

high-throughput computing



# UA HPC Introduction

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# Requesting an HPC account

- accounts.arizona.edu
  - > manage your accounts
  - > HPC account
    - > Notify your sponsor of your request at the HPC sponsorship page

# System Access

- ssh **Your\_NetID**@hpc.arizona.edu
- Windows – Putty
  - Putty configuration:
    - Host Name (or IP address): hpc.arizona.edu
    - Connection type: SSH
- Mac – Terminal

```
dshyshlov$ ssh dshyshlov@hpc.arizona.edu
```

# Bastion host

```
dhcp-10-132-143-170:~ dshyshlov$ ssh dshyshlov@hpc.arizona.edu  
Password:  
Duo two-factor login for dshyshlov
```

Enter a passcode or select one of the following options:

1. Duo Push to XXX-XXX-0896
2. Phone call to XXX-XXX-0896
3. SMS passcodes to XXX-XXX-0896 (next code starts with: 2)

Passcode or option (1-3): 1

Success. Logging you in...

Last login: Mon Aug 28 14:20:47 2017 from dhcp-10-132-143-170.uawifi.arizona.edu

This is a bastion host used to access the rest of the environment.

Shortcut commands to access each resource

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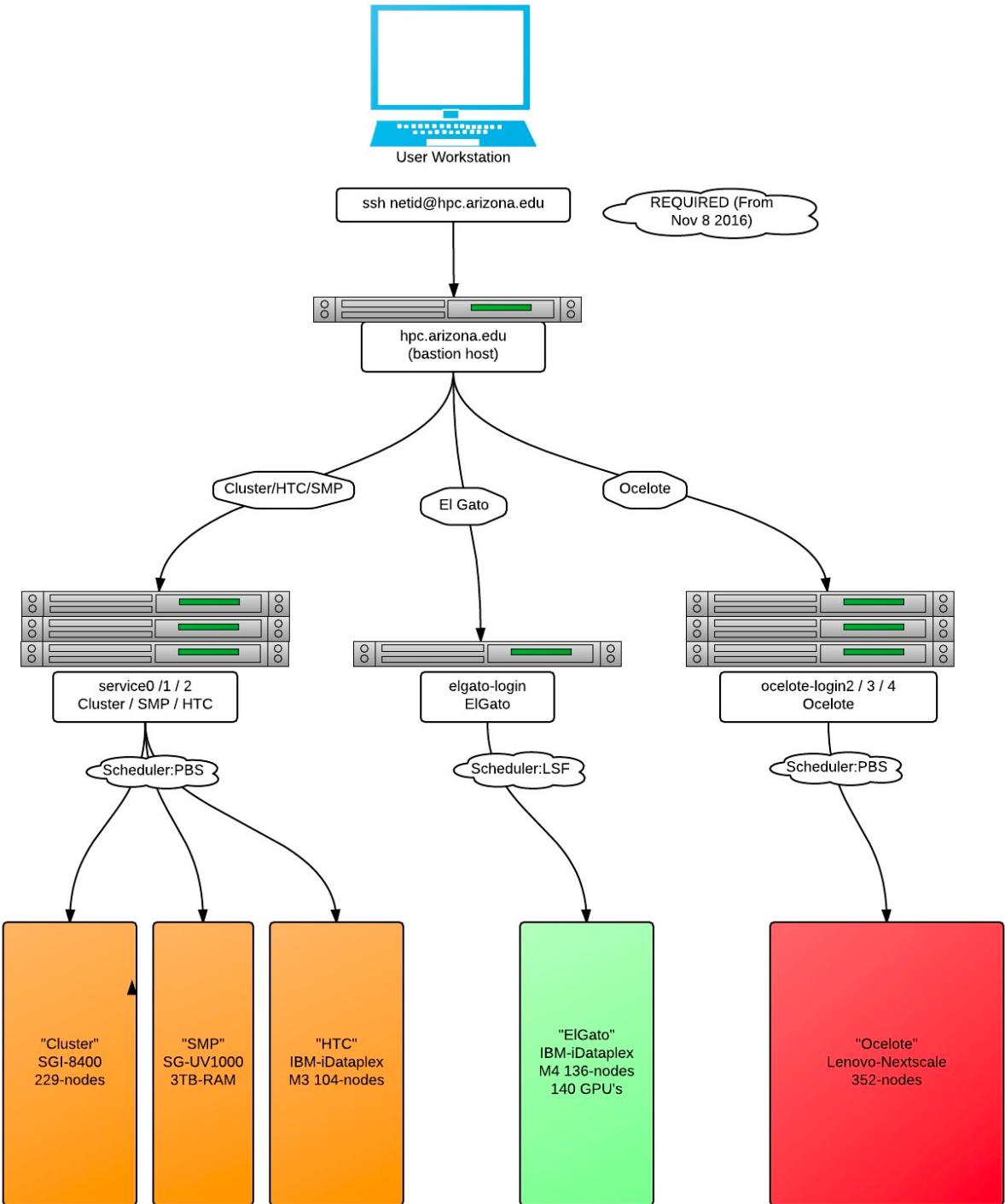
Ocelote:  
\$ ocelote

El Gato:  
\$ elgato

Cluster(ICE)/HTC/SMP:  
\$ ice

# HPC systems in UofA

- Legacy systems (Ice):
  - Cluster
  - HTC
  - SMP
- El Gato
- Ocelote



# Login nodes VS Compute nodes

- Login nodes are for:
  - editing code, scripts
  - submitting jobs (calculations)
  - checking status of the jobs
  - testing and troubleshooting
  - interactive tasks
  - Ocelote has 3 login nodes
- Compute nodes are for running jobs
  - not interactive!
  - Ocelote has 331 compute nodes

# Storage and Allocation

- Storage:
  - Home directory – 15GB
  - /extra – 200GB
  - /xdisk – temporary storage up to 1TB
  - /rsgrps – rented storage by research groups
  - *uquota* – Linux command to display your used/available storage
- Allocation
  - standard – limited to 24,000 hours/group/month
  - windfall – unlimited, jobs can be preempted
  - *va* – Linux command to display available allocation

# Software

- Many software packages are available as modules
  - *module avail* – list all the installed modules
  - *module avail lammps* – list all versions of LAMMPS
  - *module load lammps* – load the module (the latest version is usually the default)
  - *module list* – display all the modules loaded in your environment

# “Hello, World!” exercise

- Copy exercise files:
  - *git clone https://github.com/dshyshlov/UA-HPC-Intro.git*
- List the files and directories:
  - *ls*
- Change directory to UA-HPC-Intro
  - *cd UA-HPC-Intro* (use tab for autocompletion)
- List the files again:
  - *ls*

# mpi\_hello\_world.c

- Multicore version of “Hello, World!” program in C language
  - Uses MPI to run on multiple nodes
- Enable using MPI with:
  - *module load openmpi*
- Compile with:
  - *mpicc -o mpi\_hello\_world mpi\_hello\_world.c*

# PBS Script

- Display the content of the PBS script on the screen:
  - *cat script.pbs*
- Edit the PBS script with nano text editor:
  - *nano script.pbs*
- Fill in the group name
- Submit the script with the command:
  - *qsub script.pbs*

# Output and Error files

- Check the output file
- Check the error file
- Output and error files can be joined together with the PBS script:
  - #PBS -j oe
- You can also specify the file names:
  - #PBS -o output.txt
  - #PBS -e error.txt

# “Hello, World!” on 10 cores

- Make a second copy of the PBS script:
  - `cp script.pbs 10cores_script.pbs`
- Edit `10cores_script.pbs` to run the “Hello, World!” code on 10 cores
- What parameters you need to change?
- Submit the job with `10cores_script.pbs`

# Save the results

- Create a directory “Results”
  - `mkdir Results`
- Move output and error files to Results:
  - `mv *.o* *.e* ./Results`
  - \* - wildcard symbol in Linux
- View the contents of the Results directory:
  - `cd Results`
  - `ls`
  - `cd ..`

# File transfer

- There are special nodes for data transfer
  - sftp.hpc.arizona.edu
- Connecting to file transfer node
  - sftp [NetID@sftp.hpc.arizona.edu](mailto:NetID@sftp.hpc.arizona.edu)
- File transfer software
  - WinSCP (Windows), Cyberduck (Windows and Mac), Fugu (Mac)
- Other ways of file transfer:
  - Globus (large files), scp, rsync, irods

# Getting help

- [docs.hpc.arizona.edu](http://docs.hpc.arizona.edu)
- [hpc-consult@list.arizona.edu](mailto:hpc-consult@list.arizona.edu)
- Google, stackoverflow...