MSc Scientific Computing Dissertation ARM Cluster Linpack Benchmarks

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1 Introduction

https://github.com/johnduffymsc/picluster

1.1 Aims

1.1.1 Investigate Maximum Achievable Linpack Performance

Efficiency... achieved vs theoretical maximum

1.1.2 Investigate Gflops/Watt

Green500 ranking...

1.1.3 Overview of Competitive Available Gflops/£

Buy lots of Pi's, or buy a bigger machine...

Plot Gflops vs £...

1.2 Typography

This is a computer name...

node1

This is a command to type...

```
$ cat /proc/softirqs
```

And this is the command output displayed on your screen...

	CPUO	CPU1	CPU2	CPU3	
HI:	1	0	0	1	
TIMER:	3835342	3454143	3431155	3431023	
NET_TX:	36635	0	0	0	
NET_RX:	509189	146	105	121	
BLOCK:	95326	4367	4311	4256	
<pre>IRQ_POLL:</pre>	0	0	0	0	
TASKLET:	4900	3	4	25	
SCHED:	444569	267214	218701	189120	
HRTIMER:	67	0	0	0	
RCU:	604466	281455	260784	277699	

This is a file listing...

Listing 1: /etc/hosts

```
##
   # Host Database
2
3
   # localhost is used to configure the loopback interface
   # when the system is booting. Do not change this entry.
   127.0.0.1 localhost
   255.255.255.255 broadcasthost
   ::1
                   localhost
   192.168.0.1 node1
10
   192.168.0.2 node2
   192.168.0.3 node3
   192.168.0.4 node4
   192.168.0.5 node5
  192.168.0.6 node6
   192.168.0.7 node7
  192.168.0.8 node8
   192.168.0.9 node9
```

2 Raspberry Pi 4 Model B

2.1 Description

Photo
Description
Highlights
Limitations
Reference data sheet in Appendix
2.2 Theoretical Maximum Performance (Gflop/s)
The Raspberry Pi 4 Model B uses the Broadcom BCM2711 System on a Chip (Soc).
Block diagram from Cortex-A72 Software Optimisation Guide
4 cores
1.5 GHz
128 bit SIMD
4 GB memory (our chosen model)
Caches
Pipeline
Simplistically,
This ignores instructions pipelining benefits
3 Pi Cluster
Photo
Description

Ubuntu 20.04 LTS 64-bit Preinstalled Server...

Reference Appendix A for detailed build instructions...

Limitations...

Software/update management...

Next PXE/NFS boot...

Cluster management tools

BLAS libraries...

BLAS library management... update-alternatives –config libblas.so.3-aarch64-linux-gnu

picluster/tools... appendix?... use from node1...

4 High-Performance Linpack (HPL) Benchmark

Reference Paper...

https://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/...

Describe algorithm...

Terminology R_{peak} , R_{max} ..., problem size...

Describe methodology for determining main parameters NB, N, P and Q...

N formula...

Reference http://hpl-calculator.sourceforge.net

4.1 Building and Installing HPL

See Appendix...

4.2 HPL.dat

Describe HPL.dat parameters...

Listing 2: Example HPL.dat

```
HPLinpack benchmark input file
   Innovative Computing Laboratory, University of Tennessee
2
   HPL.out
                 output file name (if any)
3
                 device out (6=stdout,7=stderr,file)
   1
                 # of problems sizes (N)
5
   26208
                 Ns
   1
                 # of NBs
   32
                 NBs
   0
                 PMAP process mapping (0=Row-,1=Column-major)
   2
                 # of process grids (P x Q)
10
   1 2
                 Ps
11
   8 4
                 Qs
12
                 threshold
   16.0
13
                 # of panel fact
   3
14
                 PFACTs (0=left, 1=Crout, 2=Right)
15
   2
                 # of recursive stopping criterium
16
                 NBMINs (>= 1)
   2 4
17
   1
                 # of panels in recursion
18
   2
                 NDIVs
19
                 # of recursive panel fact.
   0 1 2
                 RFACTs (0=left, 1=Crout, 2=Right)
22
                 # of broadcast
                 BCASTs (0=1rg,1=1rM,2=2rg,3=2rM,4=Lng,5=LnM)
23
                 # of lookahead depth
24
   1
                 DEPTHs (>=0)
25
                 SWAP (0=bin-exch,1=long,2=mix)
26
   2
                 swapping threshold
27
   64
                 L1 in (0=transposed,1=no-transposed) form
28
                    in (0=transposed,1=no-transposed) form
29
   0
   1
                 Equilibration (0=no,1=yes)
30
   8
                 memory alignment in double (> 0)
31
```

A detailed description of each line of this file is ...

4.3 HPL.out

Describe HPL.out...

It is very easy to use grepto find the lines in HPL.out containing the results. And to then conduct a general numeric sort, first by P and then by Gflops, to find Rmax for each P and Q pair, squeezing repeated white space down to a single space for readability.

```
$ grep WR HPL.out | sort -g -k 4 -k 7 | tr -s ' ' > HPL.out.sorted
```

Listing 3: Example HPL.out.sorted

```
WR00C2R2 26208 32 1 8 802.01 1.4965e+01
   WROOR2C2 26208 32 1 8 799.75 1.5007e+01
   WR00L2L2 26208 32 1 8 796.04 1.5077e+01
   WR00C2C2 26208 32 1 8 794.65 1.5103e+01
   WR00L2C2 26208 32 1 8 793.86 1.5118e+01
5
   WR00C2L2 26208 32 1 8 793.67 1.5122e+01
   WR00R2L2 26208 32 1 8 793.48 1.5126e+01
   WROOR2R2 26208 32 1 8 790.26 1.5187e+01
   WR00L2R2 26208 32 1 8 789.16 1.5208e+01
   WROOR2L4 26208 32 1 8 774.49 1.5497e+01
10
   WR00C2R4 26208 32 1 8 773.52 1.5516e+01
11
   WR00L2L4 26208 32 1 8 770.20 1.5583e+01
12
   WR00R2C4 26208 32 1 8 767.92 1.5629e+01
13
   WR00L2C4 26208 32 1 8 763.10 1.5728e+01
   WROOL2R4 26208 32 1 8 762.43 1.5742e+01
   WROOR2R4 26208 32 1 8 761.92 1.5752e+01
16
   WR00C2C4 26208 32 1 8 761.58 1.5759e+01
17
   WR00C2L4 26208 32 1 8 757.87 1.5836e+01
18
   WR00R2R2 26208 32 2 4 728.78 1.6468e+01
19
   WR00R2C2 26208 32 2 4 728.21 1.6481e+01
20
   WR00R2L2 26208 32 2 4 726.55 1.6519e+01
21
   WR00C2R2 26208 32 2 4 722.38 1.6614e+01
   WR00L2C2 26208 32 2 4 721.63 1.6632e+01
23
   WR00L2L2 26208 32 2 4 721.54 1.6634e+01
24
   WR00C2C2 26208 32 2 4 721.25 1.6640e+01
25
   WR00C2L2 26208 32 2 4 720.82 1.6650e+01
   WR00L2R2 26208 32 2 4 720.80 1.6651e+01
   WR00L2R4 26208 32 2 4 692.09 1.7341e+01
   WR00R2C4 26208 32 2 4 690.37 1.7385e+01
   WR00C2L4 26208 32 2 4 686.69 1.7478e+01
30
   WR00C2C4 26208 32 2 4 686.23 1.7489e+01
31
   WR00C2R4 26208 32 2 4 686.08 1.7493e+01
32
   WR00L2L4 26208 32 2 4 686.02 1.7495e+01
33
   WR00L2C4 26208 32 2 4 685.88 1.7498e+01
   WROOR2L4 26208 32 2 4 685.76 1.7502e+01
   WROOR2R4 26208 32 2 4 684.45 1.7535e+01
```

4.4 Running xhpl

To run xhpl using the serial version of OpenBLAS...

```
$ ~/picluster/tools/picluster-set-libblas-openblas-serial
```

or, with the serial version of BLIS...

```
$ ~/picluster/tools/picluster-set-libblas-blis-serial
```

```
cd ~/picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
mpirun -np 4 xhpl
```

5 OpenMPI

What is OpenMPI...

6 OpenMPI Baseline Benchmarks

Ubuntu 20.04 LTS 64-bit packages, without any tweaks...

1 core... a single ARM Cortex-A72 core...

1 node... a single Raspberry Pi 4 Model B, 4 x ARM Cortex-A72 cores...

Linpack performance scales with problem size... REFERENCE

80% of memory a good initial guess... FAQ REFERENCE...

Methodology...

 $1\ \mathrm{core...}$ to investigate single core performance... cave ats... use 1GB of memory...

1 node... to investigate inter-core performance...

2 nodes... to investigate inter-core and inter-node performance...

 $1..8~\rm nodes \dots$ to investigate over scaling of performance with node count... with optimal N, NB, P and Q parameters determined from 2 node investigation... caveats...

6.1 OpenBLAS

6.2 BLIS

6.3 1 Core Baseline

Problem size restricted to 80% of memory...

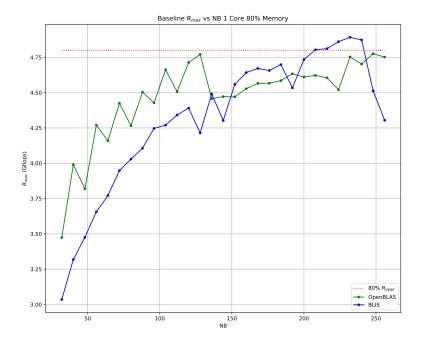


Figure 1: R_{max} vs NB 1 Core using 80% memory.

NB 32 to 256 in increments of 8...

NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	Ν
32	18528	80	18480	128	18432	176	18480	224	18368
40	18520	88	18480	136	18496	184	18400	232	18328
48	18528	96	18528	144	18432	192	18432	240	18480
56	18536	104	18512	152	18392	200	18400	248	18352
64	18496	112	18480	160	18400	208	18512	256	18432
72	18504	120	18480	168	18480	216	18360	-	-

1x1

mpirun does bind to core by default for $np \leq 2$

$$4 \times 4.7527e + 00 = 19 \text{ Gflops}$$

 ${\bf Explain...}$

Cache misses from peak...

A single core is capable of achieving maximum theoretical performance... CAVEATS whole L2 cache, whole node 4 GB memory, although problem size limited to 80% of 1 GB...

6.4 1 Node Baseline

1x4

NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	N
32	18528	80	18480	128	18432	176	18480	224	18368
40	18520	88	18480	136	18496	184	18400	232	18328
48	18528	96	18528	144	18432	192	18432	240	18480
56	18536	104	18512	152	18392	200	18400	248	18352
64	18496	112	18480	160	18400	208	18512	256	18432
72	18504	120	18480	168	18480	216	18360	-	-

\$ mpirun -np 4 xhpl

mpirun does bind to socket by default for $np \geq 2$

6.5 2 Node Baseline

 $P1 \ge Q8$

 $P2 \ge Q4$

NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	N	NB	N
32	26208	80	26160	128	26112	176	26048	224	26208
40	26200	88	26136	136	26112	184	26128	232	25984
48	26208	96	26208	144	26208	192	26112	240	26160
56	26208	104	26208	152	26144	200	26200	248	26040
64	26176	112	26208	160	26080	208	26208	256	26112
72	26208	120	26160	168	26208	216	26136	-	-

6.6 8 Node Baseline

 $1\mathrm{x}32\ 2\mathrm{x}16\ 4\mathrm{x}8$

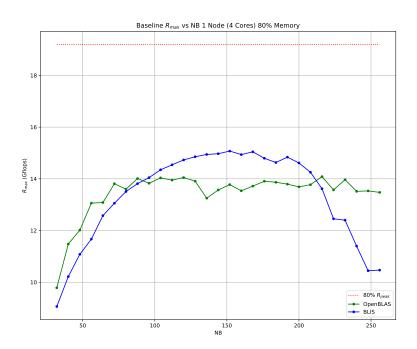


Figure 2: R_{max} vs NB 1 Node (4 cores) using 80% memory.

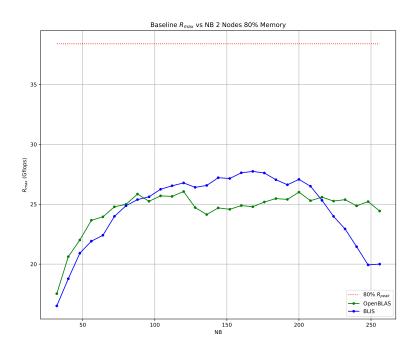


Figure 3: R_{max} vs NB 2 Nodes using 80% memory.

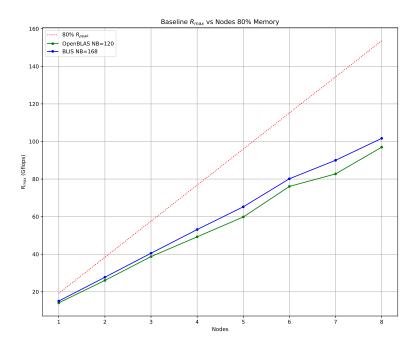


Figure 4: R_{max} vs Nodes using 80% memory.

6.7 Observations

Best NB...

PxQ discussion... 1x8 vs 2x4... ethernet comment...

Iperf...

htop...

top...

perf...

cache misses...

software interrupts...

Suggests... improve network efficiency?

7 Optimisations

7.1 Single Core Optimisation

7.1.1 Rebuild libopenblas0-serial

Better BLAS library...

The Debian Science Wiki suggests...

So, following the instructions in /usr/local/share/

Details are in Appendix ?...

Poking around in the OpenBLAS source code, I noticed...

cpuid_arm64.c

in function void get_cpuconfig(void)

Listing 4: cpuid_arm64.c

```
case CPU_CORTEXA57:
case CPU_CORTEXA72:
case CPU_CORTEXA73:
 // Common minimum settings for these Arm cores
 // Can change a lot, but we need to be conservative
 // TODO: detect info from /sys if possible
 printf("#define %s\n", cpuname[d]);
 printf("#define L1_CODE_SIZE 49152\n");
 printf("#define L1_CODE_LINESIZE 64\n");
 printf("#define L1_CODE_ASSOCIATIVE 3\n");
 printf("#define L1_DATA_SIZE 32768\n");
 printf("#define L1_DATA_LINESIZE 64\n");
 printf("#define L1_DATA_ASSOCIATIVE 2\n");
 printf("#define L2_SIZE 524288\n");
 printf("#define L2_LINESIZE 64\n");
  printf("#define L2_ASSOCIATIVE 16\n");
  printf("#define DTB_DEFAULT_ENTRIES 64\n");
  printf("#define DTB_SIZE 4096\n");
  break;
```

REFERENCE: Arm...

The following two lines are incorrect for the Arm Cortex-A72:

```
printf("#define L2_SIZE 524288\n");
printf("#define DTB_DEFAULT_ENTRIES 64\n");
```

To reflect the 1MB of L2 cache of the BCM??????, and the 32 entry L1 Data TLB, they should be:

```
printf("#define L2_SIZE 1048576\n");
printf("#define DTB_DEFAULT_ENTRIES 32\n");
```

Having changed these to the correct values, the build process now accurately reflects the 1MB of L2 cache on line 18 of 0-serial/config.h from which the libopenblas0-serial package is built:

Listing 5: 0-serial/config.h

```
#define OS_LINUX 1
1
   #define ARCH_ARM64 1
2
  #define C_GCC 1
3
  #define __64BIT__ 1
  #define PTHREAD_CREATE_FUNC pthread_create
  #define BUNDERSCORE
  #define NEEDBUNDERSCORE 1
  #define ARMV8
  #define HAVE_NEON
  #define HAVE_VFPV4
10
  #define CORTEXA72
11
   #define L1_CODE_SIZE 49152
12
13
   #define L1_CODE_LINESIZE 64
   #define L1_CODE_ASSOCIATIVE 3
14
   #define L1_DATA_SIZE 32768
15
   #define L1_DATA_LINESIZE 64
16
  #define L1_DATA_ASSOCIATIVE 2
17
  #define L2_SIZE 1048576
  #define L2_LINESIZE 64
  #define L2_ASSOCIATIVE 16
20
  #define DTB_DEFAULT_ENTRIES 64
  #define DTB_SIZE 4096
  #define NUM_CORES 4
   #define CHAR_CORENAME "CORTEXA72"
   #define GEMM_MULTITHREAD_THRESHOLD 4
```

On completion of the build process, and after uninstalling the original libopenblas0-serial package and installing the new one...

Discussion...

7.1.2 Rebuild libblis3-serial

7.2 Single Node Optimisation

7.2.1 Kernel Preemption Model

The Linux kernel has 3 Preemption Models...

1... 2... The default 3...

As per the Help in the Kernel Configuration...

Listing 6: Kernel Configuration Preemption Model Help

CONFIG_PREEMPT_NONE:

This is the traditional Linux preemption model, geared towards throughput. It will still provide good latencies most of the time, but there are no guarantees and occasional longer delays are possible.

Select this option if you are building a kernel for a server or scientific/computation system, or if you want to maximize the raw processing power of the kernel, irrespective of scheduling latencies.

So, kernel rebuilt with CONFIG_PREEMPT_NONE=y

See Appendix? on how to rebuild the kernel...

Installed on each node...

So, although this optimisation applies to single node, the benefits of applying this optimisation may not be apparent until the kernel has to juggle networking etc...

RESULTS...

7.2.2 Recieve Queues

```
$ sudo perf record mpirun -allow-run-as-root -np 4 xhpl
```

Running xhpl on 8 nodes using OpenBLAS...

```
$ mpirun -host node1:4 ... node8:4 -np 32 xhpl
```

SHORTLY AFTER PROGRAM START...

On node1,... where we initiated...

top...

```
top - 20:33:15 up 8 days, 6:02, 1 user, load average: 4.02, 4.03, 4.00
Tasks: 140 total, 5 running, 135 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 72.5 us, 21.7 sy, 0.0 ni, 0.0 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi
5.8 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 3793.3 total,
                          330.1 free,
                                          3034.9 used,
                                                         428.3 buff/cache
MiB Swap:
              0.0 total,
                            0.0 free,
                                            0.0 used.
                                                         698.7 avail Mem
    PID USER
                           VIRT
                                         SHR S %CPU %MEM
                 PR NI
                                   RES
TIME+ COMMAND
                 20
                      0
                        932964 732156
                                         7980 R 100.3 18.8 106:40.29 xhpl
 34884 john
  34881 john
                 20
                      0 933692 732272
                                        7916 R 100.0
                                                      18.9 107:29.75 xhpl
  34883 john
                 20
                      0 932932 731720
                                         8136 R 99.3 18.8 107:33.25 xhpl
  34882 john
                      0 932932 731784
                 20
                                         8208 R 97.7 18.8 107:33.64 xhpl
```

SOFTIRQS...

NODE 2 - 2 NODES ONLY TO SEE EFFECT...

IPERF!!!

On node8, running the top command...

```
$ top
```

We can see...

```
top - 18:58:44 up 8 days, 4:29, 1 user, load average: 4.00, 3.75, 2.35
Tasks: 133 total, 5 running, 128 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 50.7 us, 47.8 sy, 0.0 ni, 0.0 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi
1.4 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem :
           3793.3 total,
                           392.7 free,
                                          2832.6 used,
                                                          568.0 buff/cache
                                             0.0 used.
                                                          901.1 avail Mem
MiB Swap:
              0.0 total,
                              0.0 free,
   PID USER
                 PR NI
                           VIRT
                                   RES
                                          SHR S %CPU %MEM
TIME+ COMMAND
  23928 john
                 20
                      0
                        883880 682456
                                         8200 R 100.0 17.6
13:14.17 xhpl
 23927 john
                 20
                        883988 682432
                                         7932 R 99.7 17.6
13:12.58 xhpl
 23930 john
                      0 883912 682664
                 20
                                         7832 R 99.7 17.6
13:17.01 xhpl
 23929 john
                      0 883880 682640
                 20
                                         8376 R 99.3 17.6
13:16.25 xhpl
```

Indicates that only 50.7% of CPU time is being utilised by user programs (us), Linpack/OpenMPI...

I hypothesise that the 1.4% of software interrupts (si) is responsible 47.8% of CPU time in the kernel (sy) servicing these interrupts...

Lets have a look at the software interrupts on the system...

\$ watch -n 1 cat /proc/softirqs

Every 1.0s: cat /proc/softirqs									
	CPUO	CPU1	CPU2	CPU3					
HI:	0	1	0	1					
TIMER:	122234556	86872295	85904119	85646345					
NET_TX:	222717797	228381	147690	144396					
NET_RX:	1505715680	1132	1294	1048					
BLOCK:	63160	11906	13148	11223					
IRQ_POLL:	0	0	0	0					
TASKLET:	58902273	33	2	6					
SCHED:	3239933	3988327	2243001	2084571					
HRTIMER:	8116	55	53	50					
RCU:	6277982	4069531	4080009	3994395					

As can be seen...

- 1. the majority of software interrupts are being generated by network receive (NET_RX) activity, followed by network transmit activity (NET_TX)...
- 2. these interrupts are being almost exclusively handled by CPU0...

What is there to be done?...

- 1. Reduce the numbers of interrupts...
- 1.1 Each packet produces an interrupt interrupt coalesing...
- 1.2 Reduce the number of packets increase MTU...
- 2.1 Share the interrupt servicing activity evenly across the CPUs...

7.3 Cluster Optimisation

On node2 start the Iperf server...

```
$ iperf -s
```

On node1 start the Iperf client...

```
$ iperf -c
```

ping tests of MTU...

iperf network speed...

7.3.1 Jumbo Frames

Requires a network switch capable of Jumbo frames...

```
$ ip link show eth0
```

```
2: eth0: <BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP mode DEFAULT gr
link/ether dc:a6:32:60:7b:cd brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```

```
$ ping -c 1 -s 1500 -M do node2
```

```
PING node2 (192.168.0.2) 1500(1528) bytes of data.
ping: local error: message too long, mtu=1500
```

```
$ ping -c 1 -s 1472 -M do node2
```

```
PING node2 (192.168.0.2) 1472(1500) bytes of data.

1480 bytes from node2 (192.168.0.2): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0 392 ms
```

Trying to set the MTU to 9000 bytes...

```
$ sudo ip link set eth0 mtu 9000
```

... results with...

```
Error: mtu greater than device maximum.
```

In fact, attempting to set the MTU to anything greater than 1500 bytes...

```
$ sudo ip link set eth0 mtu 1501
```

... results with...

```
Error: mtu greater than device maximum.
```

Need to build a kernel with Jumbo frame support...

7.4 Kernel TCP Parameters Tuning

REFERENCE...

https://www.open-mpi.org/faq/?category=tcp

Listing 7: /etc/sysctl.d/picluster.conf

```
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
net.core.wmem_max = 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 87380 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 65536 16777216
net.core.netdev_max_backlog = 30000
net.core.rmem_default = 16777216
net.core.wmem_default = 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_mem = 16777216 16777216 16777216
net.ipv4.route.flush = 1
```

```
sudo sysctl --system
```

or

```
sudo shutdown -r now
```

Appendix A - Pi Cluster Build Instructions

7.5 Introduction

This appendix is intended to be a complete and self contained guide for building a Raspberry Pi Cluster. With the caveat that the cluster has the bare minimum software/functionality necessary to compile and run the High Performance Linpack (HPL) benchmark, namely the build-essential package, two BLAS libraries (OpenBLAS and BLIS), and Open-MPI. A number of performance measurement tools are also installed, such as perf and iperf. The latest version of HPL is downloaded and built from source.

It would be a relatively simple task to add... SLIRM or...

The cluster consists of the following components...

8 x Raspberry Pi 4 Model B 4GB compute nodes, node1 to node8 1 x software development and build node, node9 9 x Official Raspberry Pi 4 Model B power supplies 9 x 32GB Class 10 MicroSD cards 1 x workstation, in my case my MacBook Pro, macbook 1 x 8 port Gigabit Router/Firewall 1 x 16 port Gigabit switch with Jumbo Frame support

Items

Photo

7.6 Preliminary Tasks

- 1. Update the EE-PROM
- 2. Get MAC address
- 3. Generate keys
- 4. Amend macbook /etc/hosts file...

7.6.1 Update Raspberry Pi EE-PROMs

7.6.2 Get Raspberry Pi MAC Addresses

7.6.3 Generate User Key Pair

On macbook (no passphrase):

```
$ ssh-genkey -t rsa -C john
```

This will create two files... in \dots

7.6.4 Amend macbook /etc/hosts

On macbook, using your favourite editor, add the following to /etc/hosts:

```
192.168.0.1 node1

192.168.0.2 node2

192.168.0.3 node3

192.168.0.4 node4

192.168.0.5 node5

192.168.0.6 node6

192.168.0.7 node7

192.168.0.8 node8

192.168.0.9 node9
```

This enables...

```
ssh john@node1
```

or, the abbreviated...

```
ssh node1
```

provided the user name on the macbook is the same as the Linux user created by cloud-init.

7.6.5 Router/Firewall Configuration

Local network behind firewall/switch: 192.168.0.254

WAN address LAN address

Firewall/Switch (Netgear FVS318G)

Describe DHCP reservations mapping IP to MAC addresses.

Describe ssh access

Add relevant PDFs.

7.6.6 Create the Raspberry Pi Ubuntu Server Image

On macbook...

Download Ubuntu 20.04 LTS 64-bit pre-installed server image for the Raspberry Pi $4\dots$

Double click to uncompress the .xz file which leaves the .img file.

Double click to mount the .img in the filesystem...

Amend /Volumes/system-boot/user-data...

```
#cloud-config
# This is the user-data configuration file for cloud-init. By default this sets
# up an initial user called "ubuntu" with password "ubuntu", which must be
# changed at first login. However, many additional actions can be initiated on
# first boot from this file. The cloud-init documentation has more details:
# https://cloudinit.readthedocs.io/
# Some additional examples are provided in comments below the default
# configuration.
# On first boot, set the (default) ubuntu user's password to ^{\dagger}ubuntu" and
# expire user passwords
chpasswd:
  expire: false
  list:
  - ubuntu:ubuntu
  - john:john
# Enable password authentication with the SSH daemon
ssh_pwauth: true
## On first boot, use ssh-import-id to give the specific users SSH access to
## the default user
#ssh_import_id:
#- lp:my_launchpad_username
```

```
#- gh:my_github_username
## Add users and groups to the system, and import keys with the ssh-import-id
## utility
#groups:
#- robot: [robot]
#- robotics: [robot]
#- pi
groups:
- john: [john]
#users:
#- default
#- name: robot
# gecos: Mr. Robot
# primary_group: robot
# groups: users
# ssh_import_id: foobar
# lock_passwd: false
# passwd: $5$hkui88$nvZgIle31cNpryjRf09uArF7DYiBcWEnjqq7L1AQNN3
users:
- default
- name: john
  gecos: John Duffy
  primary_group: john
sudo: ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL
  shell: /bin/bash
  ssh_authorized_keys:
  - ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABgQDGsnzP+1Q6NgeeKFTd/+Mom+UCYJTL/wzIiS9nLA2N2
## Update apt database and upgrade packages on first boot
#package_update: true
#package_upgrade: true
package_update: true
package_upgrade: true
## Install additional packages on first boot
#packages:
#- pwgen
#- pastebinit
#- [libpython2.7, 2.7.3-0ubuntu3.1]
packages:
- git
- tree
- unzip
- iperf
- net-tools
- linux-tools-common
- linux-tools-raspi
```

```
- build-essential
- gdb
- openmpi-common
- openmpi-bin
- libblis3-serial
- libblis3-openmp
- libopenblas0-serial
- libopenblas0-openmp
## Write arbitrary files to the file-system (including binaries!)
#write_files:
#- path: /etc/default/keyboard
  content: |
     # KEYBOARD configuration file
     # Consult the keyboard(5) manual page.
    XKBMODEL="pc105"
    XKBLAYOUT = "gb"
    XKBVARIANT=""
     XKBOPTIONS="ctrl: nocaps"
# permissions: '0644'
# owner: root:root
#- encoding: gzip
# path: /usr/bin/hello
  content: !!binary |
    H4sIAIDb/U8C/1NW1E/KzNMvzuBKTc7IV8hIzcnJVyjPL8pJ4QIA6N+MVxsAAAA=
  owner: root:root
  permissions: '0755'
write_files:
- path: /etc/hosts
  content: |
   127.0.0.1 localhost
   192.168.0.1 node1
   192.168.0.2 node2
   192.168.0.3 node3
   192.168.0.4 node4
   192.168.0.5 node5
   192.168.0.6 node6
    192.168.0.7 node7
    192.168.0.8 node8
    192.168.0.9 node9
  permissions: '0644'
  owner: root:root
## Run arbitrary commands at rc.local like time
#runcmd:
#- [ ls, -1, / ]
#- [ sh, -xc, "echo $(date) ': hello world!'" ]
#- [ wget, "http://ubuntu.com", -0, /run/mydir/index.html ]
runcmd:
- hostnamectl set-hostname --static node$(hostname -i | cut -d ' ' ' -f 1 | cut -d '.'
```

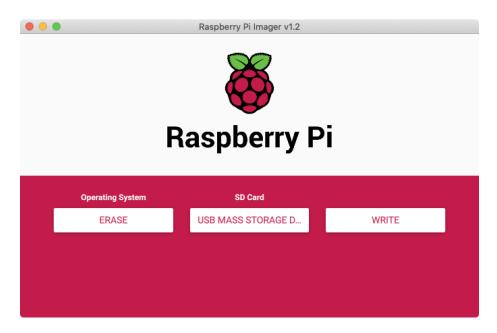


Figure 5: Using Raspberry Pi Imager to erase and format a MicroSD card.

- reboot

Eject/unmount .img file

Use Raspberry Pi Imager to erase...

Then use the Raspberry Pi Imager to write preinstalled server image to the MicroSD card...

When complete, remove the MicroSD card from the card reader, place it the Raspberry Pi and plug in the power cable.

The cloud-init configuration process will now start. The Raspberry Pi will acquire its IP address from the router, setup users, update apt, upgrade the system, download software packages, set the hostname (based on the IP address), and finally the system will reboot.

7.7 Post-Installation Tasks

7.7.1 Enable No Password Access

This is required for Open-MPI...

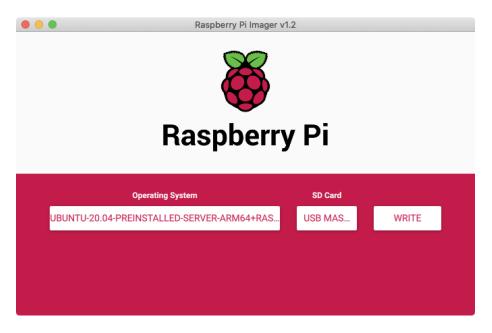


Figure 6: Using Raspberry Pi Imager to write the server image to a MicroSD card.

Our public key was installed on each node by cloud-init. So, we can ssh into each node without a password, and use the abbreviated ssh node1, instead of ssh john@node1 (assuming john is the user name on the workstation).

We need to copy our private key to node1 (only node1)...

```
scp ~/.ssh/id_rsa node1:~/.ssh
```

Then to enable access to node node to node without a password from node 1, we need to import the ... keys into the node 1 knownhosts file...

This is easily done...

From macbook, ssh into node1...

ssh node1

and then from node1, for each of the nodes node2 to node9:

ssh node2

This will generate...

The authenticity of host 'node2 (192.168.0.2)' can't be established.

```
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:5VgsnN2nPvpfbJmALh3aJdOeT/NvDXqN8TCreQyNaFA. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])?
```

responding yes, imports the key into the node1 knownhosts file...

```
exit
```

Next node...

This is only required to be done on intial contact with nodes node2 to node9 (unless the keys on these nodes change)

7.7.2 Uninstall unattended-upgrades

The unattended-upgrades package is installed automatically...

This can potentially interferer with long running benchmarks...

Remove...

From macbook:

```
$ ssh node1
$ ~/picluster/tools/do "sudo apt remove unattended-upgrades"
```

Don't forget to upgrade your cluster regularly at convenient times with...

```
$ ssh node1
$ ~/picluster/tools/upgrade
```

7.7.3 Add Source Repositories

We are going to be rebuilding some packages from source...

```
$ ssh node1
$ sudo touch /etc/apt/sources/list.d/picluster.list
$ sudo vim /etc/apt/sources/list.d/picluster.list
```

... and add the following source repositories...

Listing 8: /etc/apt/sources.list.d/picluster.list

```
deb-src http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal main universe deb-src http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates main universe
```

... and then update the repository cache...

```
$ sudo apt update
```

7.7.4 Create a Project Repository

Xpand upon...

```
$ ssh node1
$ mkdir picluster
$ cd picluster
$ git init
```

Ensure you do push your repository to a remote repository at regular intervals...

7.7.5 Select BLAS Library

We have installed four BLAS libraries...

Confirm all nodes are using the same one initially...

ssh node1 sudo update-alternatives –config libblas.so.3-aarch64-linux-gnu

TODO screen output...

Confirm option 0, OpenBLAS, is selected. Press return to keep this option and then exit.

Appendix? - General Kernel Build Procedure

This procedure is derived from the Ubuntu Wiki Build Your
Own Kernel document...

Make sure you have made the source code repositories available as per...

Create a kernel build directory with the correct directory permissions to prevent source download warnings.

```
$ ssh node1
$ mkdir -p ~/picluster/build/kernel
$ sudo chown _apt:root ~/picluster/build/kernel
$ cd ~/picluster/build/kernel
```

Install the kernel build dependencies...

```
$ sudo apt-get build-dep linux linux-image-$(uname -r)
```

Download the kernel source...

```
$ sudo apt-get source linux-image-$(uname -r)
$ cd linux-raspi-5.4.0
```

This bit is a fix for the subsequent editconfigs step of the build procedure...

```
$ cd debian.raspi/etc
$ sudo cp kernelconfig kernelconfig.original
$ sudo vim kernelconfig
```

And make the following change...

Listing 9: diff kernelconfig kernelconfig.original

```
5c5
< archs="arm64"
---
> archs="armhf arm64"
```

Then move back up to the kernel source top level directory...

```
$ cd ../..
```

Prepare the build scripts...

```
$ sudo chmod a+x debian/rules
$ sudo chmod a+x debian/scripts/*
$ sudo chmod a+x debian/scripts/misc/*
```

SOURCE CHANGES AND/OR verb—editconfigs— AT THIS POINT

```
$ sudo apt install libncurses-dev
$ sudo LANG=C fakeroot debian/rules clean
$ sudo LANG=C fakeroot debian/rules editconfigs
```

Tweak the kernel name for identification...

```
$ cd debian.raspi
$ sudo cp changelog changelog.original
$ sudo vim changelog
```

And make the following change, where +picluster0 is our kernel identifier...

Listing 10: diff changelog changelog.original

```
1c1 < linux-raspi (5.4.0-1015.15+picluster0) focal; urgency=medium --- > linux-raspi (5.4.0-1015.15) focal; urgency=medium
```

Move up to the top level kernel source directory...

```
$ cd ..
```

And build the kernel...

```
$ sudo LANG=C fakeroot debian/rules clean
$ sudo LANG=C fakeroot debian/rules binary-arch
cd ..
```

Install the new kernel...

```
$ sudo dpkg -i linux*picluster0*.deb
$ sudo shutdown -r now
```

Another build procedure fix...

After each kernel build delete the linux-libc-dev directory...

```
$ cd ~/picluster/build/kernel/linux-raspi-5.4.0/debian
$ rm -rf linux-libc-dev
$ cd ..
```

Appendix? - Kernel Build with Jumbo Frames

```
Standard MTU is 1500 bytes...
```

Maximum payload size is 1472 bytes...

NB of 184 (x 8 bytes for Double Precision) = 1472 bytes...

NB > 184 => packet fragmentation => reduced network efficiency...

This causes drop of in performance???...

Max MTU on Raspberry Pi 4 Model B is set at build time to 1500...

Not configurable above 1500...

TODO: EXAMPLE OF ERROR MSG...

Need to build the kernel with higher MTU...

Make the required changes to the source... as per REFERENCE

```
cd linux-raspi-5.4.0
```

```
sudo vim include/linux/if_vlan.h...
#define VLAN_ETH_DATA_LEN 9000
#define VLAN_ETH_FRAME_LEN 9018
```

```
sudo vim include/uapi/linux/if_ether.h...
#define ETH_DATA_LEN 9000
```

#define ETH_FRAME_LEN 9014

```
sudo vim drivers/net/ethernet/broadcom/genet/bcmgenet.c...
#define RX_BUF_LENGTH 10240
```

Add a Jumbo Frames identifier, "+jf", to the new kernel name...

```
sudo vim debian.raspi/changelog...
linux (5.4.0-1013.13+jf) focal; urgency=medium
```

Appendix B - High-Performance Linpack (HPL) Installation

Download and install the latest version of HPL on node1...

```
ssh node1
cd picluster
mkdir hpl
cd hpl
wget https://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/hpl-2.3.tar.gz
gunzip hpl-2.3.tar.gz
tar xvf hpl-2.3.tar
rm hpl-2.3.tar
cd hpl-2.3
```

Create Make.serial file...

```
cd setup
bash make_generic
cd ..
cp setup/Make.UNKNOWN Make.serial
```

Amend Make.serial as per...

Build...

```
make arch=serial
```

This creates xhpl and HPL.dat in bin/serial

Copy xhpl to all nodes (only xhpl, and not HPL.dat)...

```
ssh node2 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node3 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node4 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node5 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node6 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node7 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node8 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node9 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node9 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node2:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node4:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node5:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node5:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node6:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node6:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node7:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
```

scp bin/serial/xhpl node8:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node9:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial

Appendix? - High Performance Linpack (HPL) Installation

Download and install the latest version of HPL on node1...

```
ssh node1
cd picluster
mkdir hpl
cd hpl
wget https://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/hpl-2.3.tar.gz
gunzip hpl-2.3.tar.gz
tar xvf hpl-2.3.tar
rm hpl-2.3.tar
cd hpl-2.3
```

Create Make.serial file...

```
cd setup
bash make_generic
cd ..
cp setup/Make.UNKNOWN Make.serial
```

Amend Make.serial as per...

Build...

```
make arch=serial
```

This creates xhpl and HPL.dat in bin/serial

Copy xhpl to all nodes (only xhpl, and not HPL.dat)...

```
ssh node2 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node3 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node4 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node5 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node6 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node7 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node8 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node8 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
ssh node9 mkdir -p picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node2:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node4:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node5:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node6:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node6:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node7:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
```

scp bin/serial/xhpl node8:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial
scp bin/serial/xhpl node9:~picluster/hpl/hpl-2.3/bin/serial

Appendix? - Rebuild OpenBLAS

```
$ ssh node1
$ mkdir -p build/openblas
$ chown -R _apt:root build
$ cd build/openblas
$ sudo apt-get source openblas
$ sudo apt-get build-dep openblas
$ cd openblas -0.3.8+ds
```

Edit cpuid_arm64.c...

```
$ sudo cp cpuid_arm64.c cpuid_arm64.c.original
$ sudo vim cpuid_arm64.c
```

```
$ diff cpuid_arm64.c cpuid_arm64.c.original
```

And, then following the instructions in debian/README.Debian

```
$ DEB_BUILD_OPTIONS=custom dpkg-buildpackage -uc -b
```

Once the build is complete..

```
cd ..
$ sudo apt remove libopenblas0-serial
$ sudo dpkg -i libopenblas0-serial\_0.3.8+ds-1\_arm64.deb
```

Ensure the correct BLAS library is being used...

```
$ sudo update-alternatives --config libblas.so.3-aarch64-linux-gnu
```

copy to other nodes remove old... install new...

If more than one BLAS library is installed, check update-alternatives!!!

ssh node2 .. node8

```
$ ssh node2 sudo apt remove libblas0-serial
$ scp libopenblas0-serial\_0.3.8+ds-1\_arm64.deb node2:~
$ ssh sudo dpkg -i libopenblas0-serial\_0.3.8+ds-1\_arm64.deb
$ ssh sudo update-alternatives --config libblas.so.3-aarch64-linux-gnu
```

Appendix ? - Rebuild libblis3-serial

ssh node1
mkdir -p picluster/build/blis
cd picluster/build/blis
apt-get source blis
sudo apt-get build-dep blis
cd blis-0.6.1

Appendix? - Hints

Hints from experience... and time savers... for building a development cluster on a local network.

7.8 IP/MAC Addresses

If IP/MAC address assignments get confused, which is easily done during initial build, view IP address assignments on the local network with:

```
arp -a
```

Then delete *incomplete* IP addresses with:

```
sudo arp -d incomplete-ip-address
```

7.9 SSH known_hosts

If ssh reports differing keys in 'known-hosts', and warns of a potential 'man-in-the-middle-attack', then just delete 'known-hosts':

```
sudo rm ~/.ssh/known_hosts
```

'known_hosts' will be re-populated as you log into each node.

7.10 tmux

tmux is your friend!

Monitoring long running jobs from a workstation, which goes to sleep after a period of no activity, for example, may interfere with the running of the jobs if a SSH connection is broken.

Use a tmux session to start long running jobs, and then detach from the tmux session. The job will quite happily run in the background on the cluster. Turn the workstation off and go to bed. In the morning, turn the workstation on and 'attach' to the tmux session. All will be well.

7.11 git

git is your best friend!

During your cluster build you will accidentally delete files, results etc. After every significant...

Appendix? - cloud-init user-data

Listing 11: picluster/cloud-init/user-data

```
#cloud-config
1
2
  # This is the user-data configuration file for cloud-init. By default this sets
3
  # up an initial user called "ubuntu" with password "ubuntu", which must be
   # changed at first login. However, many additional actions can be initiated on
   # first boot from this file. The cloud-init documentation has more details:
   # https://cloudinit.readthedocs.io/
8
   # Some additional examples are provided in comments below the default
10
  # configuration.
11
   # On first boot, set the (default) ubuntu user's password to "ubuntu" and
13
  # expire user passwords
14
  chpasswd:
15
     expire: false
16
     list:
17
     - ubuntu:ubuntu
     - john:john
19
20
   # Enable password authentication with the SSH daemon
21
   ssh_pwauth: true
22
  ## On first boot, use ssh-import-id to give the specific user's SSH access to
  ## the default user
  #ssh_import_id:
  #- lp:my_launchpad_username
  \#-gh:my\_github\_username
  ## Add users and groups to the system, and import keys with the ssh-import-id
30
  ## utility
  #groups:
   #- robot: [robot]
   #- robotics: [robot]
  #- pi
35
36
   groups:
   - john: [john]
  #users:
40
  #- default
41
42 #- name: robot
  # gecos: Mr. Robot
43
  # primary_group: robot
44
      groups: users
  # ssh_import_id: foobar
```

```
# lock_passwd: false
47
   # passwd: $5$hkui88$nvZgIle31cNpryjRf09uArF7DYiBcWEnjqq7L1AQNN3
  users:
49
  - default
   - name: john
     gecos: John Duffy
     primary_group: john
53
     sudo: ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
54
     shell: /bin/bash
55
     ssh_authorized_keys:
     - ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABgQDGsnzP+1Q6NgeeKFTd/+Mom+UCYJTL/wzIiS9nLA2N2
   ## Update apt database and upgrade packages on first boot
   #package_update: true
   #package_upgrade: true
  package_update: true
  package_upgrade: true
  | ## Install additional packages on first boot
#packages:
67 #- pwgen
  #- pastebinit
  #- [libpython2.7, 2.7.3-Oubuntu3.1]
   packages:
   - git
71
   - tree
   - unzip
73
   - iperf
74
   - net-tools
75
   - linux-tools-common
  - linux-tools-raspi
  - build-essential
  - gdb
  - openmpi-common
80
  - openmpi-bin
81
  - libblis3-serial
  - libblis3-openmp
   - libopenblas0-serial
   - libopenblas0-openmp
86
   ## Write arbitrary files to the file-system (including binaries!)
   #write_files:
88
   #- path: /etc/default/keyboard
89
  # content: |
        # KEYBOARD configuration file
        # Consult the keyboard (5) manual page.
        XKBMODEL = "pc105"
93
        XKBLAYOUT = " qb "
94
        XKBVARIANT = ""
95
96 #
        XKBOPTIONS = "ctrl: nocaps"
```

```
# permissions: '0644'
97
   # owner: root:root
98
   #- encoding: gzip
99
   # path: /usr/bin/hello
100
      content: !!binary /
        H4sIAIDb/U8C/1NW1E/KzNMvzuBKTc7IV8hIzcnJVyjPL8pJ4QIA6N+MVxsAAAA=
102
     owner: root:root
103
    # permissions: '0755'
104
   write_files:
105
    - path: /etc/hosts
106
      content: |
107
       127.0.0.1 localhost
108
        192.168.0.1 node1
109
        192.168.0.2 node2
110
       192.168.0.3 node3
111
       192.168.0.4 node4
112
       192.168.0.5 node5
113
       192.168.0.6 node6
114
       192.168.0.7 node7
115
       192.168.0.8 node8
116
       192.168.0.9 node9
117
      permissions: '0644'
118
      owner: root:root
119
    ## Run arbitrary commands at rc.local like time
121
    #runcmd:
   #- [ ls, -l, / ]
#- [ sh, -xc, "echo $(date) ': hello world!'" ]
123
   #- [ wget, "http://ubuntu.com", -0, /run/mydir/index.html ]
   runcmd:
   - hostnamectl set-hostname --static node$(hostname -i | cut -d '' -f 1 | cut -d '.'
   - reboot
```

Appendix? - Pi Cluster Tools

Listing 12: picluster/tools/upgrade

```
#!/usr/bin/bash

NODES=9

for (( i=$NODES; i>0; i-- ))

do

echo "Upgrading node$i..."

ssh node$i sudo apt update

ssh node$i sudo apt full-upgrade --yes

ssh node$i sudo apt autoremove --yes

ssh node$i sudo shutdown -r now

done
```

Listing 13: picluster/tools/reboot

```
#!/usr/bin/bash

NODES=9

for (( i=$NODES; i>0; i-- ))
do
    echo "Rebooting node$i..."
    ssh node$i sudo shutdown -r now
done
```

Listing 14: picluster/tools/shutdown

```
#!/usr/bin/bash

NODES=9

for (( i=$NODES; i>0; i-- ))
do
    echo "Shutting down node$i..."
    ssh node$i sudo shutdown -h now
done
```

Listing 15: picluster/tools/libblas-query

```
#!/usr/bin/bash

NODES=9

for (( i=$NODES; i>0; i-- ))
do
    printf "node$i..."
```

Listing 16: picluster/tools/libblas-set

```
#!/usr/bin/bash
2
   NODES=9
3
4
   case $1 in
5
     "openblas-serial" | "openblas-openmp" | "blis-serial" | "blis-openmp")
6
       for (( i=$NODES; i>0; i-- ))
7
         printf "node$i..."
         ssh node$i sudo update-alternatives --quiet --set \
10
           libblas.so.3-aarch64-linux-gnu \
11
           /usr/lib/aarch64-linux-gnu/$1/libblas.so.3
12
         printf "done\n"
13
       done
14
       exit
15
16
       ;;
   esac
17
18
   echo "Usage: libblas-set {openblas-serial|openblas-openmp|blis-serial|blis-openmp}"
```

Appendix? - Build OpenMPI from Source

Do all of this on node1...

```
$ ssh node1
```

We want to avoid collisions with multiple OpenMPI installations, so remove original installed version...

```
$ sudo apt remove openmpi-common
$ sudo apt remove openmpi-bin
$ sudo apt autoremove
```

OpenMPI requires the libevent-dev package...

```
$ sudo apt install libevent-dev
```

Create a build directory, and download and, and following BLAH, BLAH build OpenMPI...

```
$ mkdir -p ~/picluster/build/openmpi
$ cd ~/picluster/build/openmpi
$ wget https://download.open-mpi.org/release/open-mpi/v4.0/openmpi-4.0.4.tar.gz
$ gunzip openmpi-4.0.4.tar
$ rm openmpi-4.0.4.tar
$ rm openmpi-4.0.4.tar
$ cd openmpi-4.0.4
$ mkdir build
$ cd build
$ ../configure CFLAGS="-03 -march=armv8-a -mtune=cortex=a72"
$ make all
$ sudo make install
$ sudo ldconfig
```

OpenMPI will installed to /usr/local

EXTRACT FROM HPL.dat

TODO: HOW TO COPY TO ALL NODES!

Appendix ? - Arm Performance Libraries

This does not work yet! HPL will build, but raises an illegal instruction error at runtime. At the time of writing, Arm Performance Libraries release 20.2.0 require a minimum of armv8.1-a. Unfortunately, the Raspberry Pi's Cortex-A72 cores are armv8.0-a. The next release will support armv8.0-a. Appendix included for future reference.

"Arm Performance Libraries provides optimized standard core math libraries for high-performance computing applications on Arm processors. This free version of the libraries provides optimized libraries for Arm® NeoverseTM N1-based Armv8 AArch64 implementations that are compatible with various versions of GCC. You do not require a license for this version of the libraries."

Downloaded Arm Performance Libraries 20.2.0 with GCC 9.3 for Ubuntu 16.04+.

```
$ ssh node1
$ sudo apt install environment-modules
$ mkdir picluster/armpl
$ cd picluster/armpl
$ tar xvf arm-performance-libraries_20.2_Ubuntu-16.04_gcc-9.3
$ rm arm-performance-libraries_20.2_Ubuntu-16.04_gcc-9.3.tar
$ sudo ./arm-performance-libraries_20.2_Ubuntu-16.04.sh
```

The default installation directory is /opt/arm...

TODO: CHANGE TO /usr/local + ldconfig

Compile HPL with armpl...

```
$ cd ~/picluster/hp1/hp1-2.3
$ cp Make.serial Make.armpl-serial
```

Edit Make.armpl-serial...

Listing 17: Make.armpl-serial extract

Compile HPL...

\$ make arch=armpl-serial