

Tips and Tricks for Computing Work Flows

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Why worry about
workflow?

- Organized code and computer usage from the start
- Testability
- Saving yourself from problems later
- Getting a sense of problem scale

- Learn to use your own personal computers more efficiently (esp. Mac and Linux based)
- More easily juggle conflicting package requirements (i.e. Python virtual environments)
- Be more familiar with using the university compute clusters

Computing Resources at Princeton

- PICSciE
- Research Computing
- Lewis Library
- A point of contact: cses@princeton.edu

Services

- Weekly Help Sessions (M 10-11, Th 2-3, Lewis 347)
- Computing Clusters (Nobel and Adroit, plus other clusters with a sponsoring PI)
- cses@princeton.edu for reference with computational research questions

The Command Line

[https://github.com/
bwhicks/bash-notes](https://github.com/bwhicks/bash-notes)

- `.bash_profile`?
- `.profile`?
- `.bashrc`?
- What's the difference?

- Nano
- Vim
- Emacs
- On workstation: Sublime, Atom, Eclipse

Stupid Bash Tricks

Commands to Know

- man
- cp
- ls
- mv
- find & grep

Organizing Data and Code

(Why you should use some kind of CVS)

GIT

No really.

- Start early.
- Private Repo? (<https://www.princeton.edu/researchcomputing/services/github-form-new/>)
- Way to back up code for documenting results

Code and Documentation

- R packages for example - Weave and KnitR
- Python (Sphinx[uses ReStructured Text])
- Pandoc

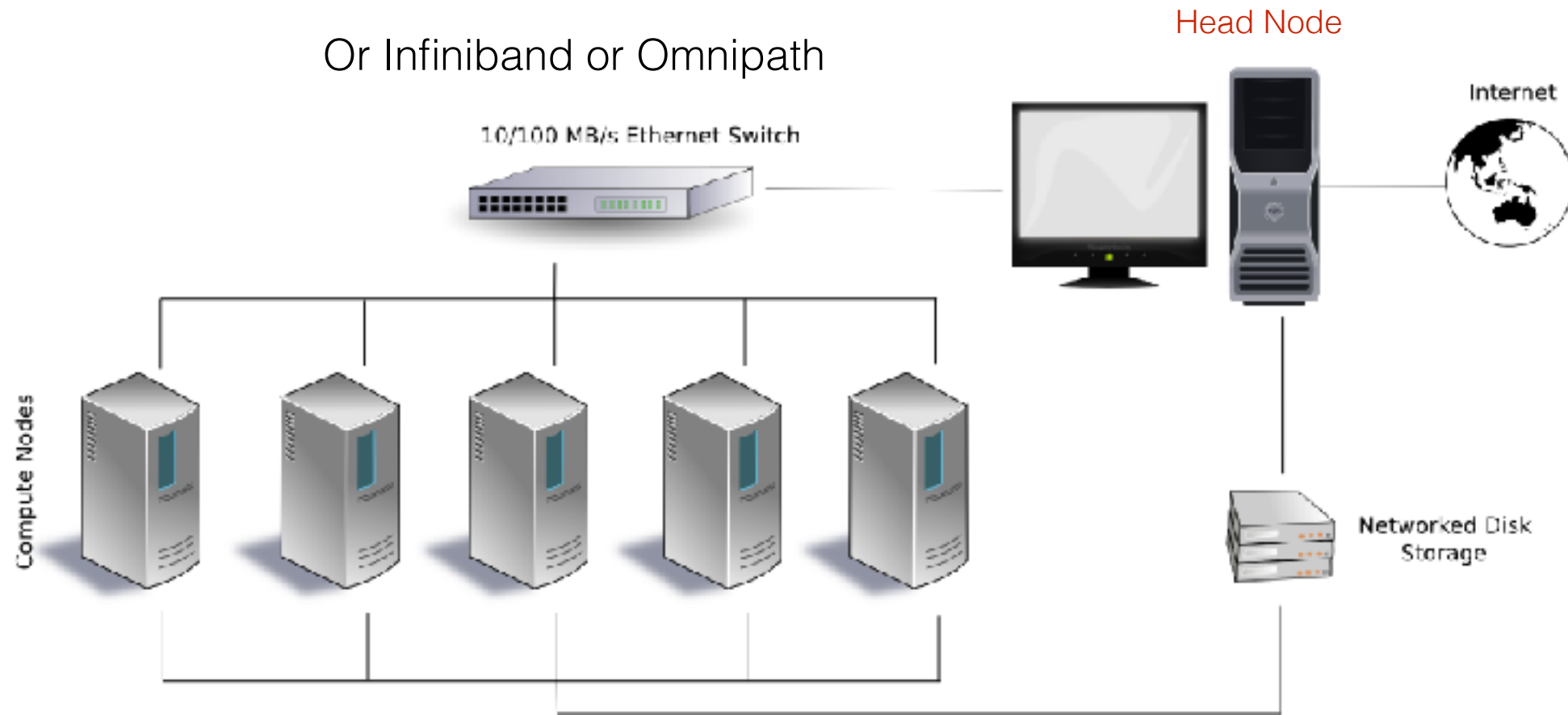
Virtual Environments

Python

- virtualenv (<https://virtualenv.pypa.io/en/stable/>)
- conda (<https://www.continuum.io/downloads>) [also R and Scala!]
- Pros/Cons?

Ruby

- rbnb (<https://github.com/rbnb/rbnb>)
- RVM (Ruby Version Manager)



Cluster?

Beowulf cluster style (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_cluster#/media/File:Beowulf.png)

Meta Considerations

- Is this code that will require HPC resources?
- Can I make it parallel (implicit like algebraic libraries vs. parallel loops)?
- What sort of storage do I need?
- Does my PI sponsor accounts vs. Nobel/Adroit?

Working on the Cluster

- ssh (terminal is great, PuTTY on Win)
- scp
- sbatch and squeue (part of SLURM)

Survival Commands

- `module load anaconda (or anaconda3)`
- `module avail`
- `rh/devtoolset/4` - updated gcc
- `intel, openmpi, mkl` math libraries