RSYNC; OCTAVE + GNU PARALLEL; HTOP TUTORIAL

1) **RSYNC** is common easy to use package for synchronizing content of files and directories. Using rsync one can send only differences between files instead of whole information – it reduces used network bandwidth and speeds up information spreading across different knots.

2) synchronizing current directory with remote directory (with ssh_keygen one can do it via commands) - upload data on remote:

#rsync -u -v –progress -e ssh * user@IPv4:/home/user/remotePathToDirectory

3) synchronizing some directory with remote directory - upload data on remote:

#rsync -u -v –progress -e ssh /home/user/localPathToDirectory user@IPv4:/home/user/remotePathToDirectory

3) synchronizing remote directory with some local directory – download data from remote:

#rsync -u -v –progress -e ssh user@IPv4:/home/user/pathToDirectory /home/user/localPathToDirectory

1) **HTOP** is useful package for system monitoring via terminal:

#sudo apt-get install htop

#htop

2) closing system monitor is via F10 hotkey – please note, that it is configurable in some way.

1) one can combine **GNU PARALLEL** (please consider citation of authors publication) and **OCTAVE** to provide easy-to-program parallel execution script. There are some other solution like f.e. built-in Octave-parallel package, but it has some limitations. Personally I use those simplified receipt:

-on each computer there could be the same username with exchanged ssh-keys

-on each computer there could be the same directory path to data (if small enough), or mounted network folder (consider checking the RAID tutorial, and samba server tutorial; for high-density computation consider non-synchronous start of program commads for better basic network balance)

-provide tested M-script f.e. for processing single image and rsync it on each computer

-profile script execution (f.e. use htop) - especially if there are some memory – space costly operations for calculation of possible parallel executions on each computer (some computer could have smaller number of cores per avaiable memory for that partiular script execution)

-write M – script (or use BASH commands-script) for generating each command text string; processing single file with arguments - commandsOctave.txt

octave-cli
-p /home/user/pathToScriptDirectory
-p /home/user/pathToSomeOtherUsedByScriptDirectory
--eval ”scriptName(‘**argFilepath1**’, **argumentScalar1**)”; pause(0.1);

octave-cli
-p /home/user/pathToScriptDirectory
-p /home/user/pathToSomeOtherUsedByScriptDirectory
--eval ”scriptName(‘**argFilepath2**’, **argumentScalar2**)”; pause(0.1);

-generate each computer address list with coresponding CPU physical cores; homeClusterList.txt – 2 cores on local computer and 12 cores on remote computer:

2/:

12/user@IPv4

-populate gnu parallel with commands file and server list; use all cores(for 3 cores use : -j3) save results to logFile.txt:

#parallel --slf /user/home/pathToDirectory/homeClusterList.txt -j+0 < commandsOctave.txt &>> logFile.txt

P.S. There will be better L3 memory size per core if one disable HyperThreading technology on Intels CPU’s. Benefits are only in some data processing situations.