

Welcome to **Introduction to O2!**  
We will get started in a few minutes.

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IntroToO2.pdf



# Intro to O2

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# Class Logistics

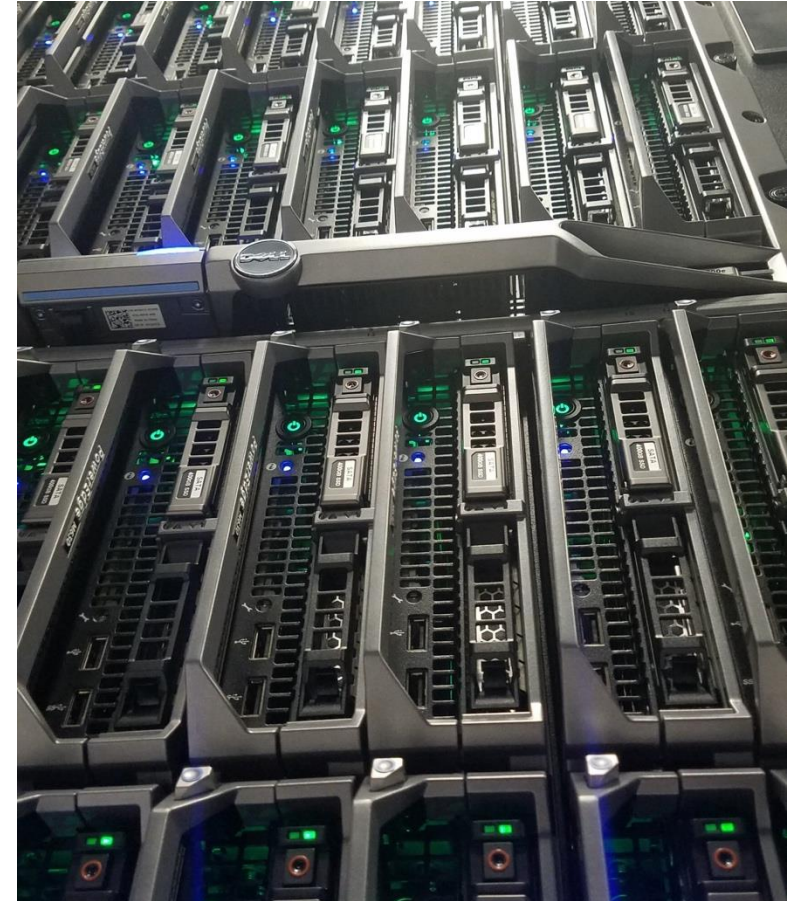
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- Please make sure your Zoom name reflects your name in HTP
- Feel free to unmute to ask questions, raise your hand, or put in chat if you need help
- Slides available, IntroToO2.pdf, at [github.com/hmsrc/user-training](https://github.com/hmsrc/user-training)
- We will have hands-on exercises. If you do not have an O2 account, we will have training accounts (that only work for the class duration) available
- Comments/feedback welcome at course survey
- After the class:
  - Contact us at [rchelp@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:rchelp@hms.harvard.edu)
  - [Documentation available at the O2 Wiki](#)

# Welcome to O2!

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- One of HMS Research Computing's High-Performance Compute clusters to enhance the compute capacity available to HMS Researchers
- Heterogeneous environment of fast cores with high memory allocation to facilitate multi-core and parallelized workflows
- SLURM scheduler to efficiently dispatch jobs





# Red Hat

## O2 Tech Specs

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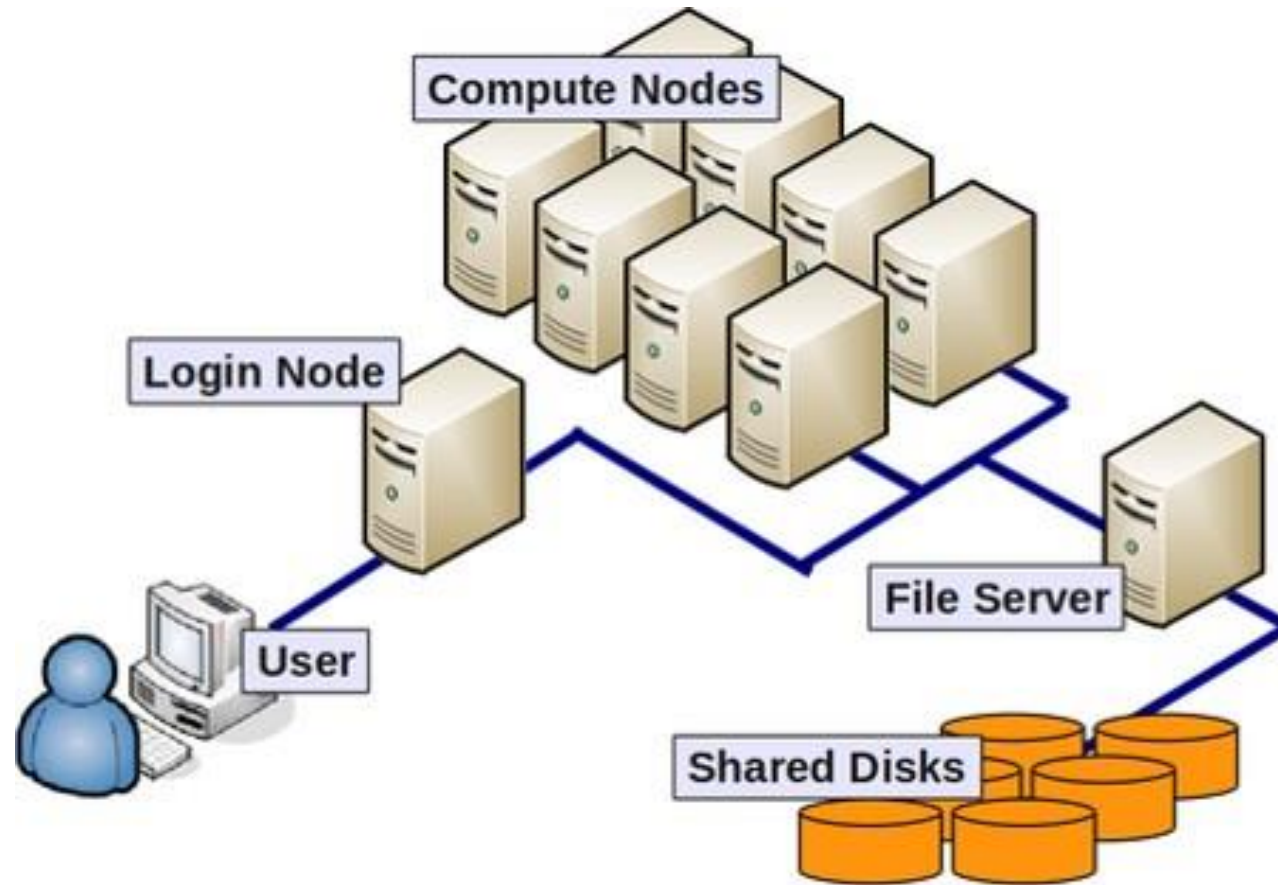
- 13000+ cores
- 32 cores per node
- 256 GiB RAM per node
- 8x756 GiB highmem nodes
- 240+ GPUs
  - Most GPUs available to Quad-based researchers only
- RedHat Enterprise Linux
- Slurm job scheduler



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# Generic Cluster Architecture

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# Research Computing Core: Chargeback for Storage & Compute

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- Labs whose PIs do NOT have a primary or secondary appointment with an HMS Quad department (external users) will be charged.
- External users and PIs must register with the [RC Core in the PPMS system](#) prior to obtaining an O2 account.
- [Details on the O2 Account Request Process for Off Quad Labs](#)
- Billing is done on a quarterly basis
- Charged: O2 jobs, O2 group folders, research.files
- Free: Scratch and Home folders
- More details (including billing rates) are on [the Research Computing Core website](#).
- Reach out to [rccore@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:rccore@hms.harvard.edu) with any questions.

# Data and Script Management





# Data Management

- 1. Planning: Plan ahead**
- 2. Active Research: Document**
- 3. Dissemination: Share confidently**

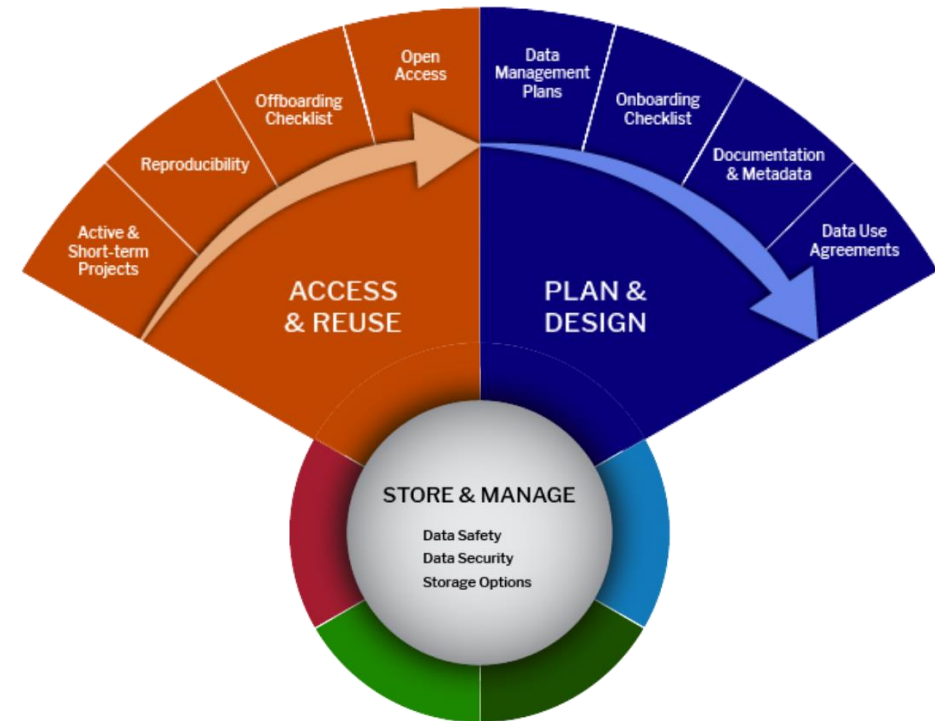
*Note: be sure to ask your PI and your department about standard practices in your field!*



Harvard Biomedical Data Management Website: <https://datamanagement.hms.harvard.edu>

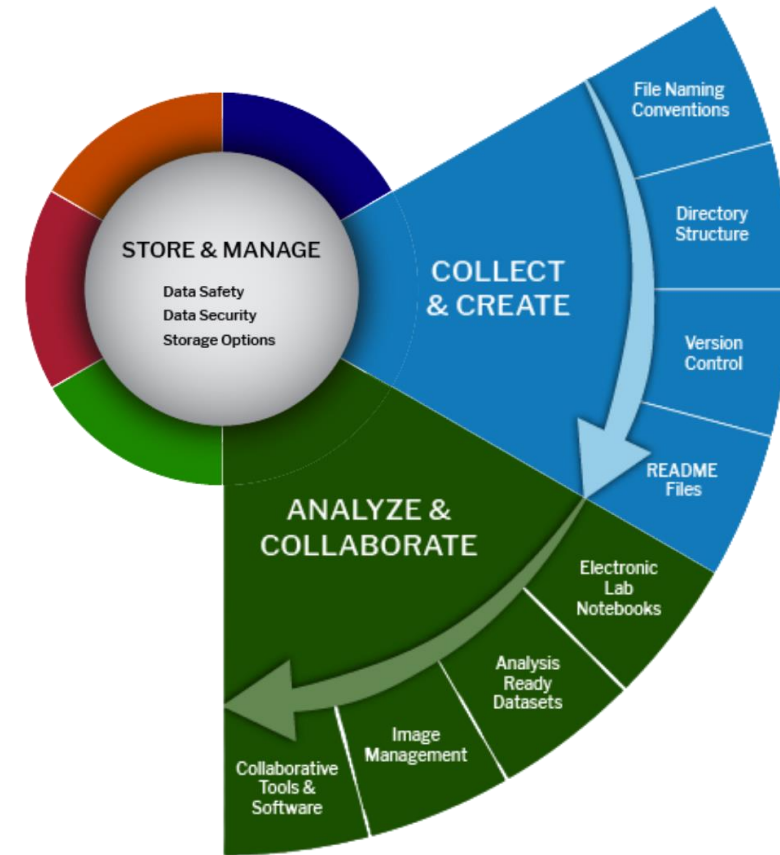
# Planning

- Document the activities for the entire lifecycle in a Data Management Plan
- Determine if you need a Data Use Agreement to acquire or share data
- Adopt a community-based metadata standard if applicable
- Consider how the data will be stored and protected over the duration of the project and beyond
- Assign roles & responsibilities for managing data



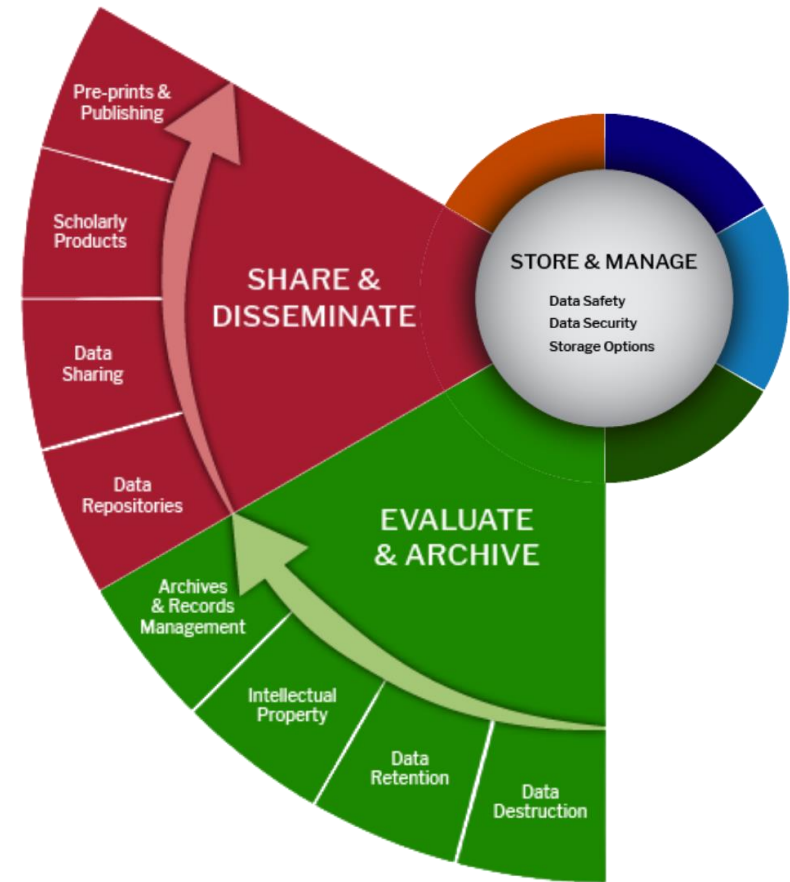
# Active Research

- Determine how the data will be organized including folder structure & file naming
- Consider versioning control for changes for both software and data products
- Create a README file to record the metadata that will be associated with data
- Link related code and algorithms
- Use tools & software to work with collaborators during the project



# Dissemination

- Determine what data will be disseminated, to who, when, and where
- Publish data in an open repository to receive a DOI and citation for your work
- Use standard, nonproprietary approaches and provide accompanying metadata
- Think about your preservation strategy and adhere to your lab's standard practices
- Research records should generally be retained no fewer than seven (7) years after the end of a research project or activity



# Logging into O2

# Request a New O2 Account

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- [rc.hms.harvard.edu/o2user](https://rc.hms.harvard.edu/o2user)
- Click the “Get this Service” button and fill out the form!
- Your username will be your HMS Account with your HMS account password.

Get this service





## 2-Factor Authentication

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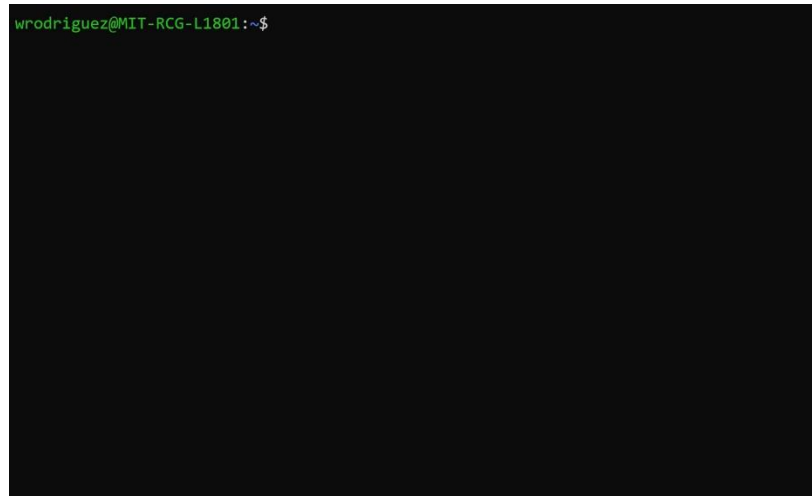
- More secure: thing you know, and thing you have
- Easiest method: download Duo app to phone
- [2-Factor setup details here](#)
- If you believe an email to be a phishing scheme, please forward to:
  - [phishing@harvard.edu](mailto:phishing@harvard.edu)



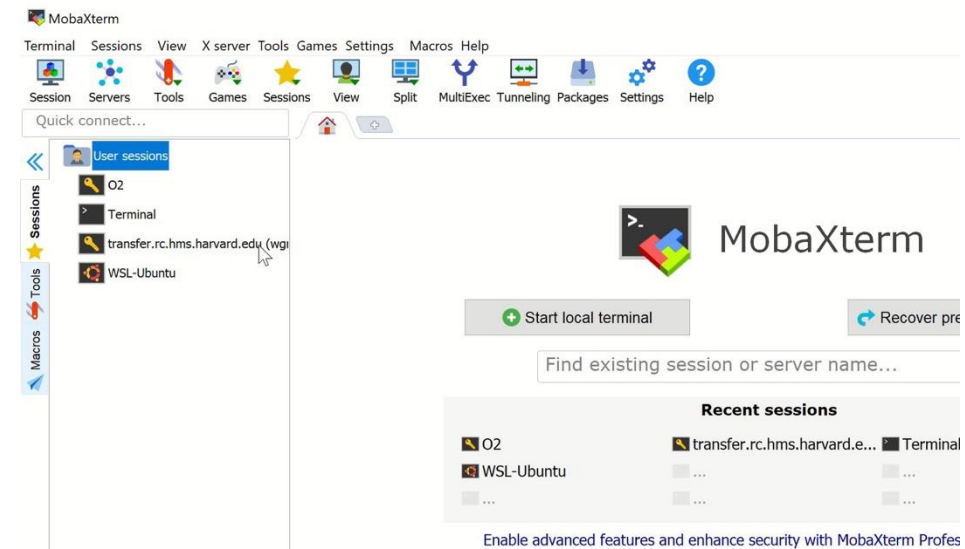
# Connecting to O2

**ssh hmsaccount@o2.hms.harvard.edu**  
*"hmsaccount" above is a placeholder*

## Mac/Linux: Use Terminal



## Windows: Use MobaXterm



***If you do not have an O2 account, use a training account!***  
Please see your instructor for training account information.



# Welcome to the O2 Cluster!

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You've landed on login04 which is a
8 core system with 15.51 GiB memory
running kernel 3.10.0 born on 2018-12-04

==== O2 =====

News (Mar 15 2019)

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| * With a recent expansion, O2 now contains over 11,000 shared cpu cores! |
| * O2 requires 2-factor authentication for all logins originating from outside |
|   of the HMS network. Please see: |
|   https://wiki.rc.hms.harvard.edu/display/O2/Two+Factor+Authentication+on+O2 |
| * Resource intensive jobs should not be run on O2's login servers. |
|   Any programs (Python, R, samtools, gzip, etc.) that run for more |
|   than ten minutes or use too much CPU on O2's login servers will be |
|   automatically killed. |
| * Learn more about O2 at: http://hmsrc.me/O2docs |
| * Status updates and upcoming service outages are posted at: |
|   https://wiki.rc.hms.harvard.edu/display/O2/O2+Cluster+Status |
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[wgr4@login04 ~]$
```



# User Prompt

Your HMS Account

You're in your HOME directory.  
/home/<HMS\_Account>

[wgr4@login04 ~]\$

Ready to receive commands!

You are logged into a  
"login node"  
These are **not** meant  
for heavy lifting!

[wgr4@login04 ~]\$



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# Logging Into O2: X11

For most applications, using the O2 Portal is preferred to X11 forwarding.

- You can display graphics (that a program on O2 is generating) back to your desktop using X11 forwarding.
- We won't be doing this for today's class.
- If you need to do this in the future, login with the -XY options:
  - `ssh -XY hmsaccount@o2.hms.harvard.edu`
- If you're on Mac, open XQuartz before connecting to O2.
- If you're on Windows, use MobaXterm (X11 server is built-in)



# Getting Data Onto O2

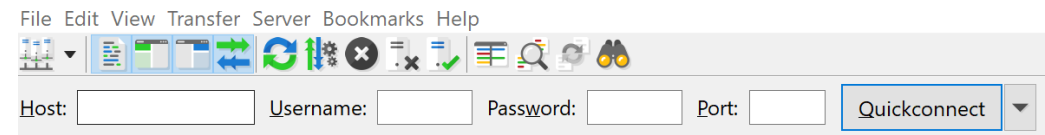
- Use an FTP client of your choice
- Mac/Windows/Linux: Filezilla (google it)
- Connect to:

**Host:** transfer.rc.hms.harvard.edu

**Username:** <HMS\_Account> (lowercase username)

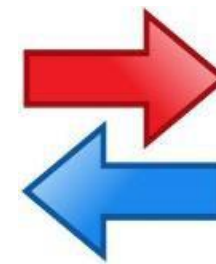
**Password:** <your\_password>

**Port:** 22



- Two-factor: will use default option setup in ~/.bashrc as

```
export DUO_PASSCODE=push/phone
```



# Research.files O2 access

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- Research.files Active filesystem is accessible on select compute nodes via the transfer partition and transfer cluster
- Access to transfer allows cp/rsync of files
  - From: Research.files (/n/files)
  - To: O2 storage (/home, /n/groups, /n/data1, /n/data2, /n/scratch3)
  - And reverse direction
- Cannot use O2 to compute against data in Research.files, must be transferred

# Interactive Sessions

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- The login nodes are not designed to handle intensive processes, and CPU usage is throttled. Start by entering your first job! This will log you into a “compute node!”
- mfk8@login0~\$ `srun --pty -p interactive -t 0-2:00 --mem 2G bash`
  - “`srun --pty`” is how interactive jobs are started
  - “`-p interactive`” is the partition
  - “`-t 0-2:00`” is the time limit (2 hours)
  - “`--mem 2G`” is the memory requested, 2GiB
- mfk8@compute-a:~\$



# Class Practical

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- Copy the class files and scripts to your /home
- mfk8@compute-a:~\$ `cp -r /n/groups/rc-training/o2 ~`

**o2**

```
|— date_parallel.sh  
|— fastqc_job_array.sh  
|— sample_1_R1.fastq  
|— sample_2_R1.fastq  
|— sample_3_R1.fastq  
|— sample_4_R1.fastq  
|— submit.slurm
```



# Linux Command Primer





# Listing a Folder's Contents

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- To see the contents of the current folder you are in (~ means “/home/username/”), type list (ls):

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls
```

- To get the details of a folder's contents, add “-l”

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls -l
```

- You don't have to be in a directory to see its contents

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls /n/groups/rc-  
training/introthpc
```

# Viewing File Contents

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- “less” to view file contents
- Navigate up/down, search
- “q” to quit

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ less ~/.bashrc
```



# Making a Folder (Directory)

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- “`mkdir`” stands for “**make directory.**”
- Create a new directory for this exercise
- Spaces are discouraged. (Underscores are fine!) Case counts in Linux.

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ mkdir MyTestDir
```



# Moving Around: Change Directory

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- “cd” stands for “change directory”
- 1 period “.” means “current directory”
- 2 periods “..” means “the directory above”

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ cd MyTestDir
```

*Notice how the prompt tells you where you are!*

```
mfk8@compute-a:~/MyTestDir$ cd ..
```

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$
```

# Creating a Simple Text File

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- “Nano,” “vim”, “emacs” are simple command-line editors available.
- To create a new file, type the editor you want, then the name of the new file. To edit an existing file, do the same.

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ nano myfile.txt
```

```
This is my new file text.
```

*(Control-X to save (yes) and exit.)*

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$
```

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls
```

```
myfile.txt
```

# Copying Files

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- “cp” to copy a file from a destination to a new destination. “cp” “from” “to”
- `cp -r` to copy folders (recursively)

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ cp myfile.txt MyTestDir/
```

- You can copy a file to the current folder or to a new folder with a different name by specifying a different name (rename)

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ cp myfile.txt mycopy2.txt #copying  
and renaming
```

# Moving Data

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- “**move**” “from” “to”

```
mfk8@compute-a~:$ mv MyTestDir/myfile.txt ~
```

#this rewrites myfile.txt, since it already exists!

```
mfk8@compute-a~:$ mv MyTestDir/ MyTestDir2/
```

#in-place move and rename



# Removing Files/Folders

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- “rm” to **remove** a file

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ rm myfile.txt
```

- “rm -r” to remove a folder recursively

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ rm -r MyTestDir2
```





# Wildcard \* Pattern Matching

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- Useful for copying/removing/etc all files matching a certain pattern
- Example Case:

To copy “all” files ending in “.fastq”:

```
$ cp *.fastq NewFastqFolder/
```

# Storage on O2

# Important Note about O2 Storage

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- O2 can only be used to store data of [Harvard Security Level 3](#) and below.
- None of the standard filesystems are automatically encrypted and cannot be used for HIPAA-protected or other secure data (above Harvard data security level 3) unless those data have been de-identified.

# HMS Storage Offerings

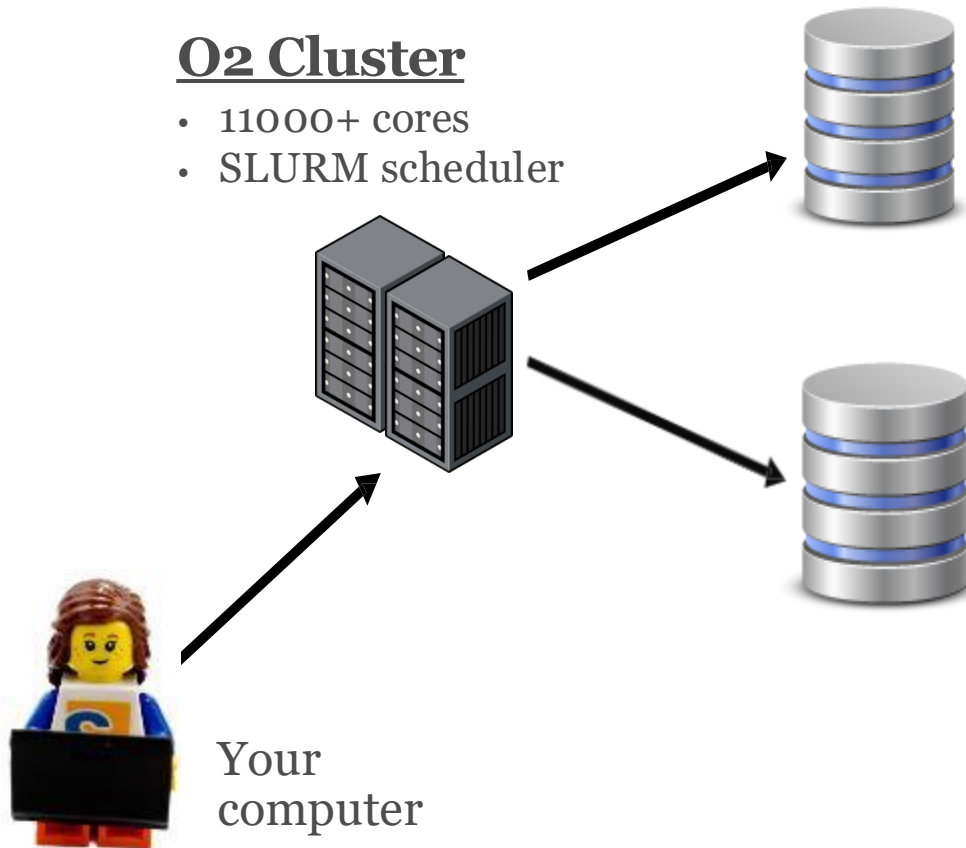
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- Active
  - **Active Compute:** O2 group folders, /n/data1, /n/data2, /n/groups
    - e.g., /n/data1/institution/dept/lab
  - **Active Collaboration:** research.files, /n/files on transfer cluster
  - Research data that is frequently accessed, modified, or computed against.
- Standby
  - Infrequently accessed data, that is directly available for reference, retrieval, or analysis.
  - Accessible as /n/standby/institution/dept/lab on transfer cluster
- Cold
  - Rarely accessed data requiring long-term retention, for regulatory or historical purposes

# O2 Primary Storage

## O2 Cluster

- 11000+ cores
- SLURM scheduler



- **/home**
  - /home/HMS\_account
  - *quota*: 100GiB per user
  - *Backup*: extra copy and snapshots, daily to 14 days, weekly up to 60 days
- **/n/data1, /n/data2, /n/groups**
  - /n/data1/institution/dept/lab/your\_dir
  - *quota*: expandable
  - *Backup*: extra copy and snapshots, daily to 14 days, weekly up to 60 days





# Temporary “Scratch” storage

- For data only needed temporarily during analyses
- Each user can use up to 25 TiB and 2.5 million files/directories
- Files not **changed** for 45 days are automatically purged!
  - ***What is “change time” or “ctime”?*** The timestamp that reflects when the file metadata or file contents were last updated. Simply accessing a file (without changing the file content or properties) will not update ctime.
- No backups!
- Location:  
`/n/scratch/users/<first_HMS_account_char>/<HMS_account>`
- Example
- `mfk8@login01:~$ cd /n/scratch/users/m/mfk8`

# Checking Storage Usage

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- To check your storage usage:

```
mfk8@login01:~$ quota-v2
```

- /home directory: each user gets 100 GiB
- /n/scratch directory: each user gets 25 TiB
- Group directories: space varies, can be increased
  - /n/groups/lab
  - /n/data1/institution/department/lab
  - /n/data2/institution/department/lab

# Snapshots

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- Snapshots (frozen) are retained for up to 60 days: recover data from a hidden `.snapshot` directory
  - `mfk8@compute-a:~$ cd .snapshot`
  - `mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls`  
`O2_home_daily_2015-10-02-02-00`   `O2_home_daily_2015-10-01-02-00`
  - `mfk8@compute-a:~$ cd O2_home_daily_2015-10-02-02-00`
  - `mfk8@compute-a:~$ cp MyRetreivedFile ~`



# O2 Cluster Status Wiki Page

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## O2 Cluster Status

Created by Bergman, Andrew L., last modified about an hour ago

This page shows all service outages for the O2 cluster, including planned maintenance and unplanned events.

We also post updates on the [HMS RC Twitter page](#).

ONLINE

### July 8: notes after the July OS/Slurm update

- Jupyter Notebooks users should start a new environment and remove any old runtime directories.
- "sbatch" no longer uses the "-x11" option in the new version of Slurm. Just remove it from your script and X forwarding should work by default.
  - "srun" commands still require "-x11" to enable X forwarding, though.
- If you have any custom built software, you may need to recompile or relink it on O2.



# Software on O2



# LMOD: Software Modules

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- LMOD system adds directory paths of software into `$PATH` variable, and resolves software dependencies and conflicts
- Most software compiled against `gcc/14.2.0`: load first

```
$ module load gcc/14.2.0
```

```
$ module avail #to see software now available
```

```
$ module spider #verbose list of software on O2
```

```
$ module load software/version #load software
```

```
$ module unload software/version #unload
```

```
$ module purge #dump all modules
```

```
$ module help <software> #displays help and setup info
```

# Loading/Unloading Modules

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- Load modules

```
$ module load gcc/14.2.0 star/2.7.11b
```

- Which module version is loaded (if at all)?

```
$ which STAR
```

- See all modules you have loaded

```
$ module list
```

- Unload a specific module

```
$ module unload star/2.7.11b
```

- Dump all modules

```
$ module purge
```



# Public Databases on O2

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- `/n/shared_db`
  - More recently updated
  - Folder structure: Genome/Software/Version/Database
  - Example: `/n/shared_db/hg19/uk/bowtie2`
- [For more information on public databases on O2, please see this wiki page](#)

# Compiling your own software

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- Users can compile software in their /home or group directories, where they have permission
- Binaries just require “unzipping”, for example:

```
$ tar -zxvf *.tgz
```



# Installing Software: Binary Example

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```
mfk8@login01:~$ srun --pty -p interactive -t 0-12:00 --mem 8G bash
```

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ wget http://path/to/binary/mysoftware.tar.gz
```

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ tar -zxvf mysoftware.tar.gz
```

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ ls mysoftware/bin
```

***Do not run the above commands. This is a demonstration of the general steps you would need to run.***

# Programming Languages

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- Python: load module (python/3.13.1, conda/miniforge3/24.11.3-0)
  - Use virtualenv to maintain packages (pip/easy install)
- R: load module (R/4.4.2)
  - Setup personal R library
- Perl: load module (perl/5.40.1)
  - Setup local::lib (cpan/cpanm) in .bashrc
- MATLAB: load module (matlab/2023b, matlab/2024b)
  - Setup cluster profile specific to O2





# Container support

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- Singularity/Apptainer containers supported on O2
- A way to use software or replicate workflows that does not require manually installing software
- Contact [rchelp@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:rchelp@hms.harvard.edu) to install your container
- Containers will be installed at:
  - `/n/app/containers/users/$USER` **OR** `/n/app/containers/shared`
- Many nf-core pipelines already available at:
  - `/n/app/containers/shared/nf-core`

# MPI on O2

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- Message Passing Interface
- Distribute work over multiple nodes, allowing for the utilization of more cores
- openmpi/4.1.8 compiled against gcc/14.2.0
- MATLAB, Python, R, Perl, Java, C++, Fortran implementations
- Needs wrapper function “`mpirun`” to dispatch to compute nodes with SLURM
- Run in “mpi” partition `-p mpi` after obtaining access to partition
- **Core cap: 640 processors, 5-day runtime**

# Constructing Jobs

# Submitting Jobs

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- In an “interactive session”, programs can be called directly.

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ bowtie -c 4 hg19 file1_1.fq  
file1_2.fq
```

- From a login node (and/or compute nodes), a program is submitted to O2 via an sbatch job

```
mfk8@compute-a:~$ sbatch mybowtiejob.sh
```



# Jobs: sbatch

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- All in one line: `--wrap="command here"`
  - This approach is not recommended!

```
mfk8@login01:~$ sbatch -p partition -t 0-1:00 --  
wrap="command_here"
```

- Using a complete shell script is recommended!

```
mfk8@login01:~$ sbatch completeSlurmJob.run
```

**Line 1:** `#!/bin/bash`

**Line 2:** `#SBATCH -p short`

**Line 3:** `#SBATCH -t 0-1:00`

**Line 4:** `command_here ..`



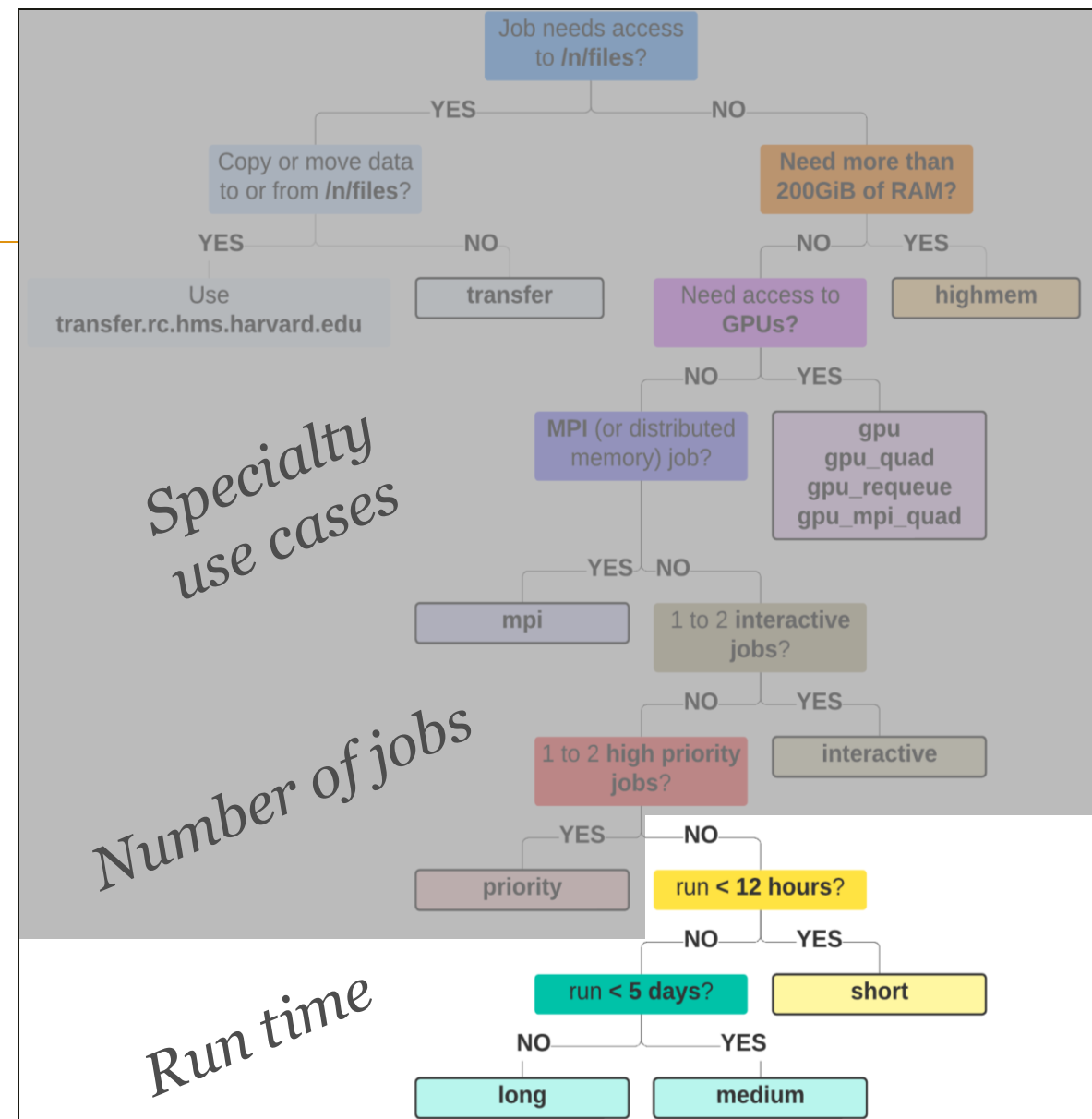
# Partitions (queues): -p

Partition	Priority	Max Runtime	Max Cores	Max Memory	Limits
short	12	12 hours	20	250GiB	
medium	6	5 days	20	250GiB	
long	4	30 days	20	250GiB	
interactive	14	12 hours	20	250GiB	2 job limit, 4GiB by default
priority	14	30 days	20	250GiB	2 job limit
mpi	12	5 days	640		20 core min
highmem	16	5 days	20	990GiB	
gpu, gpu_quad, gpu_requeue	12	200 GPU hours	34 (total)	420GiB (total)	
transfer	1	5 days	4		



# Choosing a Partition

- Narrow down a partition to use:
  - If you have a specialty use case (e.g. /n/files access, high memory, GPU, MPI, etc.)
  - Number of jobs to run
  - How long your job needs to run



# Wall-Time: -t

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- `-t days-hours:minutes`
- `-t hours:minutes:seconds`
- Need to specify how long you estimate your job will run for
- Ask for a bit more time than what you expect (e.g. 125% of expected runtime)
- Subject to maximum per partition
- Excessive wall-time (like partition max) takes longer to dispatch, and affect fair-share



# CPU: -c

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- -c X to designate CPU: max 20
- CPU time: wall time (-t) \* (-c) CPUs used
- Unable to use CPU not requested (no overefficient jobs): cgroups constraint
- Adding more cores does not mean jobs will scale linearly with time, and causes longer pend times

# Memory: --mem

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- Only 1GiB is allocated by default
- On interactive jobs you get 4GiB by default
- `--mem XG` #total memory over all cores
- `--mem-per-cpu XG` #total memory per CPU requested, use for MPI
- If you don't include a unit request (like G), it defaults to Mebibytes (MiB)

# Job Construction

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```
#!/bin/bash

#SBATCH -p short          #partition

#SBATCH -t 0-01:00        #time days-hr:min

#SBATCH -c 1              #number of cores

#SBATCH --mem=4G           #memory per job (all cores), GiB

#SBATCH -o %j.out         #out file

#SBATCH -e %j.err         #error file

#SBATCH --mail-type=BEGIN,END,FAIL,ALL

#SBATCH --mail-user=mfk8@med.harvard.edu

# put any module load commands here

# put any analysis commands you want to run here
```



# Output/Error Files

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- Can add jobid to filename with %j
- Sample:
  - -e %j.err
  - -o %j.out
- SLURM by default creates this outfile: slurm-<jobid>.out
- Additional Flags
  - %a job array id
  - %A master array job id
  - %N node name
  - %u user id

**“Intermediate O2” class covers  
job arrays:**

[Slides available here](#)



# Mail

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- Mail is not auto-generated upon completion/failure
  - `#SBATCH --mail-type= NONE, BEGIN, END, FAIL, REQUEUE, ALL`
  - `#SBATCH --mail-user=mfk8@med.harvard.edu`
- Not recommended, not a verbose output
- Use `O2_jobs_report` or `sacct` commands instead

# Account

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- If you are associated with more than one SLURM Account (i.e. Lab or Group), you need to specify which account a job will be run with.
- Check if you are associated with multiple SLURM accounts:
  - `sshare -u $USER -U`
- Use the `--account=` flag in your `sbatch` or `srun` job submission.
- More details are located on [Understanding O2 Slurm Accounts/Associations and Unix Accounts/Groups wiki page](#).

# Practical: simple sbatch script

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- From your ~/o2 directory,
  - `$ sbatch submit.slurm`

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
#SBATCH -p short
```

```
# Partition to submit to
```

```
#SBATCH -t 0-00:01
```

```
# Time in minutes
```

```
#SBATCH -c 1
```

```
# Number of cores requested
```

```
#SBATCH --mem=1G
```

```
# Memory total in GiB
```

```
#SBATCH -o hostname.%j.out
```

```
# Standard out goes to this file
```

```
#SBATCH -e hostname.%j.err
```

```
# Standard err goes to this file
```

```
hostname
```

```
# command
```



# Command Line Arguments

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- Slurm scripts can take command line arguments
- Reference as \$1, \$2 etc. within the script
- **sbatch** **submit.run** **25** **output.txt**

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
#SBATCH -p short
```

```
#SBATCH -t 0-1:00
```

```
python3 myscript.py $1 $2
```

The above runs as

```
python3 myscript.py 25 output.txt
```



# Job Priority

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- Dynamically assigned
- Factors contributing:
  - Age, Fairshare, Partition, QOS, Nice
- Fairshare: 0-1 scale
- Check your fairshare:
  - `$ sshare -Uu $USER`
- Check job priority values for your pending jobs:
  - `$ sprio -u $USER`



# Job Management



# Job Monitoring: Current jobs

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- `$ O2squeue`
- JOBID, PARTITION, STATE, TIME\_LIMIT, TIME, NODELIST(REASON), ELIGIBLE\_TIME, START\_TIME, TRES
- [O2squeue documentation](#)
- *Detailed job info:*
  - `$ scontrol show jobid <jobid>`
- Output has the command/script you ran & the location your stdout and stderr messages are being written to
- *Another option is the Slurm command squeue, but it is less user friendly.*

# Job Information: Past Jobs

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- `$ o2_jobs_report`
- `JobID, User, Account, Partition, State, Starttime, Walltime (hr), nCPU, RAM(GB), nGPU, PENDINGTIME(hr), CPU_EFF(%), RAM_EFF(%), WALLTIME_EFF(%)`
- Can specify job ID, job status, and/or timeframe to detail accounting info for
- Can get a summary report instead of per-job info
- [O2\\_jobs\\_report documentation](#)
- *Another option is the Slurm command `sacct`, but it is less user friendly.*

# Slurm Job States

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- BF BOOT\_FAIL
- CA CANCELLED
- CD COMPLETED
- CF CONFIGURING
- CG COMPLETING
- DL DEADLINE
- F FAILED
- NF NODE\_FAIL
- OOM OUT\_OF\_MEMORY
- PD PENDING
- PR PREEMPTED
- R RUNNING
- RS RESIZING
- S SUSPENDED
- TO TIMEOUT

# Cancelling/Pausing Jobs

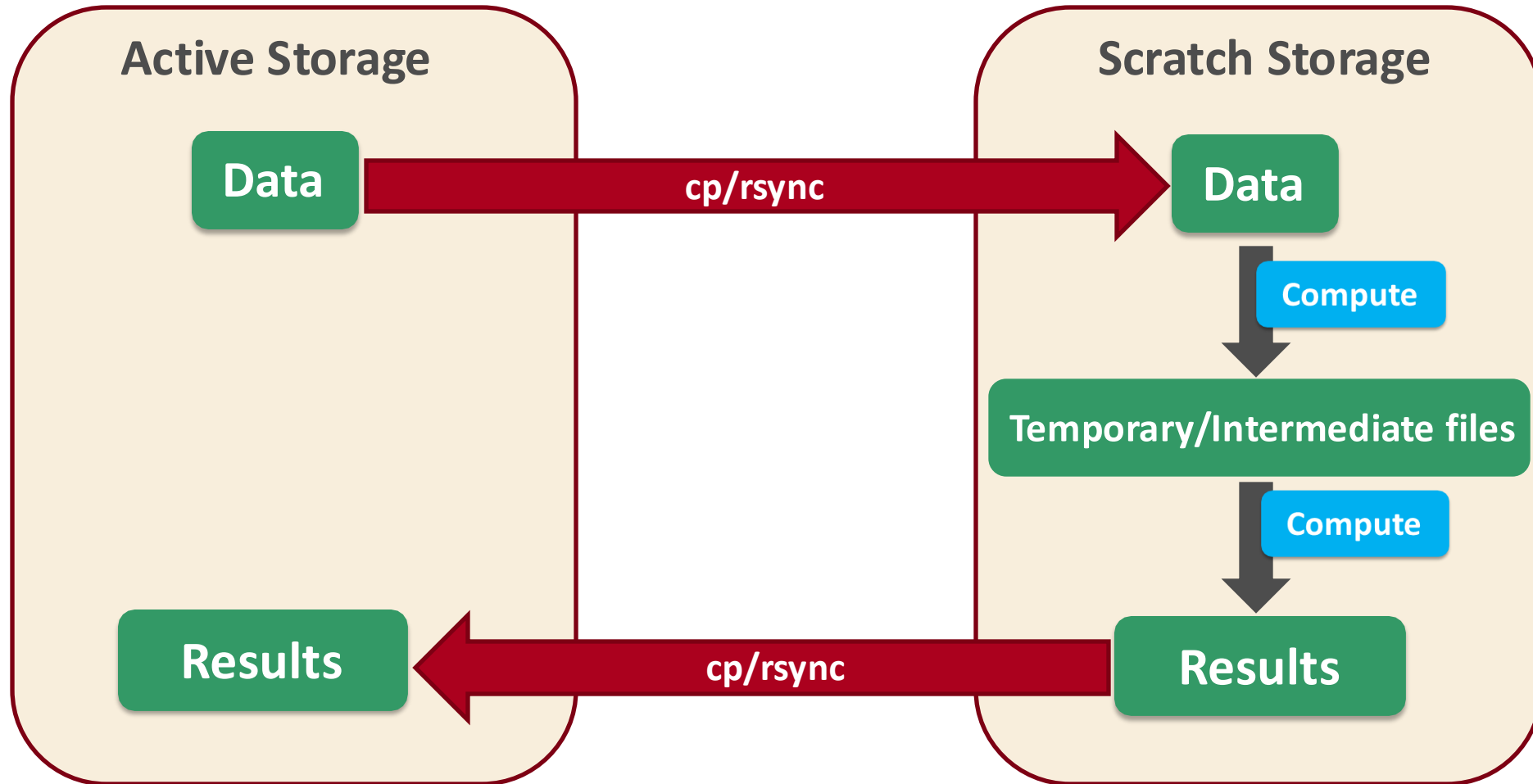
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- `$ scancel <jobid>` #Cancels specific job
- `$ scancel -t PENDING` #Cancels pending jobs
- `$ scancel --name JOBNAME` #Cancels job by name
- `$ scancel jobid_[indices]` #array indices
- `$ scontrol hold <jobid>` #pause pending jobs
- `$ scontrol release <jobid>` #resume

# Utilizing /n/scratch

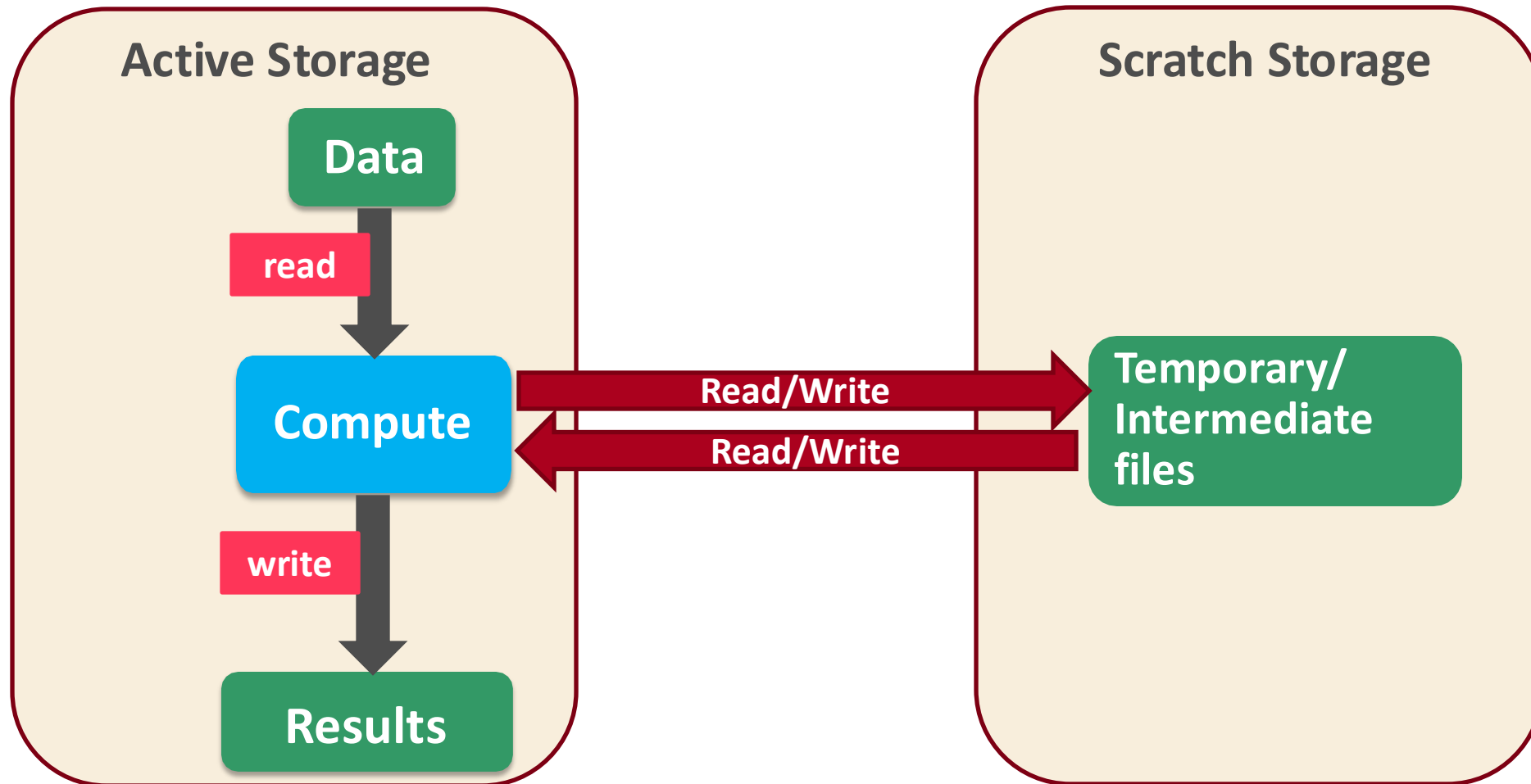


# /n/scratch Workflow: Redundancy





# /n/scratch Workflow: Best Practice



# File Properties

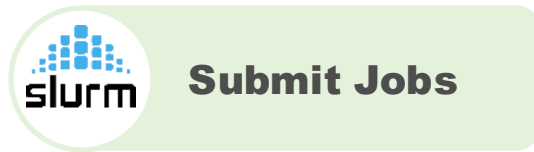
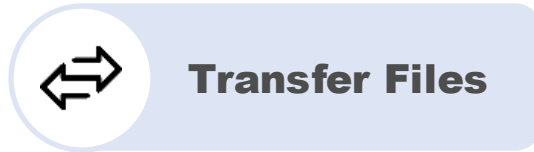
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- “chmod” to change who can read/write/execute files/directories
- chmod options file/directory
  - Who? **u**ser **g**roup **o**thers **a**ll (u/g/o/a)
  - What? **r**ead **w**rite **x**ecute (r/w/x)
- Do? +/-
- For example:
  - To make the file called “myfile” an executable
    - \$ chmod u+x myfile
  - To take away permission from others to read/write/execute for the same file
    - \$ chmod o-rwx myfile

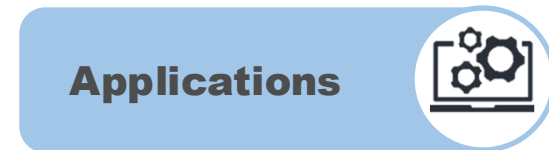
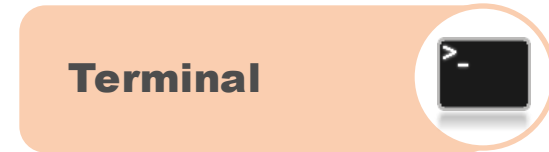


# O2 Portal: another way to access O2

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 **Portal**



<https://o2portal.rc.hms.harvard.edu>



# O2 Portal applications

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**Class on O2 Portal:**

**October 2nd**

[Slides available here](#)



[O2 Portal documentation](#)





# OMERO

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- A visualization platform for the management of microscope images and metadata, available for use across the HMS research community.
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- No Cost for HMS Quad-based faculty, staff, postdocs, and graduate students. No Cost for external sponsored collaborators who are working with HMS Labs or Cores.
- CLI environment module on O2, Java desktop client, or web interface
- Upload data from research.files, /home, /n/groups, /n/data1, /n/data2

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