` partition

```
$ salloc -t 20 -N 1 -A edu23.introgpu -p gpu srun -n 1 ./MyPrgm
```

To run interactively

```
$ salloc -t <min> -N <nodes> -A <allocation> -p <partition>
$ ml [modulename]
$ srun -n <ntasks> <executable>
$ srun -n <ntasks> <executable>
$ exit
```

Using sbatch scripts

Create a file

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J jobname
#SBATCH -A edu23.introgpu
#SBATCH --reservation=<reservation ID>
#SBATCH -p gpu
#SBATCH -t 10
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -n 1

m1 PDC/22.06 rocm/5.0.2 craype-accel-amd-gfx90a
srun -n 1 ./MyPrgm
```

Run

```
$ sbatch <myjobscript>
```


Other SLURM commands

Show my running jobs

```
$ squeue [-u <username>]
```

To remove a submitted job

```
$ scancel [jobID]
```



How to compile on Dardel

Dardel uses compiler wrappers

- Always use the wrappers
 - **cc** C code
 - **CC** C++ code
 - **ftn** Fortran code
- Wrappers automatically link with math libraries if their modules are loaded

```
$ ml cray-libsci fftw
```

- Other libraries are lapack, blas scalapack, blacs,...

<https://www.pdc.kth.se/software/#libraries>

PrgEnv modules

Module	Compiler
PrgEnv-cray	CRAY
PrgEnv-gnu	GNU
PrgEnv-aocc	AMD

- By default **PrgEnv-cray** is loaded
- Swap it by using command...

```
$ ml PrgEnv-<other>
```



Compiling for AMD GPUs

Load the rocm module

```
$ ml rocm/5.0.2  
$ ml craype-accel-amd-gfx90a
```

Use the hipcc compiler for AMD GPUs

```
$ hipcc --offload-arch=gfx90a MyPrgm.cpp -o MyPrgm
```

More information at

https://www.pdc.kth.se/support/documents/software_development/development_gpu.html



PDC Support

1. A lot of question can be answered via our web <http://www.pdc.kth.se/support>
2. The best way to contact us is via e-mail
https://www.pdc.kth.se/support/documents/contact/contact_support.html
3. The support request will be tracked
4. Use a descriptive subject in your email
5. Give your PDC user name.
6. Provide all necessary information to reproduce the problem.
7. For follow ups always reply to our emails