

# PARALLEL R

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- Introduction to R
- Advanced and Big data management with R
- Parallelization with Rmpi



# Introduction to R

# What is R



- Software for Statistical Data Analysis
- Based on S
- Programming Environment
- Interpreted Language
- Data Storage, Analysis, Graphing
- Free and Open Source Software

# How to obtain R



- R current version 4.3.2 (released on 2023-10-31).
- `http://cran.r-project.org`
- Binary source codes
- Windows executables

# Pros and Cons



## Pros:

- Free and Open Source
- Strong User Community
- Highly extensible, flexible
- Implementation of high-end statistical methods
- Flexible graphics and intelligent defaults

## Cons

- Steep learning curve
- Slow for large datasets

# Data types



- R Supports virtually any type of data
- Numbers, characters, logicals (TRUE/ FALSE)
- Arrays of virtually unlimited sizes
- Simplest: Vectors and Matrices
- Lists: Can Contain mixed type variables
- Data Frame: Rectangular Data Set

# Data structures in R



## Linear

- vectors (all same type)
- lists (mixed types)

## Rectangular

- data frame
- matrix



# Running R



- I recommend RStudio, an IDE for R.
- It is available as RStudio Desktop and **RStudio Server**, which runs on a remote server and allows accessing RStudio using a web browser.

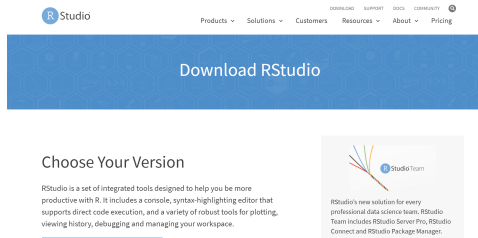


Figure 1: <https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>

# RStudio on HPCFS



- Connect to HPCFS to gpu02 login node
- Run Rstudio on login node OR
- Connect to compute node and run Rstudio on compute node.

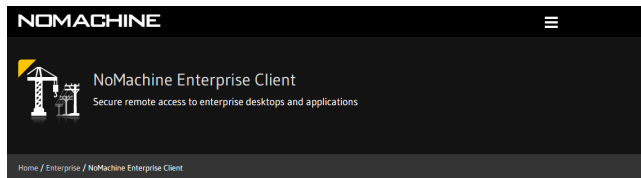
# Connect to HPC using NoMachine



## Main steps

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- Rund Rstudio on login node OR
- Connect to compute node and run Rstudio on compute node.

# Download NoMachine Enterprise Client



## NoMachine Enterprise Client

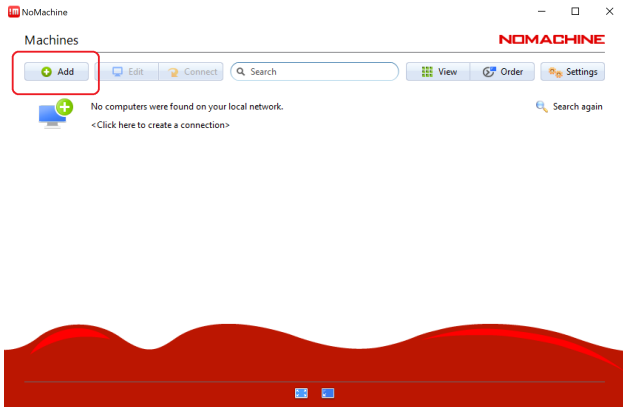


Enterprise Client enables fast and secure access to your remote PC or desktop computer where you have installed one of the NoMachine server products. It provides a powerful connection interface, named the NoMachine Player, packed with all the features you need to work with your remote desktop. This package is available for those who prefer just a standalone "client-side" application, either because regulatory requirements dictate that connecting clients must stay as thin clients, or simply because a scaled-down client app is your personal preference. It's free to download and can be used to connect remotely from any Windows, Linux, Mac, ARM or Raspberry device to a computer where you have installed a [NoMachine Enterprise](#) product or the [NoMachine Free Edition](#).

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NoMachine Enterprise Client sports the same features regardless of which NoMachine server you are connecting to. To check the features of its parent products, follow the links above.

# Install Nomachine Client



# Enter data for HPCFS



HOST: login.hpc.fs.uni-lj.si Name: whatever you want

< HPCFS, Add connection

Address  
Name, host, port and protocol

Configuration  
Authentication and multimedia

Info  
Model, OS and product version

**Machine address**

HPCFS  
Direct connection over the Internet.

Give a name and save the settings for your connection.

Name

Host  Port  Protocol



# Skip authentication warning

NoMachine - HPC FS

— □ ×

Verify host identification

NOMACHINE

?

The authenticity of host login.hpc.fs.uni-lj.si, 193.2.78.235, can't be established. The certificate fingerprint is:  
SHA256 08 42 48 7C B6 0A 9E 52 9E 88 D6 FF 82 6A D1 13 4B 15 7D AF 9B 8E C3 8C CB 94 6D 0C C2 2F 1B 7A.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting?

Cancel

OK



# Enter credentials




NoMachine - HPC FS

HPC FS

**NOMACHINE**

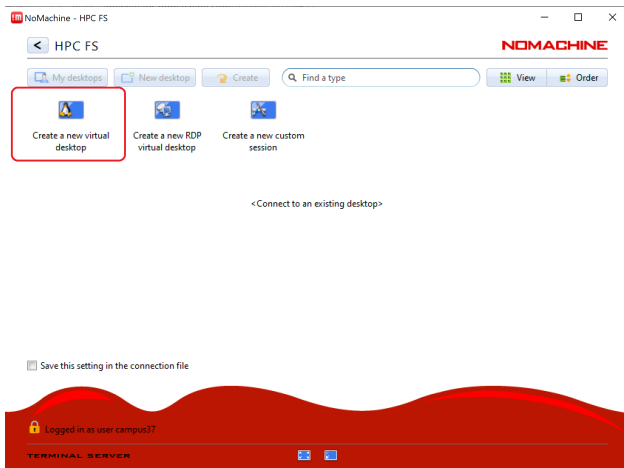
Please type your username and password to login as a system user.

 Username

Password

☐ Save this password in the connection file

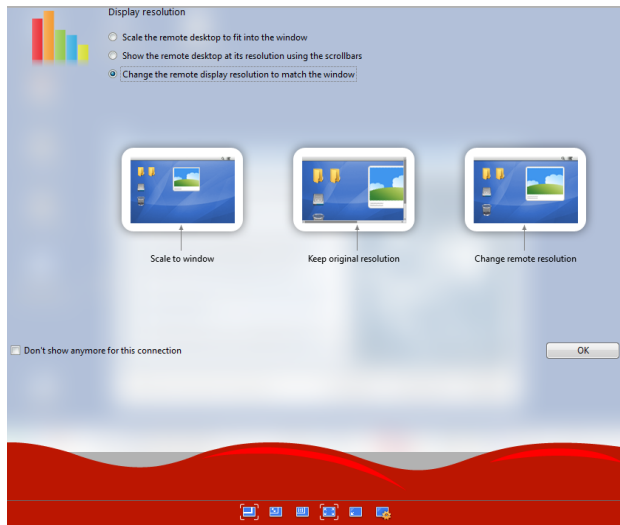
# Create new virtual desktop



# Define remote desktop setting



# Define remote desktop setting



# Konzola/console/terminal window



Open console and type

- module load R
- R

A screenshot of a terminal window. The title bar reads 'jpovh@gpu02:~ - Ukazna lupina - Konzola'. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'Session', 'Urejanje', 'Videz', 'Zaznamki', 'Settings', and 'Pomoč'. The main area of the terminal shows two lines of text: '[jpovh@gpu02 ~]\$ ml R' and '[jpovh@gpu02 ~]\$ Rstudio'. The terminal has a blue border and a scroll bar on the right side. At the bottom, there is a taskbar with a single icon labeled 'Ukazna lupina'.

# Connect to compute node



## Type to console

```
LD_PRELOAD= srun -p haswell --pty --x11 bash -i
module load RStudio-Server/2022.07.2-576-foss-2022a-Java-11-R-4.2.1
module help RStudio-Server/2022.07.2-576-foss-2022a-Java-11-R-4.2.1
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```

## Copy the following text to command line

```
[jpv@hcn61 ~]$ module help RStudio-Server/2022.07.2-576-foss-2022a-Java-11-R-4.2.1
```

```
----- Module Specific Help for "RStudio-Server/2022.07.2-576-foss-2022a-Java-11-R-4.2.1" -----
```

### Description

This is the RStudio Server version.  
RStudio is a set of integrated tools designed to help you be more productive with R.

### The server can be started with:

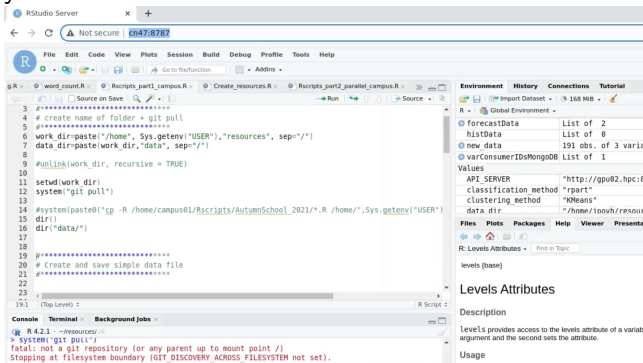
```
MYTMP= mktemp -d && trap "rm -rf ${MYTMP}" INT QUIT ABRT KILL TERM CHLD 66 \
echo -e "provider=sqlite&ndirectory=${MYTMP}/db" > ${MYTMP}/db.conf && \
rserver --server-daemonize=0 --www-port=8787 --rsession-which-r= $(which R) \
--server-user=${USER} --secure-cookie-key-file=${MYTMP}/secure-cookie-key \
--server-data-dir=${MYTMP}/sdd --database-config-file=${MYTMP}/db.conf
```

### More information

- Homepage: <https://www.rstudio.com/>

# Run Rstudio on compute node

- open web browser (chrome or firefow)
- type in `http://cnXX:8787/` - XX is the name of compute node where you are



The screenshot shows the RStudio Server interface in a web browser. The address bar displays `http://cn47:8787/`. The RStudio interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Help), a toolbar, and a main editor window. The editor shows an R script with the following code:

```

3 # create name of folder + git pull
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6 work_dir=paste("/home", Sys.getenv("USER"), "resources", sep="/")
7 data_dir=paste(work_dir, "data", sep="/")
8
9 #unlink(work_dir, recursive = TRUE)
10
11 setwd(work_dir)
12 system("git pull")
13
14 #system(paste0("cp -R /home/campus01/Rscripts/AutumnSchool_2021/* /home/", Sys.getenv("USER"),
15 #             dir())
16 #dir("data/")
17
18
19 # Create and save simple data file
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22
23

```

The console at the bottom shows the output of the script:

```

R 4.2.1 ~ /resources/
> system("git pull")
fatal: not a git repository (or any parent up to mount point /)
Stopping at filesystem boundary (GIT_DISCOVERY_ACROSS_FILESYSTEM not set).

```

The Environment pane on the right shows the following data objects:

| Object                | Class              | Size |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| forecastData          | List of 2          |      |
| histData              | List of 0          |      |
| new_data              | 191 obs. of 3 vari |      |
| varConsumerIDsMongoDB | List of 1          |      |

The Files pane shows the following files:

- API\_SERVER
- classification\_method
- clustering\_method
- data\_dir

The Levels Attributes pane shows the following attributes:

- levels (base)
- Levels Attributes
- Description
- Usage



GITHUB



Clone data for today from GITHUB

```
https://github.com/janezpovh/Parallel_R_Jan_24.git}
```

# Creating the first script file



## Create and save simple data file

```
N=1000;
Data=data.frame(group=character(N),ints=numeric(N),reals=numeric(N))
Data$group=sample(c("a","b","c"), 1000, replace=TRUE);
Data$ints=rbinom(N,10,0.5);
Data$reals=rnorm(N);

head(Data)
Data

write.table(Data, file='Data/Data_Ex_1.txt', append = FALSE, dec = ".",col.names = TRUE)

ls()
rm(list = ls())
```

# Load and analyse the data



## Load data

```
Data_read<-read.table(file='data/Data_Ex_1.txt',header = TRUE)
# first few rows
head(Data_read)
#10 th row
Data_read[10,]
# column group
Data_read$group
Data_read[,1]
```

# Load and analyse the data



## Load data

```
# compute means and counts by groups
group count_ints mean_ints
a | 337 | 5.014837
b | 338 | 5.032544
c | 325 | 4.990769

# primitive solution
Group_lev=levels(Data_read$group)

Tab_summary=data.frame(group=character(3),count_ints=integer(3),mean_ints=numeric(3))
Tab_summary$group<-Group_lev
for (i in c(1:3)){
  sub_data = subset(Data_read,group==Group_lev[i])
  Tab_summary$count_ints[i]<-nrow(sub_data)
  Tab_summary$mean_ints[i]<-mean(sub_data$ints)
}
```

# Analyse the data with dplyr, magrittr



- Library dplyr: "select", "filter", "group\_by", "arrange", "mutate" and "summarize".
- Library magrittr: "%>%"

## dplyr

```
library(dplyr)
library(magrittr)
Tab_summary1<-group_by(Data_read,group) %>% dplyr::summarise(count_ints=n(),mean_ints=
  mean(ints))

# other operations on rows and columns
Data_read_group_ints<-Data_read %>% select(group,ints)
# add new variable reals/ints
Data_read<-mutate(Data_read,ratio=reals/ints)
Data_read<-Data_read %>% mutate(ratio1=ints/reals)
#arrange
#sort accordind to increasing group
Data_read<-Data_read %>% arrange(desc(group))
Data_read<-Data_read %>% arrange(group)
```

# Analyze the data by split, aggregate, sapply



## split, aggregate, sapply

```
s <- split(Data_read, Data_read$group)
Tab_summary1<-t(sapply(s, function(x) return(c(mean(x$ints),length(x$group)) )))

Tab_summary2<-cbind(aggregate(ints~group,data = Data_read,FUN=length),aggregate(ints~
  group,data = Data_read,FUN=mean))
Tab_summary2<-Tab_summary2[,-3]
```

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# Advanced and Big data management with R



# What system do I have



## How many cores

```
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detectCores()
> detectCores()
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60 seconds

|             |          |                 |                        |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Utilization | Speed    | Base speed:     | 2,40 GHz               |
| 5%          | 1,88 GHz | Sockets:        | 1                      |
| Processes   | Threads  | Handles         | Cores: 14              |
| 346         | 5406     | 1761616         | Logical processors: 20 |
| Up time     |          | Virtualization: | Enabled                |
| 5:17:11:23  |          | L1 cache:       | 1,2 MB                 |
|             |          | L2 cache:       | 11,5 MB                |
|             |          | L3 cache:       | 24,0 MB                |



apply



For data constructed above (`Data_read`) compute row and columns means using `apply`

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## apply

```
Data_read<-read.table(file='data/Data_Ex_1.txt',header = TRUE)

Data_col_means_1 <- colMeans(Data_read[,-1])
Data_col_means_2 <- apply(Data_read[,-1],2,FUN =mean)

Data_row_means_1 <- rowMeans(Data_read[,-1])
Data_row_means_2 <- apply(Data_read[,-1],1,FUN =mean)

Data_both_squares <- apply(Data_read[,-1],c(1,2),FUN = function(x) return(x^2))
```

- lapply function takes list, vector or data frame as input and returns only list as output
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## lapply

```
Data_col_sums_1 <- apply(Data_read[, -1], 2, FUN = sum)
Data_col_sums_2 <- lapply(Data_read[, -1], FUN = sum)

typeof(Data_col_sums_1)
typeof(Data_col_sums_2)

Data_abs <- lapply(Data_read[, -1], FUN = abs)
Data_sq <- lapply(Data_read[, -1], FUN = function(x){x^2})

typeof(Data_abs)
length(Data_abs)
```

The word "sapply" is written in a stylized, lowercase, yellow font.

For data constructed above (Data\_read) compute row and columns sums using `sapply`

## sapply



For data constructed above (Data\_read) compute row and columns sums using sapply

## sapply

```
Data_col_sums_1 <- apply(Data_read[, -1], 2, FUN = sum)
Data_col_sums_2 <- lapply(Data_read[, -1], FUN = sum)
Data_col_sums_3 <- sapply(Data_read[, -1], FUN = sum)

typeof(Data_col_sums_1)
typeof(Data_col_sums_2)
typeof(Data_col_sums_3)

Data_col_sums_4 <- lapply(list(Data_read$ints, Data_read$reals), FUN = sum)
Data_col_sums_5 <- sapply(list(Data_read$ints, Data_read$reals), FUN = sum)
Data_col_len_1 <- lapply(list(Data_read$ints, Data_read$reals), FUN = length)
Data_col_len_2 <- sapply(list(Data_read$ints, Data_read$reals), FUN = length)
```



## for loop



Let us compute sums of all elements of 12 random matrices of order  $3000 \times 3000$

for

```
N=3000
set.seed(2021)
sum_rand=rep(0,11);
tic()
for (i in c(1:12)){
  A=randn(N,N)
  sum_rand[i]=sum(A)
}
time_for=toc()
```

## foreach do loop



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for

```
N=3000
set.seed(2021)
sum_rand=rep(0,11);
tic()
foreach (i = c(1:12)) %do% {
  A=randn(N,N)
  sum_rand[i]=sum(A)
}
time_foreach=toc()
```

## Parallel foreach dopar loop



Let us compute sums of all elements of 12 random matrices of order  $3000 \times 3000$  using `foreach ...dopar` from `foreach` and `doParallel`

for

```
N=3000
set.seed(2021)
sum_rand=rep(0,11);
tic()
foreach (i = c(1:12)) %dopar% {
  A=randn(N,N)
  sum_rand[i]=sum(A)
}
time_foreach_dopar=toc()
```

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}
time_foreach_dopar=toc()
```

Do you observe any difference?

## Parallel foreach dopar loop



Let us compute sums of all elements of 12 random matrices of order  $3000 \times 3000$  using `foreach ...dopar` from `foreach`, `doParallel`. Create cluster!

for

```
N=3000
set.seed(2021)
registerDoParallel(12) # use multicore, set to the number of our cores - needed for
  foreach dopar

sum_rand=rep(0,11);
tic()
foreach (i = c(1:12)) %dopar% {
  A=randn(N,N)
  sum_rand[i]=sum(A)
}
time_foreach_dopar_1=toc()
registerDoSEQ()
```

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}
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registerDoSEQ()
```

Do you observe any difference?

# Library parallel



- encapsulates existing libraries multicore, snow
- two ways of parallelization:
  - The **socket** approach: launches a new version of R on each core via networking (e.g. the same as if you connected to a remote server), but the connection is happening all on your own computer.
    - pros: (i) Works on any system (including Windows); (ii) Each process on each node is unique so it can't cross-contaminate.
    - cons: (i) Each process is unique so it will be slower (ii) Things such as package loading need to be done in each process separately. Variables defined on your main version of R don't exist on each core unless explicitly placed there. (iii) More complicated to implement.
  - use parLapply, parSapply

# Library parallel



- The **forking** approach copies the entire current version of R and moves it to a new core.
  - (i) Faster than sockets. (ii) Because it copies the existing version of R, your entire workspace exists in each process. (iii) Easy to implement.
  - Cons (i) Only works on POSIX systems (Mac, Linux, Unix, BSD) and not Windows. (ii) it can cause issues specifically with random number generation or when running in a GUI (such as RStudio). This doesn't come up often.
- use `mclapply`



# Parallel versions of lapply



By using library `parallel` and `parSapply`, `mclapply` compute sums of all elements of 12 random matrices of order  $3000 \times 3000$ . Create cluster!

## parallel versions of apply

```
mat_sum<-function(x){
  A=rand(x)
  return(sum(A))
}
tic()
time_lapply<-system.time({
  set.seed(2021)
  sum_rand_lapply=lapply(rep(3000,12),FUN=mat_sum)
  time_lapply=toc()
})

time_sapply<-system.time({
  set.seed(2021)
  sum_rand_sapply=sapply(rep(3000,12),FUN=mat_sum)
})
```

# Parallel versions of lapply



## parallel versions of apply

```
time_mclapply<-system.time({
  set.seed(2021)
  sum_rand_mclapply=mclapply(X=rep(3000,12),FUN=mat_sum,mc.cores = 12)
})

time_parLapply<-system.time({
  clust <- makeCluster(12, type="PSOCK")
  set.seed(2021)
  sum_rand_parLapply=parLapply(cl,rep(3000,1000),fun=mat_sum)
  stopCluster(clust)
})

time_parSapply<-system.time({
  clust <- makeCluster(12, type="PSOCK")
  set.seed(2021)
  sum_rand_parSapply=parSapply(cl,rep(3000,20),FUN=mat_sum)
  stopCluster(clust)
})
```

# Parallel versions of lapply



## parallel versions of apply

```
times_apply<-rbind(time_lapply,time_sapply,time_parLapply,time_parSapply,time_mclapply)

> times_apply[,1:3]
```

|                | user.self | sys.self | elapsed |
|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| time_lapply    | 5.120     | 0.954    | 6.072   |
| time_sapply    | 5.049     | 0.885    | 5.932   |
| time_parLapply | 0.076     | 0.209    | 47.999  |
| time_parSapply | 0.021     | 0.105    | 4.286   |
| time_mclapply  | 0.003     | 0.040    | 0.531   |

# Libraries for shared memory parallelization in R



- Parallel for-loop (`foreach...dopar`). Cluster created by `registerDoParallel(N)` and `registerDoSEQ()`. Library `foreach`, `doParallel` needed.
- Parallel apply: `parLapply`, `parSapply`, `mcLapply` need library `parallel`.

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The background of the slide is a complex, low-poly geometric pattern. It consists of numerous triangles of varying sizes and shades of gray, creating a textured, crystalline effect. The colors range from very light gray to dark charcoal, with the darker tones dominating the lower and right portions of the image.

# Parallelization with Rmpi

# What is Rmpi



- Rmpi library: Interface for MPI (Message Passing Interface) in R.
- Enables parallel and distributed computing in the R programming language.
- Facilitates communication and coordination between R processes across multiple nodes.
- Particularly useful for parallelizing computationally intensive tasks like simulations or data processing.
- Users can harness the power of parallel computing for improved performance in certain applications.
- Latest version from Dec 2023, see <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/Rmpi/Rmpi.pdf>

## Few basic command

- `Rmpi::mpi.comm.size(0)`: returns the number of active processes in current computing task/job
- `Rmpi::mpi.comm.rank(0)`: returns the ID of current process (number from  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{size} - 1\}$ )
- `Rmpi::mpi.get.processor.name()` - returns the name of compute node where the process



## Hello word example



Compute smallest eigenvalue of  $n \times n$  random symmetric matrices

```
library(Rmpi)
n=30
size <- Rmpi::mpi.comm.size(0)
rank <- Rmpi::mpi.comm.rank(0)
host <- Rmpi::mpi.get.processor.name()
if (rank == 0){
  cat("size ", "rank ", "host ", "max_eigen_value\n")
  cat(size, rank, host, "NaN\n")
} else {
  where=getwd()
  A=matrix(rnorm(n^2), nrow=n)
  A=A+t(A)
  a = max(eigen(A)$values)
  cat(size, rank, host, a, "\n")
}
```

## How to distribute this task across cluster



- Save the scripts from previous slide into separate file, called e.g. `Rmpi_master_slave.R`
- Create separate `.batch` file, where the parallelization is defined, e.g., `Job_Rmpi_master_slave.sbatch`

# How to distribute this task across cluster



Compute smallest eigenvalue of  $n$  symmetric matrices of size  $N \times N$

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=ALL,LD_PRELOAD=
#SBATCH --job-name Rmpi
#SBATCH --partition=rome --mem=24GB --time=02:00
#SBATCH --nodes=8
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node 48 ## maximum is 48
#SBATCH --output=logs/%x_%j.out

module load OpenMPI/4.1.4-GCC-11.3.0
module load R/4.2.1-foss-2022a
srun Rscript Rmpi_master_slave.R
```

## Results in log file



```
[1] "size rank host max_eigen_value"  
[1] "384 0 cn48 NaN"  
[1] "384 110 cn50 8.25199803297607"  
[1] "384 173 cn52 8.01187455128492"  
[1] "384 68 cn49 8.05800653948316"  
[1] "384 200 cn53 8.81600769867893"  
[1] "384 258 cn54 8.12244071842822"  
[1] "384 332 cn55 7.61927646789373"  
[1] "384 338 cn56 4.9472190383247"
```

# How parallelise without slurm?

Compute smallest eigenvalue of  $n$  symmetric matrices of size  $N \times N$

```
rm(list=ls()) # R code: parallel version
library(snow)
library(Rmpi)
nclus=6
cl <- snow::makeMPIcluster(nclus) #alter either n or mc to affect run time
n=30
N_per_proc=100
#x=matrix(runif(n),n,1)
#x=cbind(1,x)
min_eig_values=function(n,N){
  a=c()
  for (ind in 1:N){
    A=matrix(rnorm(n^2),nrow=n)
    A=A+t(A)
    a[ind] = max(eigen(A)$values)
  }
  return(a)
}
ptim=proc.time()[3]
b=clusterCall(cl,min_eig_values,n=n,N=N_per_proc)
b=unlist(b)
hist(b)
tim=proc.time()[3]-ptim
#Rmpi::mpi.quit()
snow::stopCluster(cl)
Parallel R
```