

## An Introduction to High Performance Computing

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## UIS: Research Computing Services

Your trainers for today will be:

- ▶ Stuart Rankin  
    Research Computing User Services
- ▶ Mark Sharpley  
    Research Computing Platforms
- ▶ We are generalists, but there is also the Research Software Engineering team.

- ▶ Please sign in on the **attendance sheet**.
- ▶ Please give your **online feedback** at the end of the course:  
<http://feedback.training.cam.ac.uk/ucs/form.php>
- ▶ Keep your belongings with you.
- ▶ Please ask questions and let us know if you need assistance.

## You may be ...

- ▶ Programmers (or not).
- ▶ UNIX power users (or not).
- ▶ Researchers wishing to run large, parallel code.
- ▶ Researchers wishing to run many, non-parallel cases.
- ▶ Researchers interested in big data, machine learning, AI.
- ▶ Researchers requiring slightly more than an ordinary workstation.
- ▶ Many different disciplines and requirements.

## Plan of the Course

Part 1: Basics

Part 2: Research Computing Services HPC

Part 3: Using HPC

## Prerequisites

- ▶ Basic Unix/Linux command line experience:

**Unix: Introduction to the Command Line Interface (self-paced)**

<https://www.training.cam.ac.uk/ucs/Course/ucs-unixintro1>

- ▶ Shell scripting experience is desirable:

**Unix: Simple Shell Scripting for Scientists**

<https://www.training.cam.ac.uk/ucs/Course/ucs-scriptsci>

## Training accounts

- ▶ For our practical exercises we will use HPC training accounts. These are distinct from the MCS desktop training accounts.
- ▶ You will find HPC training account details on your desk.
- ▶ Your HPC training account is valid only for today.
- ▶ The name of the HPC account will be the same as your MCS desktop account: z4XY (where XY is the station number).
- ▶ Please check your MCS workstation is booted into Ubuntu Linux, and logged in, ask if you need help with this.
- ▶ PDFs of the course notes and the exercises can be found in your MCS filesystem.

## Security

- ▶ Cambridge IT is under constant attack by would-be intruders.
- ▶ Choose strong passwords and keep it (or private key passphrase) safe.
- ▶ Your UIS password is used for multiple systems so keep it secure!
- ▶ Keep the software on your laptops/tablets/PCs up to date — this includes home computers.
- ▶ Check out and install free anti-malware software available for work and home:  
<https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/service/security/stay-safe-online/malware>
- ▶ Don't share accounts (this is against the rules, and anyone can get their own).

## Part I: Basics

### Basics: Compute Intensive Problems

- ▶ Distribute the work for a single problem across multiple CPUs to reduce the execution time as far as possible.
- ▶ Program workload must be *parallelised*:  
Parallel programs split into copies (processes or threads).  
Each process/thread performs a part of the work on its own CPU, concurrently with the others.  
A well-parallelised program will fully exercise as many CPUs as there are processes/threads.
- ▶ The CPUs typically need to exchange information rapidly, requiring specialized communication hardware.
- ▶ Many use cases from Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Astronomy, Biology...
- ▶ The traditional domain of HPC and the Supercomputer.

### Basics: Why Buy a Big Computer?

What types of big problem might require a “Big Computer”?

*Compute Intensive*: A single problem requiring a large amount of computation.

*Memory Intensive*: A single problem requiring a large amount of memory.

*Data Intensive*: A single problem operating on a large amount of data.

*High Throughput*: Many unrelated problems to be executed in bulk.



### Basics: Scaling & Amdahl's Law

- ▶ Using more CPUs is not necessarily faster.
- ▶ Typically parallel codes have a scaling limit.
- ▶ Partly due to the system overhead of managing more copies, but also to more basic constraints;
- ▶ Amdahl's Law (idealized):

$$S(N) = \frac{1}{(1 - p + \frac{p}{N})}$$

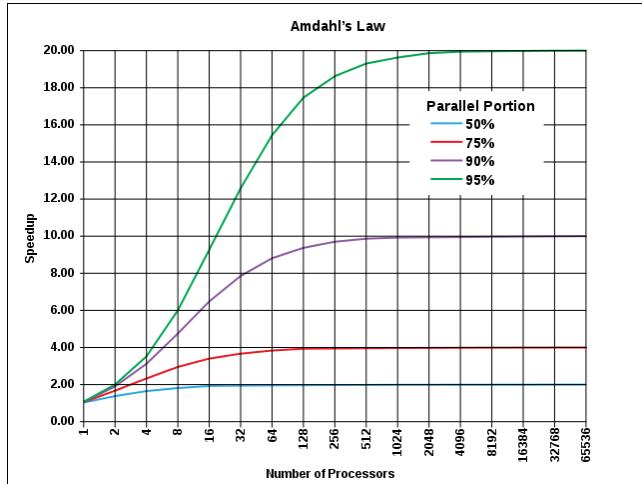
where

$S(N)$  is the fraction by which the program has sped up relative to  $N = 1$

$p$  is the fraction of the program which can be parallelized

$N$  is the number of CPUs.

## Basics: Amdahl's Law



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:AmdahlsLaw.svg>

## Basics: Data Intensive Problems

- Distribute the data for a single problem across multiple CPUs to reduce the overall execution time.
- The same work may be done on each data segment.
- Rapid movement of data to and from disk is more important than inter-CPU communication.
- Big Data problems of great current interest -
- Hadoop/MapReduce
- Life Sciences (genomics) and elsewhere.

## The Bottom Line

- Parallelisation requires effort:
  - There are libraries to help (e.g. OpenMP, MPI).
  - Aim to make both  $p$  and performance per CPU as large as possible.
- The scaling limit: eventually using more CPUs becomes detrimental instead of helpful.

## Basics: High Throughput

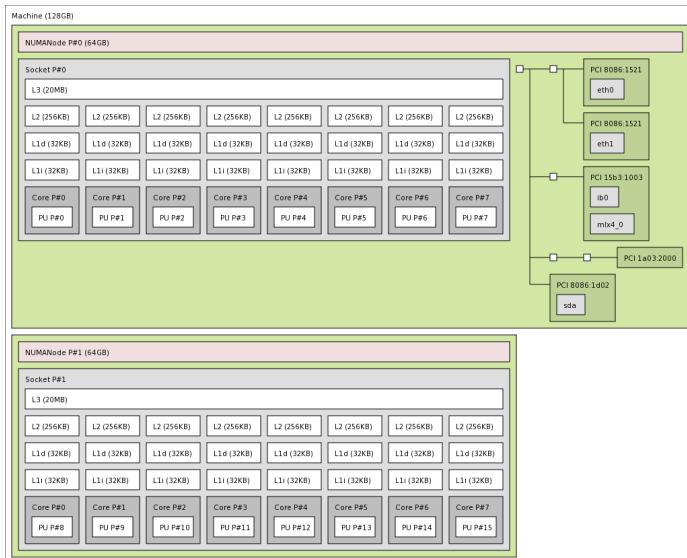
- Distribute independent, multiple problems across multiple CPUs to reduce the overall execution time.
- Workload is trivially (or embarrassingly) parallel:
  - Workload breaks up naturally into *independent* pieces.
  - Each piece is performed by a separate process/thread on a separate CPU (concurrently).
  - Little or no inter-CPU communication.
- Emphasis is on throughput over a period, rather than on performance on a single problem.
- Compute intensive capable  $\Rightarrow$  high throughput capable (not conversely).

If you are using lots of R or python, you are probably high throughput, and possibly data intensive or compute intensive.

- ▶ Each of these types of problem requires combining many CPUs and memory modules.
- ▶ Nowadays, there can be many CPUs and memory modules inside a single commodity PC or server.
- ▶ HPC involves combining many times more than this.

- ▶ Today's commodity servers already aggregate both CPUs and memory to make a **single system image** in a single box.
- ▶ Even small computers now have multiple **cores** (fully functional CPUs) per socket.
- ▶ Larger computers have multiple sockets (each with their own local memory).

## Basics: Inside a Modern Computer



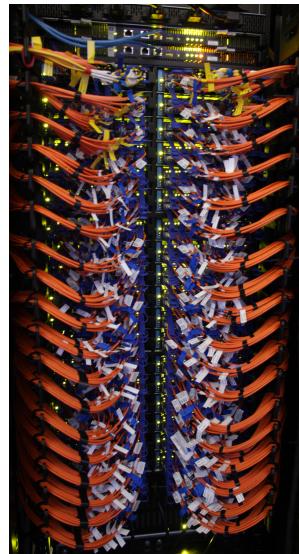
## Basics: How to Build a Supercomputer

- ▶ A supercomputer aggregates contemporary CPUs and memory to obtain increased computing power.
  - ▶ Usually today these are **clusters**.
1. Take some (multicore) processors plus some memory to make a **node**.
    - ▶ Could be an off-the-shelf server, or something more special.

## Basics: How to Build a Supercomputer

2. Connect similar nodes with one or more networks. E.g.  
Gbit Ethernet: 100 MB/sec  
Omni-Path: 10 GB/sec

Faster network is for inter-CPU communication across nodes.  
Slower network is for management and provisioning.  
Storage may use either.



## Basics: How to Build a Supercomputer

3. Allocate CPUs & memory to workload
  - ▶ Clusters consist of distinct nodes (i.e. separate Linux computers), networked together and controlled centrally by a scheduler.
    - \* Each process/thread can see only its local node's CPUs and memory (without help from e.g. MPI).
    - \* Each process/thread must fit within a single node's memory.
  - ▶ More expensive machines logically bind nodes into a single system.
    - \* Logically one big node.
    - \* A single process can see the entire system.
    - \* E.g. SGI UV.

## Basics: Running Applications on a Cluster

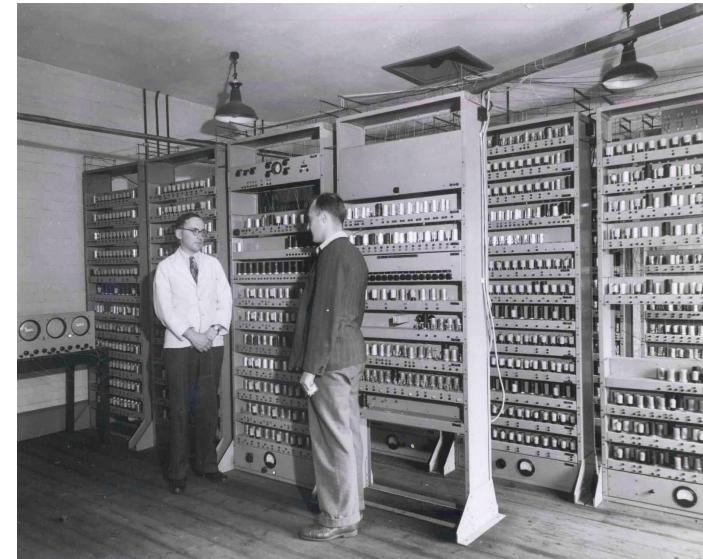
- ▶ Non-parallel (serial) code
  - \* For a single node as for a workstation.
  - \* Typically run as many copies per node as CPUs, assuming node memory is sufficient.
  - \* Or simply use the memory accompanying the remaining CPUs.
  - \* Can replicate this across multiple nodes.
- ▶ Parallel code
  - \* Thread parallelism works **only** within a node.  
E.g. pthreads, OpenMP.
  - \* MPI parallelism works **both** intra- and inter-node.
  - \* Some **hybrid** codes use both forms of parallel programming.

## Basics: Summary

- ▶ Why have a supercomputer?
  - ▶ Single problems requiring great time or big data; many problems.
- ▶ Most current supercomputers are **clusters** of separate nodes.
- ▶ Each node has **multiple CPUs** and **(non-uniform, shared) memory**.
- ▶ Parallel code may use pthreads/OpenMP/MPI within a node, or MPI across multiple nodes.
- ▶ Serial code uses a single CPU and the memory of one node, but may be copied across many nodes.

## Part II: Research Computing Services HPC

### Early History: EDSAC (1949–1958)



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### Early History: EDSAC (1949–1958)

- ▶ **Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator**
- ▶ The second general use, electronic digital (Turing complete) stored program computer
- ▶ 3,000 valves
- ▶ 650 instructions per second
- ▶ 2KB memory in mercury ultrasonic delay lines
- ▶ One program at a time!
- ▶ Used in meteorology, genetics, theoretical chemistry, numerical analysis, radioastronomy.
- ▶ “*On a few occasions it worked for more than 24 hours.*”

### Central HPC in Cambridge

**Created:** 1996 (as the HPCF).

**Mission:** Delivery and support of a large HPC resource for use by the University of Cambridge research community.

**Self-funding:** Paying and non-paying service levels.

**User base:** Includes external STFC & EPSRC plus industrial users.

**Plus:** Dedicated group nodes and research projects.

## History of Performance

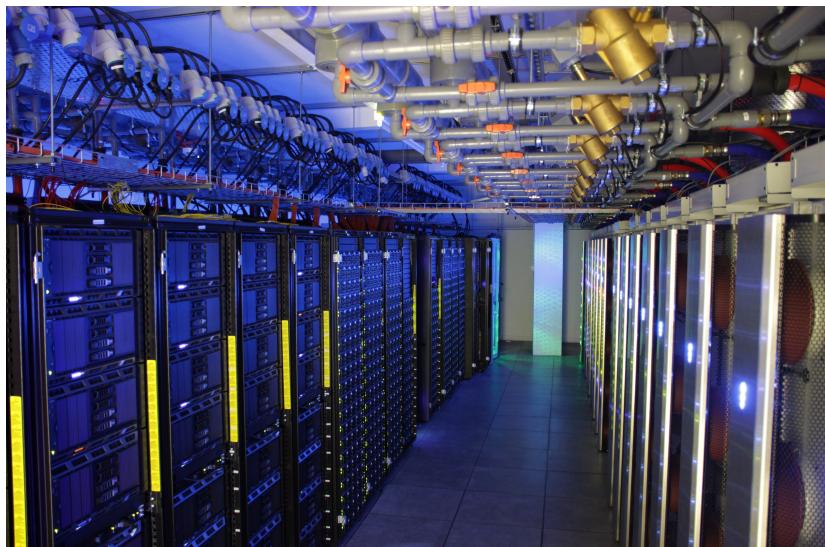
<http://www.top500.org>

1997 76.8 Gflop/s  
2002 1.4 Tflop/s  
2006 18.27 Tflop/s  
2010 30 Tflop/s  
2012 183.38 Tflop/s  
2013 183.38 CPU + 239.90 GPU Tflop/s  
2018 2.271 CPU + 1.193 GPU Pflop/s

## Darwin1 (2006–2012)



## Darwin3 (2012–2018)(b) & Wilkes (2013–2018)(f)



## Peta4 (2017) Cumulus (2018)



- ▶ Each compute node:
  - \* 2x16 cores, Intel Skylake 2.6 GHz **32 CPUs**
  - \* 192 GB or 384 GB RAM **6 GB or 12 GB per CPU**
  - \* 100 Gb/sec Omni-Path **10 GB/sec (for MPI and storage)**
- ▶ 1152 compute nodes.
- ▶ 8 login nodes ([login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk](http://login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk)).

## Pascal

- ▶ Each compute node:
  - \* 4 × NVIDIA P100 GPU **4 GPUs**
  - \* 1x12 cores, Intel Broadwell 2.2 GHz **12 CPUs**
  - \* 96 GB RAM **96 GB RAM**
  - \* 100 Gb/sec (4X EDR) Infiniband. **10 GB/sec (for MPI and storage)**
- ▶ 90 compute nodes.
- ▶ 8 login nodes ([login-gpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk](http://login-gpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk)).

- ▶ CPUs are **general purpose**
- ▶ Some types of parallel workload fit **vector processing** well:
  - ▶ Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD)
  - ▶ *Think pixels on a screen*
  - ▶ GPUs specialise in this type of work
  - ▶ Also competitor many-core architectures such as the Intel Phi

## KNL (Intel Phi)

- ▶ Each compute node:
  - \* 64 cores, Intel Phi 7210 **256 CPUs**
  - \* 96 GB RAM **96 GB RAM**
  - \* 100 Gb/sec Omni-Path **10 GB/sec (for MPI and storage)**
- ▶ 342 compute nodes
- ▶ Shared login nodes with Skylake

- ▶ Lustre cluster filesystem:

- \* Very scalable, high bandwidth.
- \* Multiple RAID6 back-end disk volumes.
- \* Multiple object storage servers.
- \* Single metadata server.
- \* Tape-backed HSM on newest filesystems.
- \* 12 GB/sec overall read or write.
- \* Prefers big read/writes over small.

## Obtaining an Account and Support

- ▶ <https://www.hpc.cam.ac.uk/applications-access-research-computing-services>
- ▶ Email [support@hpc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:support@hpc.cam.ac.uk)

## Using HPC: Connecting to the RCS Clusters

- ▶ SSH secure protocol only.  
Supports login, file transfer, remote desktop... .
- ▶ SSH access is allowed from anywhere.  
Fail2Ban will ban repeatedly failing clients for 20 minutes.
- ▶ Policies for other clusters may differ.

## Connecting: Windows Clients

- ▶ putty, pscp, psftp  
<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html>
- ▶ WinSCP  
<http://winscp.net/eng/download.php>
- ▶ TurboVNC (remote desktop, 3D optional)  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/turbovnc/files/>
- ▶ Cygwin (provides an application environment similar to Linux)  
<http://cygwin.com/install.html>  
Includes X server for displaying graphical applications running remotely.
- ▶ MobaXterm  
<http://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/>

## Connecting: Linux/MacOSX/UNIX Clients

- ▶ ssh, scp, sftp, rsync  
Installed (or installable).
- ▶ TurboVNC (remote desktop, 3D optional)  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/turbovnc/files/>
- ▶ On MacOSX, install XQuartz to display remote graphical applications.  
<http://xquartz.macosforge.org/landing/>

## Connecting: Login

- ▶ From Linux/MacOSX/UNIX (or Cygwin):  
`ssh -Y abc123@login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk`
- ▶ From graphical clients:  
Host: [login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk](http://login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk)  
Username: **abc123** (your UCAM account name)
- ▶ login-cpu.hpc will map to a random login node  
i.e. one of login-e-9, login-e-10, ..., login-e-16

## Connecting: First time login

- ▶ The first connection to a particular hostname produces the following:  

```
The authenticity of host 'login-cpu (128.232.224.50)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:HsiY10eOM8tS6JwR76PeQQA/VB7r8675BzG50YQ4h34.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is MD5:34:9b:f2:d2:c6:b3:5c:63:99:b7:27:da:5b:c8:16:fe.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added 'login-cpu,128.232.224.50' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
```
- ▶ One should always check the fingerprint before typing "yes".
- ▶ Graphical SSH clients *should* ask a similar question.
- ▶ Designed to detect fraudulent servers.

## Connecting: First time login

- ▶ Exercise 1 - Log into your RCS training account.
- ▶ Exercise 2 - Simple command line operations.

## Connecting: File Transfer

- ▶ With graphical clients, connect as before and drag and drop.
- ▶ From Linux/MacOSX/UNIX (or Cygwin):  
`rsync -av old_directory/ abc12@login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk:rds/hpc-work/new_directory`  
copies contents of old\_directory to `~/rds/hpc-work/new_directory`.  
`rsync -av old_directory abc12@login-cpu.hpc.cam.ac.uk:rds/hpc-work/new_directory`  
copies old\_directory (and contents) to  
`~/rds/hpc-work/new_directory/old_directory`.
  - \* Rerun to update or resume after interruption.
  - \* All transfers are checksummed.
  - \* For transfers in the opposite direction, place the remote machine as the first argument.
- ▶ Exercise 3 - File transfer.

## Connecting: Remote Desktop

- ▶ First time use of TurboVNC (recommended):

```
[sjr20@login-e-1 ~]$ vncserver
```

You will require a password to access your desktops.

Password:

Verify:

Would you like to enter a view-only password (y/n)? n

New 'login-e-1:99 (sjr20)' desktop is `login-e-1:99`

```
Starting applications specified in /home/sjr20/.vnc/xstartup
Log file is /home/sjr20/.vnc/login-e-1:99.log
```

- ▶ NB Choose a different password for VNC to protect your desktop from other users.
- ▶ Note the unique host and display number (`login-e-1` and `:99` here).

## Connecting: Remote Desktop

- ▶ Remote desktop already running:

```
[sjr20@login-e-1 ~]$ vncserver -list
```

TigerVNC server sessions:

X DISPLAY #	PROCESS ID
:99	130655

- ▶ Kill it:

```
[sjr20@login-e-1 ~]$ vncserver -kill :99
Killing Xvnc process ID 130655
```

- ▶ Typically you only need one remote desktop.
- ▶ Keeps running until killed, or the node reboots.

## Connecting: Remote Desktop

- ▶ To connect to the desktop from Linux:

```
vncviewer -via abc12@login-e-1.hpc.cam.ac.uk localhost:99
```

- ▶ The display number :99 will be different in general and unique to each desktop.
- ▶ You will be asked firstly for your cluster login password, and secondly for your VNC password.
- ▶ Press F8 to bring up the control panel.
- ▶ Exercise 4 - Connecting to a remote desktop running on the HPC cluster.

## Using HPC: User Environment

- ▶ Scientific Linux 7.x (**Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.x rebuild**)
  - ▶ bash shell
  - ▶ Gnome or XFCE4 desktop (**if you want**)
  - ▶ GCC, Intel, PGI compilers and other development software.
- ▶ But you don't need to know that.
- ▶ **NOT Ubuntu or Debian!**
- ▶ CentOS 7 is OK.

## User Environment: Filesystems

- ▶ </home/abc123>
  - ▶ 40GB quota.
  - ▶ Visible equally from all nodes.
  - ▶ Single storage server.
  - ▶ Hourly, daily, weekly snapshots copied to tape.
  - ▶ Not intended for job outputs or large/many input files.
- ▶ </rds/user/abc123/hpc-work> a.k.a. </home/abc123/rds/hpc-work>
  - ▶ Visible equally from all nodes.
  - ▶ Larger and faster (1TB initial quota).
  - ▶ Intended for job inputs and outputs.
  - ▶ **Not backed up.**
  - ▶ Research Data Storage
  - ▶ <https://www.hpc.cam.ac.uk/research-data-storage-services>

## Filesystems: Quotas

- ▶ **quota**  

```
[abc123@login-e-1 ~]$ quota
Filesystem  GiBytes  quota  limit  grace  files  quota  limit  grace User/group
/home        10.6    40.0   40.0    0      ---- No ZFS File Quotas  ----- U:abc123
/rds-d2     1.0     1024.0 1126.4   -      8 1048576 1048576   - G:abc123
```
- ▶ Aim to stay below the soft limit (*quota*).
- ▶ Once over the soft limit, you have 7 days grace to return below.
- ▶ When the grace period expires, or you reach the hard limit (*limit*), no more data can be written.
- ▶ It is important to rectify an out of quota condition ASAP.

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- ▶ Be careful and if unsure, please ask support.

- ▶ Can lead to accidental destruction of your data or account compromise.

- ▶ Avoid changing the permissions on your home directory.

- ▶ Files under /home are particularly security sensitive.
- ▶ Easy to break passwordless communication between nodes.

- ▶ Free software accompanying Red Hat Enterprise Linux is (or can be) provided.
- ▶ Other software (free and non-free) is available via modules.
- ▶ Some proprietary software may not be generally accessible.
- ▶ New software may be possible to provide on request.
- ▶ Self-installed software should be properly licensed.
- ▶ **sudo will not work.** (You should be worried if it did.)
- ▶ Docker-compatible containers can now be downloaded and used via singularity.

- ▶ Modules load or unload additional software packages.
- ▶ Some are required and automatically loaded on login.
- ▶ Others are optional extras, or possible replacements for other modules.
- ▶ Beware unloading default modules in `~/.bashrc`.
- ▶ Beware overwriting environment variables such as `PATH` and `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` in `~/.bashrc`. If necessary append or prepend.

## User Environment: Environment Modules

► Currently loaded:

```
module list
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
 1) dot
 2) slurm
 3) turbovnc/2.0.1
 4) vgl/2.5.1/64
 5) singularity/current
 6) rhel7/global
 7) intel/compilers/2017.4
 8) intel/mkl/2017.4
 9) intel/impi/2017.4/intel
10) intel/libs/idb/2017.4
11) intel/libs/tbb/2017.4
12) intel/libs/ipp/2017.4
13) intel/libs/daal/2017.4
14) intel/bundles/complib/2017.4
15) rhel7/default-peta4
```

► Available:

```
module av
```



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## User Environment: Environment Modules

► Whatis:

```
module whatis openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f: The Open MPI Project is an open source...
```

► Load:

```
module load openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
```

► Unload:

```
module unload openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
```

## User Environment: Environment Modules

► Matlab

```
module load matlab/r2017b
```

► Invoking matlab in batch mode:

```
matlab -nodisplay -nojvm -nosplash command
where the file command.m contains your matlab code.
```

► The University site license contains the Parallel Computing Toolbox.

► MATLAB Parallel Server is also available.



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## User Environment: Environment Modules

► Purge:

```
module purge
```

► Defaults loaded on login (vary by cluster):

```
module show rhel7/default-peta4
-----
/usr/local/Cluster-Config/modulefiles/rhel7/default-peta4:
-----
```

module-whatis	default user environment for Peta4 nodes with Intel MPI
setenv	OMP_NUM_THREADS 1
module	add dot slurm turbovnc vgl singularity
module	add rhel7/global
module	add intel/bundles/complib/2017.4

```
-----
```

```
module load rhel7/default-peta4
```

► Run time environment must match compile time environment.



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## User Environment: Compilers

Intel: `icc`, `icpc`, `ifort` (recommended)

```
icc -O3 -xHOST -ip code.c -o prog  
mpicc -O3 -xHOST -ip mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
```

GCC: `gcc`, `g++`, `gfortran`

```
gcc -O3 -mtune=native code.c -o prog  
mpicc -cc=gcc -O3 -mtune=native mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
```

PGI: `pgcc`, `pgCC`, `pgf90`

```
pgcc -O3 -tp=skylake code.c -o prog  
mpicc -cc=pgcc -O3 -tp=skylake mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
```

### Exercise 5: Modules and Compilers

## Using HPC: Job Submission



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- ▶ Compute resources are managed by a scheduler:  
`SLURM/PBS/SGE/LSF/...`
- ▶ Jobs are submitted to the scheduler
  - analogous to submitting jobs to a print queue
  - a file (*submission script*) is copied and queued for processing.

## Using HPC: Job Submission

- ▶ Jobs are submitted from the `login node`
  - not itself managed by the scheduler.
- ▶ Jobs may be either `non-interactive (batch)` or `interactive`.
- ▶ `Batch` jobs run a shell script on the first of a list of allocated nodes.
- ▶ `Interactive` jobs provide a command line on the first of a list of allocated nodes.

## Using HPC: Job Submission

- ▶ Jobs may use part or all of one or more nodes
  - the owner can specify --exclusive to force exclusive node access (automatic on KNL).
- ▶ Template submission scripts are available under </usr/local/Cluster-Docs/SLURM>.

## Job Submission: Using SLURM

- ▶ Prepare a shell script and submit it to SLURM:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ sbatch slurm_submission_script
Submitted batch job 790299
```



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## Job Submission: Show Queue

- ▶ Submitted job scripts are copied and stored in a queue:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ squeue -u abc123
JOBID PARTITION    NAME      USER ST      TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
790299  skylake    Test3    abc123 PD      0:00      2 (PriorityResourcesAssocGrpCPUMinsLimit)
790290  skylake    Test2    abc123 R   27:56:10      2 cpue-e-[1,10]
```

## Job Submission: Monitor Job

- ▶ Examine a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ scontrol show job=790290
```



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## Job Submission: Accounting Commands

- ▶ How many core hours available do I have?

```
mybalance
User      Usage |      Account      Usage | Account Limit Available (hours)
----- + ----- + -----
sjr20      3 | SUPPORT-CPU    2,929 | 22,425,600 22,422,671
sjr20      0 | SUPPORT-GPU     0 | 87,600   87,600
```

- ▶ How many core hours does some other project or user have?

```
gbalance -p SUPPORT-CPU
User      Usage |      Account      Usage | Account Limit Available (hours)
----- + ----- + -----
pfb29     2,925 | SUPPORT-CPU    2,929 | 22,425,600 22,422,671
sjr20 *     3 | SUPPORT-CPU    2,929 | 22,425,600 22,422,671
...
(Use -u for user.)
```

- ▶ List all jobs charged to a project/user between certain times:

```
gstatement -p SUPPORT-CPU -u xyz10 -s "2018-04-01-00:00:00" -e "2018-04-30-00:00:00"
JobID   User   Account   JobName   Partition   End   ExitCode   State   Comphrs
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
263     xyz10 support-c++_interact+ skylake 2018-04-18T19:44:40 0:0 TIMEOUT    1.0
264     xyz10 support-c++_interact+ skylake 2018-04-18T19:48:07 0:0 CANCELLED+ 0.1
275     xyz10 support-c++_interact+ skylake Unknown        0:0 RUNNING    0.3
...
```



## Job Submission: Scripts

- ▶ SLURM

In `/usr/local/Cluster-Docs/SLURM`, see examples:  
`slurm_submit.peta4-skylake`, `slurm_submit.wilkes2`.

```
#!/bin/bash
#! Name of the job:
#SBATCH -J myjob
#! Which project should be charged:
#SBATCH -A CHANGEME
#! How many whole nodes should be allocated?
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#! How many tasks will there be in total? (<= nodes*32)
#SBATCH --ntasks=116
#! How much wallclock time will be required?
#SBATCH --time=02:00:00
#! Select partition:
#SBATCH -p skylake
...
```

- ▶ `#SBATCH` lines are *structured comments*

— correspond to `sbatch` command line options.

- ▶ The above job will be given 1 cpu 16 cpus on 1 node for 2 hours  
(by default there is 1 task per node, and 1 cpu per task).

## Job Submission: Cancel Job

- ▶ Cancel a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ scancel 790290
```



## Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS= # For OpenMP across cores
$application $options
...
```



## Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
# Default is 1 cpu (core) per task
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS= # For OpenMP across cores
$application $options
...
```

## Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=32 # Whole node
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=32 # For OpenMP across 32 cores
$application $options
...
```

## Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=16 # Half node
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16 # For OpenMP across 16 cores
$application $options
...
```

## Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=32 # Whole node
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16 # For OpenMP across 16 cores (using all memory)
$application $options
...
```

## Job Submission: MPI Jobs

- ▶ Parallel job across multiple nodes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=128      # i.e. 32x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
mpirun -np 128 $application $options
...
```

- ▶ SLURM-aware MPI launches remote tasks via SLURM (doesn't need a list of nodes).

## Job Submission: MPI Jobs

- ▶ Parallel job across multiple nodes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=64      # i.e. 16x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
mpirun -ppn 16 -np 64 $application $options
...
```

- ▶ SLURM-aware MPI launches remote tasks via SLURM (doesn't need a list of nodes).

## Job Submission: Hybrid Jobs

- ▶ Parallel jobs using both MPI and OpenMP.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=64      # i.e. 16x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2  # i.e. 2 threads per MPI task.
mpirun -ppn 16 -np 64 $application $options
...
```

- ▶ This job uses 128 CPUs (each MPI task splits into 2 OpenMP threads).

## Job Submission: High Throughput Jobs

- ▶ Multiple serial jobs across multiple nodes.
- ▶ Use `srun` to launch tasks (job steps) within a job.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=2
...
cd directory_for_job1
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job1 > output 2> err &
cd directory_for_job2
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job2 > output 2> err &
...
cd directory_for_job64
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job64 > output 2> err &
wait
```

- ▶ Exercise 6–8 – Submitting Jobs.

## Job Submission: Interactive

- ▶ Compute nodes are accessible via SSH while you have a job running on them.
- ▶ Alternatively, submit an interactive job:  
`sintr -A TRAINING-CPU -N1 -n8 -t 1:0:0`
- ▶ Within the window (screen session):
  - \* Launches a shell on the first node (when the job starts).
  - \* Graphical applications should display correctly (if they did from the login node).
  - \* Create new shells with `ctrl-a c`, navigate with `ctrl-a n` and `ctrl-a p`.
  - \* `ssh` or `srun` can be used to start processes on any nodes in the job.
  - \* SLURM-aware MPI will do this automatically.

## Job Submission: Array Jobs

- ▶ [http://slurm.schedmd.com/job\\_array.html](http://slurm.schedmd.com/job_array.html)
- ▶ Used for submitting and managing large sets of similar jobs.
- ▶ Each job in the array has the same **initial** options.
- ▶ SLURM

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ sbatch --array=1-7:21,3,5,7 -A TRAINING-CPU submit_script
Submitted batch job 791609
```

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ squeue -u abc123
      JOBID PARTITION   NAME   USER ST      TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
    791609_1 skylake     hpl  abc123 R  0:06   1  cpu-a-6
    791609_3 skylake     hpl  abc123 R  0:06   1  cpu-a-16
    791609_5 skylake     hpl  abc123 R  0:06   1  cpu-a-7
    791609_7 skylake     hpl  abc123 R  0:06   1  cpu-a-7
```

791609\_1, 791609\_3, 791609\_5, 791609\_7

i.e.  `${SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID}_ ${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}`

`SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID` = `SLURM_JOBID` for the first element.

## Job Submission: Array Jobs (ctd)

- ▶ Updates can be applied to specific array elements using  `${SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID}_ ${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}`
- ▶ Alternatively operate on the entire array via  `${SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID}`.
- ▶ Some commands still require the `SLURM_JOB_ID` (`sacct`, `sreport`, `sshare`, `sstat` and a few others).
- ▶ Exercise 9 - Array Jobs.

## Scheduling

- ▶ SLURM scheduling is multifactor:
  - ▶ QoS — payer or non-payer?
  - ▶ Age — how long has the job waited?  
Don't cancel jobs that seem to wait too long.
  - ▶ Fair Share — how much recent usage?  
Payers with little recent usage receive boost.
  - ▶ `sprio -j jobid`
- ▶ Backfilling
  - ▶ Promote lower priority jobs into gaps left by higher priority jobs.
  - ▶ Demands that the higher priority jobs not be delayed.
  - ▶ Relies on reasonably accurate wall time requests for this to work.
  - ▶ Jobs of default length will not backfill readily.

- ▶ 36 hour job walltimes are permitted.
- ▶ This sets the timescale at busy times (*without* backfilling).
- ▶ Use backfilling when possible.
- ▶ Short (1 hour or less) jobs have higher throughput.

- ▶ Insurance against failures during long jobs.
- ▶ Restart from checkpoints to work around finite job length.
- ▶ Application native methods are best. Failing that, one can try DMTCP:  
<http://dmtcp.sourceforge.net/index.html>

## Job Submission: Scheduling Top Dos & Don'ts

### ▶ Do ...

- ▶ Give reasonably accurate wall times (allows backfilling).
- ▶ Check your balance occasionally (`mybalance`).
- ▶ Test on a small scale first.
- ▶ Implement checkpointing if possible (reduces resource wastage).

### ▶ Don't ...

- ▶ Request more than you need
  - you will wait longer and use more credits.
- ▶ Cancel jobs unnecessarily
  - priority increases over time.