A Introduction to Linux

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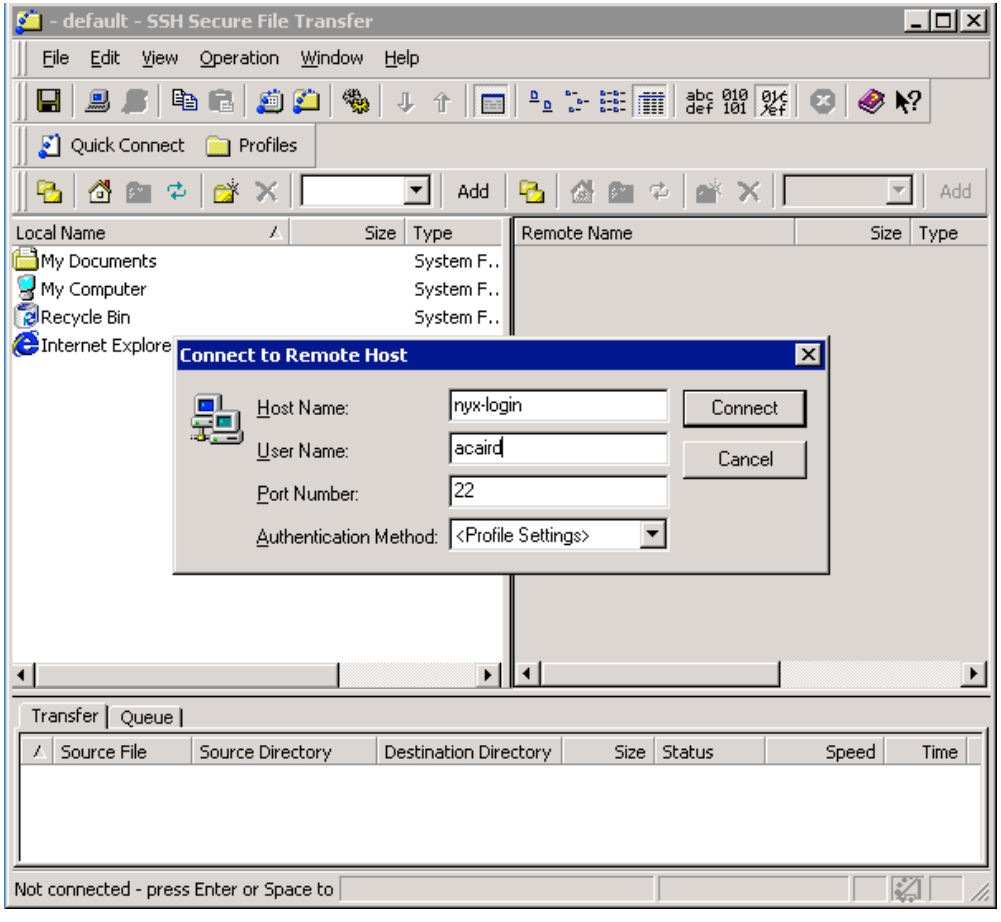

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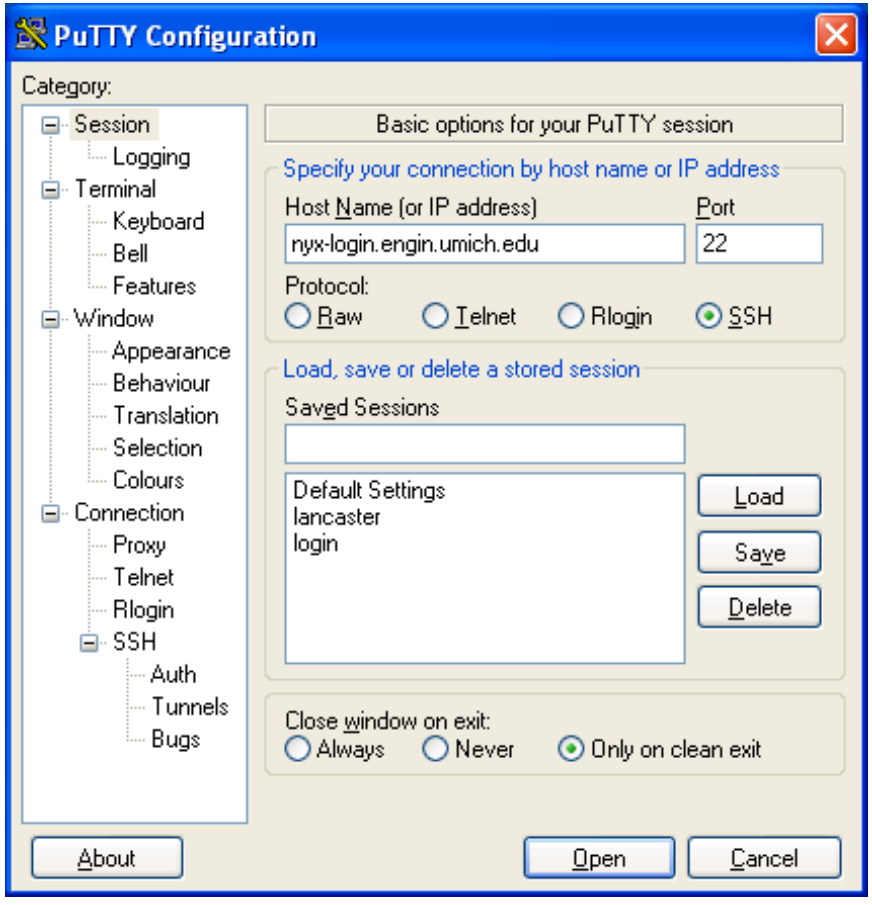

SFTP/SCP

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Start→Programs→Communication Tools→SSH Secure Shell

SCP

- Simple copy over SSH between two Unix/Linux hosts
- Send file: `scp localfile host: /`
- Get file: `scp host: /remotefile  /`

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Module Customization

- `/privatemodules/default`
  Allows users to change their default modules.
- `/privatemodules/`*`module/version`*
  Holds user created module

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Compile Code

Nyx

- Use: `mpicc`, `mpiCC`, `mpif90` for MPI code
- Use: `pgcc`, `pgCC`, `pgf90` with `-mp` for OpenMP Code

Bighouse

- Use: `icc`, `icpc`, `ifort` with `-lmpt` for MPI code
- Use: `icc`, `icpc`, `ifort` with `I forgot this` for OpenMP code

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The steps to using the batch system are:

1. Create a batch file: this is a short (5-15 lines) text file with some batch commands and the commands to run your program
2. Submit the file to the batch system
3. Check on the status of your job
4. Delete your job if you want to cancel it

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A simple single cpu example

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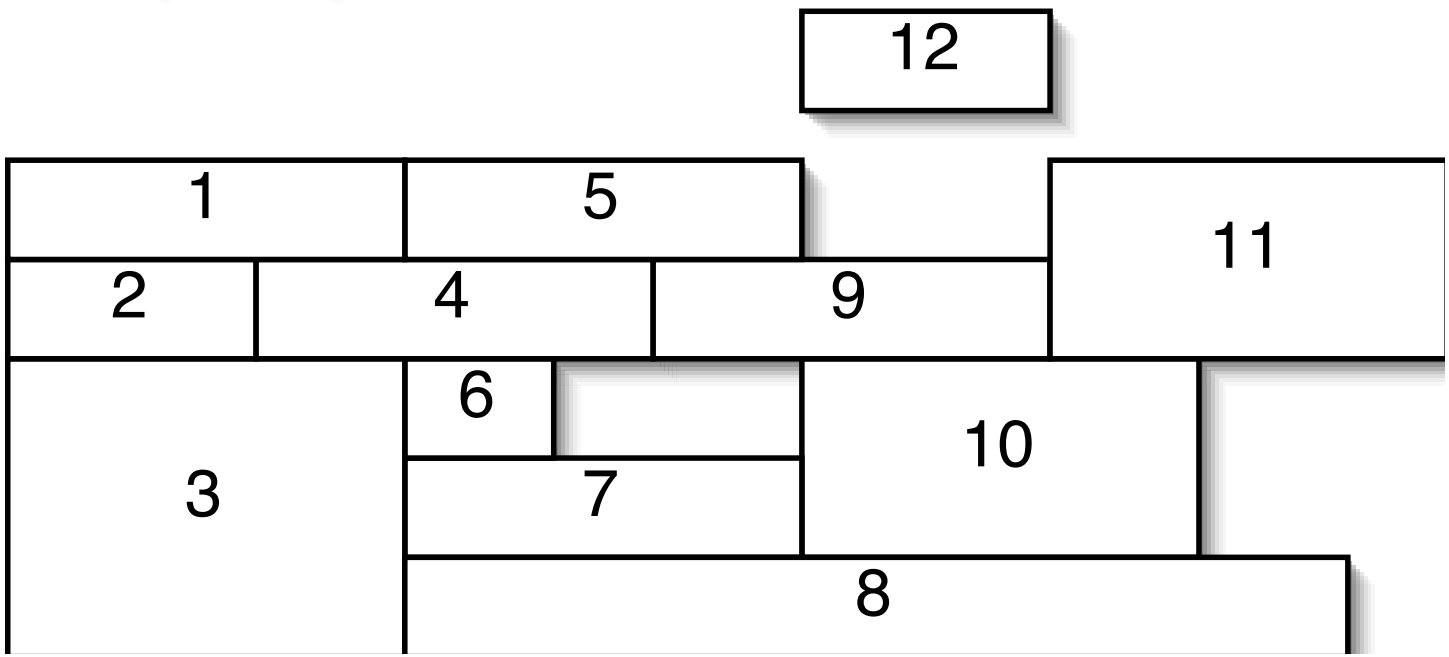

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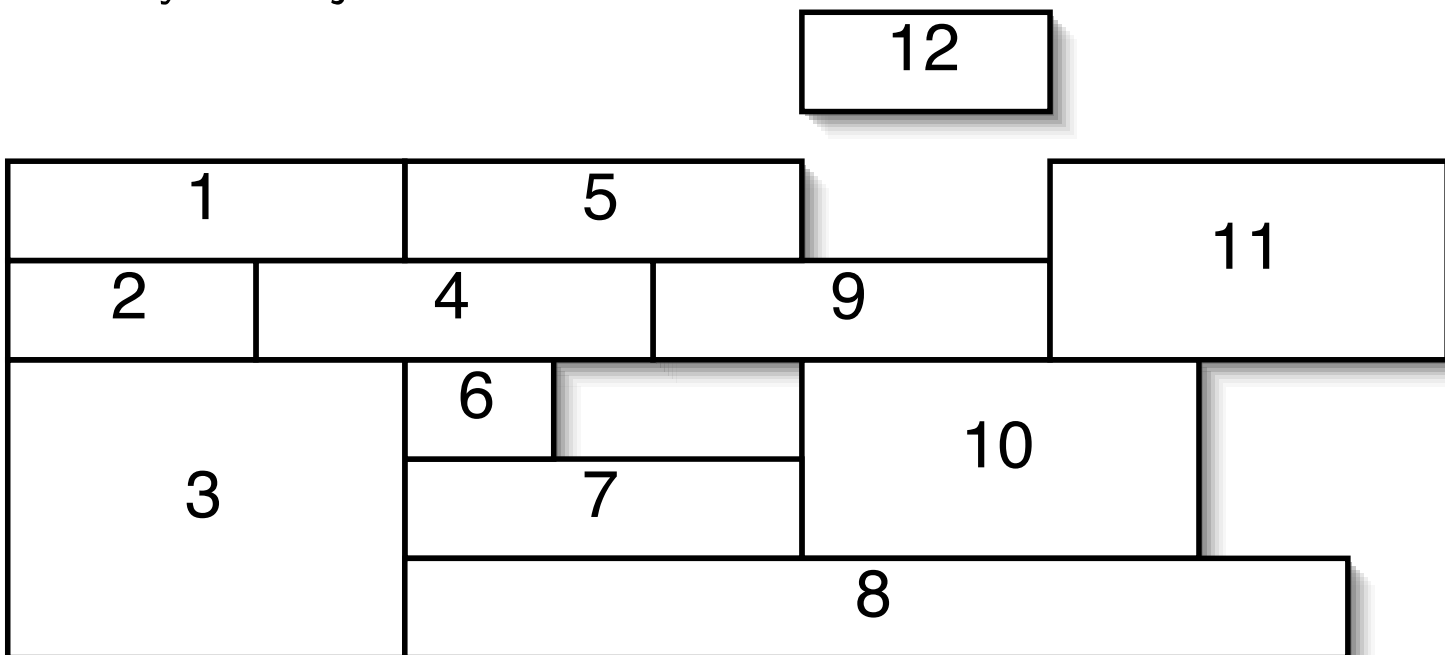

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There are several commands that can give you insight into the scheduler's decisions.

- `showq` — shows the state of the queue at that moment in time, showing the running jobs in order of soonest to finish to longest to finish; the idle jobs in order of priority; and the blocked jobs in the order they were submitted
- `diagnose -p` — shows the factors that go into computing the priority for all of the idle jobs
- `checkjob` *`jobnumber`* — for idle jobs this will show why the job can't start
- `showstart` *`jobnumber`* — this makes a (poor) estimate of when the job will start

Summary

- Resources
  - Lots of CPUs
  - A reasonable amount of software
  - Watch or subscribe to `http://cac.engin.umich.edu` for updates
- Access
  - All access is via the SSH family of commands: `ssh`, `sftp`, `scp`
  - There are lots of clients for these commands for the different platforms
  - There is no graphical access, everything is via the command line

Summary

- Job Submission
  - Every job needs a PBS script file
  - Two most important commands: `qsub` and `qstat -au` *uniqname*
- Job Scheduling
  - Scheduling depends on a lot of factors, it is best to submit jobs and let the scheduler optimize for their start.

Summary

- News: `http://cac.engin.umich.edu`
  - RSS feed
  - New of changes, outages, other pertinent piece of information
- Contact: `cac-support@umich.edu`
  - Questions or concerns should be sent here (not to an individual) since this is read by six people. The odds of a quick reply are best this way.
  - We aren't parallel programmers, but we'll do what we can to help.

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