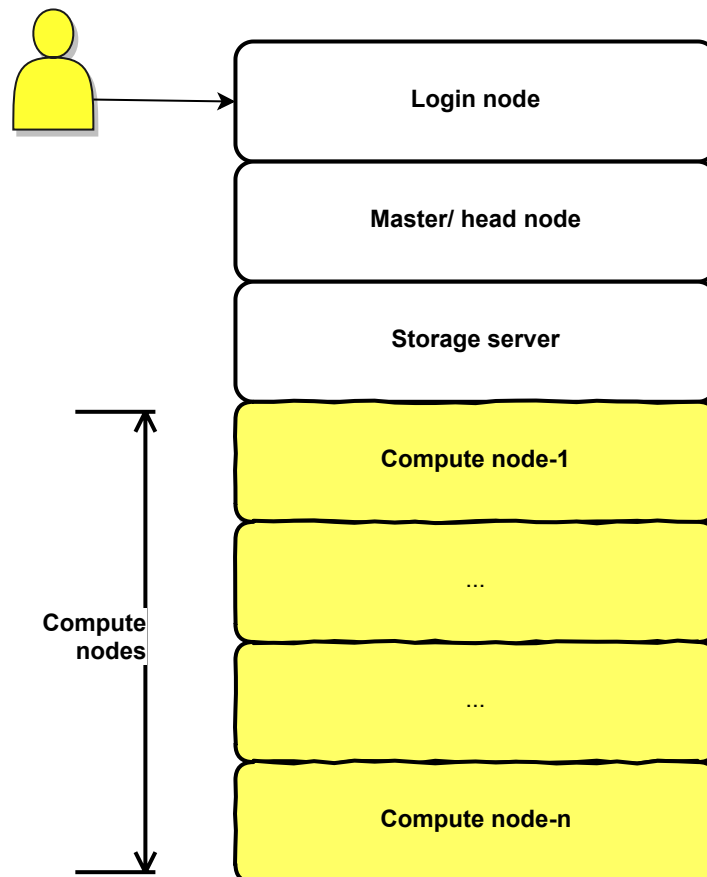# Compute node(s)

What is a compute node?

A typical HPC diagram (compute nodes highlighted)

A compute node is where the real computing is performed. The majority of the nodes in a cluster are typically compute nodes. In order to provide an overall solution, a compute node can execute one or more tasks, based on the scheduling system.