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HPC Tools

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The Steps

1. Working with pdsh
2. Powerman & Conman
3. Setting up Infiniband
4. Deploying Slurm
5. Program Environments with Imod

Goals

- Leverage HPC tools to achieve a more complete and usable cluster
- Gain access to *all* of our BMCs
 - And use some helpful tools to make them easier to use
- Get our Infiniband fully functional
- Deploy a Work Load Manager (WLM): Slurm
- See how we can keep our installed development environments organized with Imod

Step 1: Working with pdsh

- See how pdsh can simplify the management of many machines
- Setup pdsh with libgenders to get even more functionality
- Use pdsh and ipmitool to grab the rest of our BMC MAC addresses
- Configure “dhcp-template.conf” to have all of our BMCs

Step 2: Powerman & Conman

- ipmitool is great, but it can be cumbersome to use
 - ...especially with lots of nodes.
- Use Powerman to simplify power control through IPMI
- Use Conman to simplify serial-over-lan access to through IPMI

Step 3: Setting up Infiniband

- Install the Mellanox Infiniband OFED packages to enable Infiniband
- Start Infiniband services
 - Especially the Subnet Manager (opensm)
- Add Infiniband support to our node images
- Restart our nodes with the new Infiniband images
- Learn Infiniband diagnostic tools
- Learn a common workflow for updating node images

Step 4: Deploying Slurm

- Setup slurmctld on the master node
- Add slurmd to the node images
- Setup Slurm configuration
- Deploy Slurm across our cluster
- Learn how to interact with Slurm

Step 5: Program Environments with Imod

- Learn how we can organize our "Program Environments" (PEs)
 - Compilers
 - Libraries
 - Tools
- Provide user-friendly support for different environments to our users
 - *and* ourselves.
- Get some helpful development tools installed on our cluster

Questions?