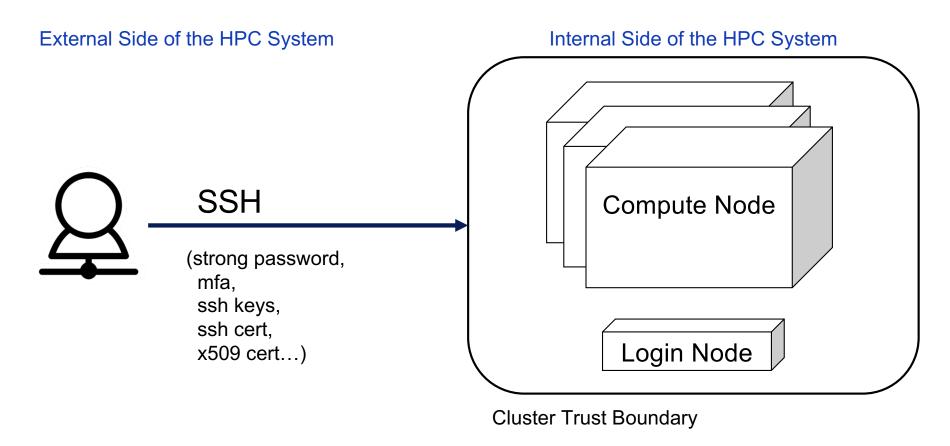
Running Secure Jupyter Notebooks on Expanse: Using the Satellite Proxy Service

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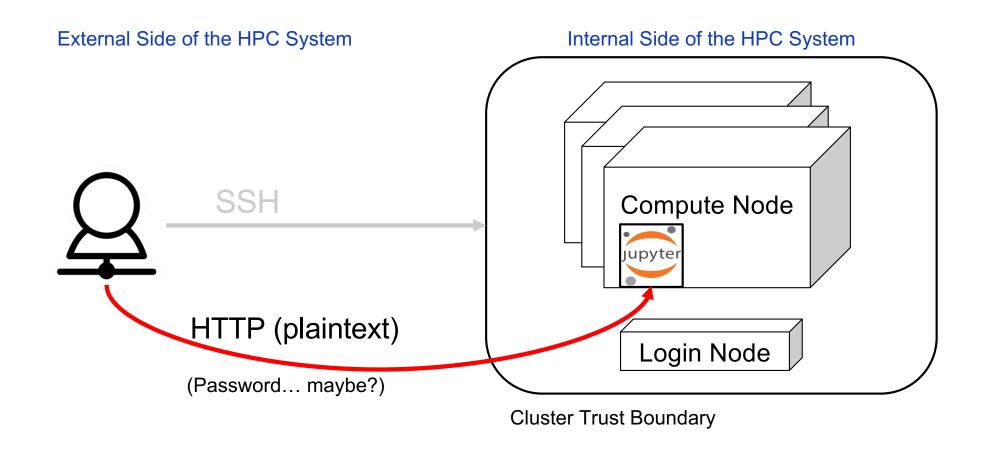


Introduction: Secure Connections to HPC Systems are Important





Introduction: Jupyter Notebooks are Popular



But provide a plaintext back-door to the system



Motivation: Make Doing A Right Thing Easier than The Wrong Things

A Wrong Thing: Plaintext to Compute Node

- Submit batch job.
- Wait till job runs.
- Figure out what node it's on.
- Point web browser at node.

A Right Thing: Improve secure access:

- Invoke the Satellite Reverse Proxy Service
- Point browser at secure, encrypted URL (HTTPS).
- (Wait until Jupyter Notebook shows up.)



SDSC Satellite Reverse Proxy Service

Just Two Components!

- Satellite: a self-service HTTP(s) reverse-proxy.
- Satellite Client: a shell-based utility to orchestrate a user's interaction with both Satellite and Slurm to start a Jupyter session within a batch job.

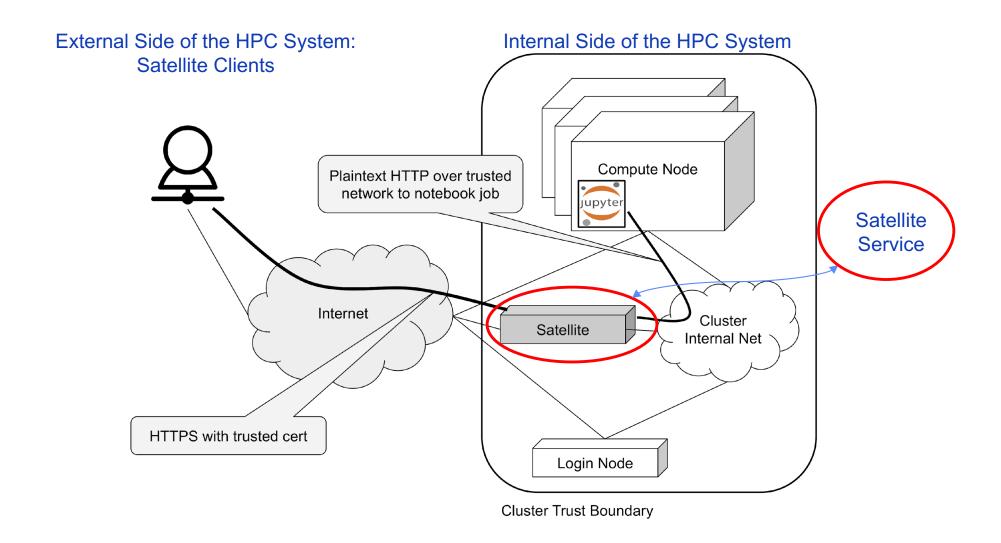


SDSC Satellite Proxy Service

GitHub Repo: https://github.com/sdsc-hpc-training-org/reverse-proxy



Jupyter Notebooks With Satellite





Satellite Proxy Service Design Goals/Requirements/...

- Satellite must serve proxied content over HTTPS, using a certificate signed by a CA approved by CA/Browser Forum.
- Users must be able to create and destroy their own services (proxy mappings), no admin/user support involved.
- Each instance (mapping) must be served from a distinct URL (sub-domain).
- Internal side of the proxy may be over HTTP, but only on a network already trusted for plaintext. (e.g. NFS home directories)
- Satellite code should be designed to minimize unmanaged dependencies.
 (Dependencies should be available through system package manager.)
- Satellite API must be usable with only wget/curl.



SDSC Satellite Clients



start-jupyter

- 1st generation shell utility developed to orchestrate a user's interaction with both Satellite and Slurm to start a Jupyter session within a batch job.
- Key features in design:
 - User calls start-jupyter launch script, which requests token from Satellite, passes token to batch job script and submits the job to Slurm; token redeemed from batch job once it runs
 - Provided user with a prefabricated set of batch job scripts to choose from for certain popular applications on each system; user could modify/make their own custom batch job script
 - Small custom shell function library to make code more reusable
- Currently runs on: Expanse, Comet, TSCC, TSCC Stratus

https://github.com/sdsc-hpc-training-org/reverse-proxy



galyleo

- 2nd generation shell utility developed to orchestrate a user's interaction with both Satellite and Slurm to start a Jupyter session within a batch job.
- Developed while reviewing start-jupyter codebase to sort out how best to support Expanse (OOD) Portal and HPC User Services Group long-term; effectively recycled existing an SSH tunneling orchestration utility to use Satellite proxy service instead.
- Key features in design:
 - Recreate same interactions with Satellite service.
 - Increase flexibility for users to configure software environment; but also try to make it simpler for them to do themselves
 - Batch job script is generated completely on-the-fly.
 - Command-line argument driven.
 - Quiet mode for OOD portal

https://github.com/mkandes/galyleo



galyleo demo examples on Expanse

Location of galyleo directory on Expanse

export PATH="/cm/shared/apps/sdsc/galyleo:\${PATH}"

Example 1: Launch a Jupyter Notebook session on a single CPU core in the 'debug' # partition on Expanse using the 'base' Anaconda3 software environment provided as part # of Expanse's standard software modules.

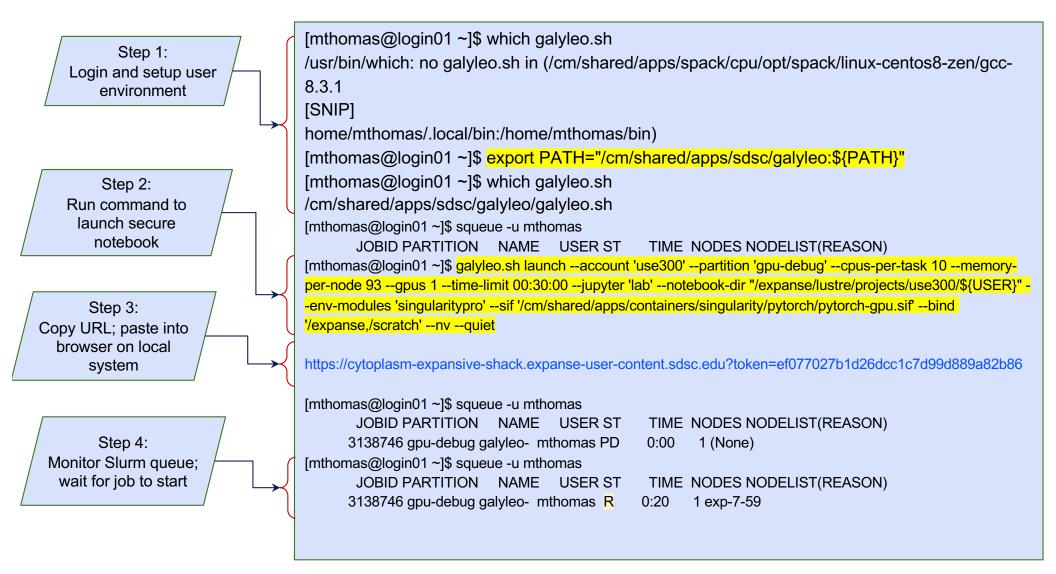
/cm/shared/apps/sdsc/galyleo/galyleo.sh launch --account 'use300' --partition 'debug' --cpus-per-task 1 --memory-per-node 1 --time-limit 00:30:00 --jupyter 'notebook' --notebook-dir "/expanse/lustre/projects/use300/\${USER}" --env-modules 'cpu,gcc,anaconda3' --conda-env 'base' --quiet

Example 2: Launch a JupyterLab session on a single GPU in the 'gpu-debug' partition # on Expanse using the latest PyTorch Singularity container available.

galyleo.sh launch --account 'use300' --partition 'gpu-debug' --cpus-per-task 10 --memory-per-node 93 --gpus 1 --time-limit 00:30:00 --jupyter 'lab' --notebook-dir "/expanse/lustre/projects/use300/\${USER}" --env-modules 'singularitypro' --sif '/cm/shared/apps/containers/singularity/pytorch/pytorch-gpu.sif' --bind '/expanse,/scratch' --nv --quiet

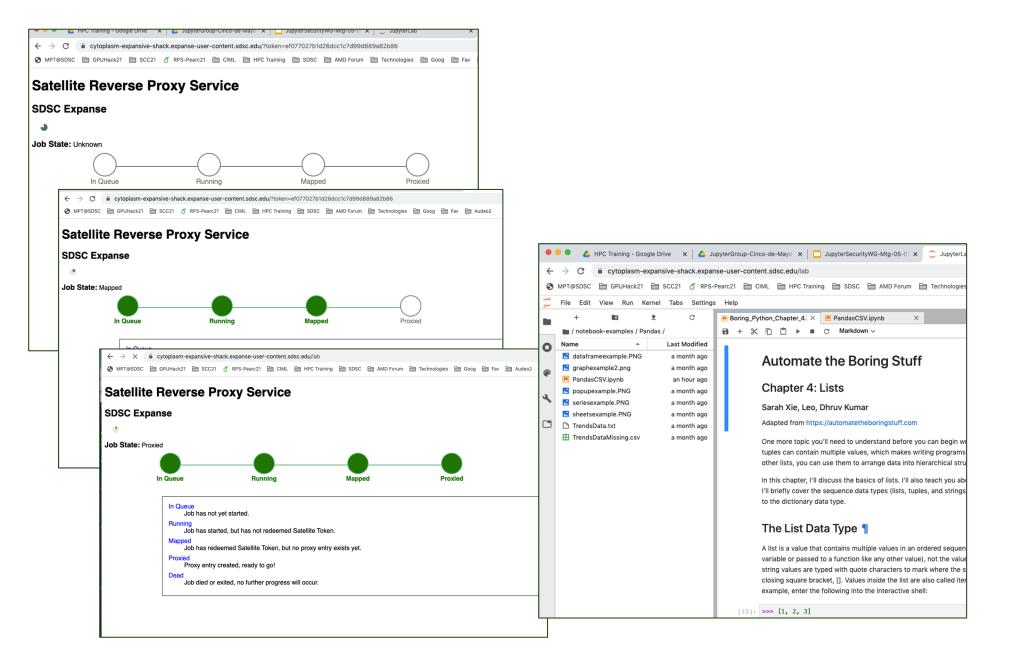


Running GPU notebook using galyleo.sh



Paste the HTTPS URL into a web browser







Summary and Future Work

Satellite:

- Daemon / Systemd unit for more frequent mapping updates. Current cron-driven process only updates at the top of the minute.
- Investigate internal PKI to operate over untrusted networks. Requires service support for TLS. (Jupyter Notebooks do!)
- Develop usage metrics

galyleo:

- Add system config function to make deployment process simple for other systems, especially when deploying upgrade of galyleo
- Add user config function to make subsequent calls to the same software environment and resource request simpler; i.e., templates
- Complete integration with Expanse (OOD) portal; add a mechanism to allow OOD to track open notebook sessions
- Secure other web-based tools through Satellite. e.g., TensorBoard
- Extend to other HPC systems at SDSC/XSEDE, etc (in collaboration with Juypter project).
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Questions?



Satellite Client Example: start-jupyter



Running start-notebook

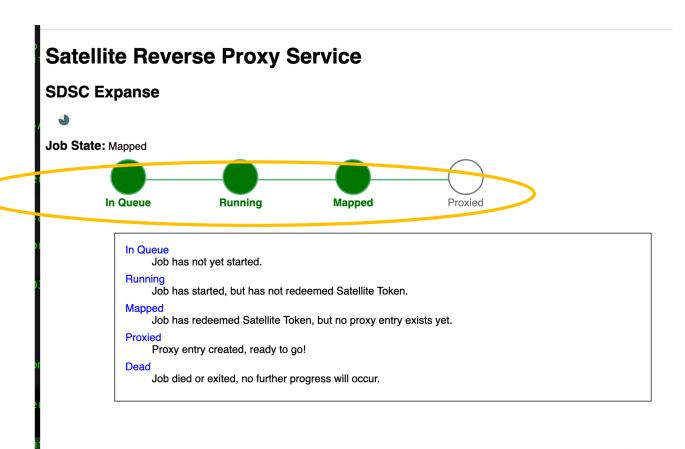
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(base) [username@login02 reverse-proxy-branch-james-dev]$ ./start-jupyter -A abc123
Your notebook is here:
https://annuity-headphone-aptitude.expanse-user-
content.sdsc.edu?token=ae0ff01b6780aa32893d6673976769cf
If you encounter any issues, please email help@xsede.org and mention the Reverse Proxy Service.
No time given. Default is 30 mins
Using ./slurm-expanse/notebook.sh
Your job id is 670505
You may occasionally run the command 'squeue -j 670505' to check the status of your job
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(base) [username@login02 reverse-proxy-branch-james-dev]$ cat slurm-670505.out
[I 09:36:06.377 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /home/username
[I 09:36:06.377 NotebookApp] Jupyter Notebook 6.1.4 is running at:
[I 09:36:06.377 NotebookApp] http://exp-1-17.eth.cluster:8888/?token=...
[I 09:36:06.377 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=...
[I 09:36:06.377 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
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100 9 100 9 0 0 52 0 --;--;-- --;-- 52
Success!
[I 09:37:14.362 NotebookApp] 302 GET /?token=ae0ff01b6780aa32893d6673976769cf (10.21.0.30) 0.36ms
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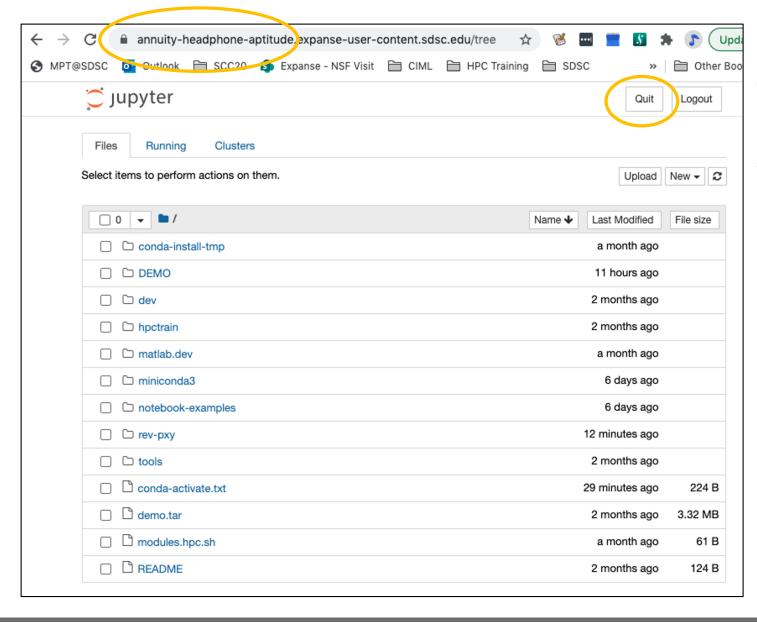


Satellite Server Pening Page

- Load notebook URL in browser; wait for it to launch
- Monitor pending page
- Run the "squeue" command on the HPC system to check job status
- If the job queue is busy, it may take a while to launch the notebook
- Treat Jupyter Notebook URL as a password



Your notebook is launched



When done with the notebook be sure to shut it down by quitting the notebook