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ACCESS current maintainers of the project formerly known as the XSEDE Compatible Basic Cluster.

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Where we're starting from

Figure 1: Two example HPC networks

31 HPC clusters (2 shown) with:

1. Rocky Linux 9
2. OpenHPC 3
3. Warewulf 3
4. Slurm
5. 2 non-GPU nodes
6. 2 GPU nodes (currently without GPU drivers, so: expensive non-GPU nodes)
7. 1 management node (SMS)
8. 1 unprovisioned login node

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We used the OpenHPC automatic installation script from Appendix A with a few variations:

1. Installed `s-nail` to have a valid `MailProg` for `slurm.conf`.
2. Created `user1` and `user2` accounts with password-less sudo privileges.
3. Changed CHROOT from `/opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky9.3` to `/opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky9.4`.
4. Enabled `slurmd` and `munge` in CHROOT.
5. Added `nano` and `yum` to CHROOT.
6. Removed a redundant `ReturnToService` line from `/etc/slurm/slurm.conf`.
7. Stored all nodes' SSH host keys in `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts`.

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Where we're going

1. A slightly more secured SMS
2. A login node that's practically identical to a compute node (except for where it needs to be different)
3. GPU drivers on the GPU nodes
4. Using node-local storage for the OS and/or scratch
5. De-coupling the SMS and the compute nodes (e.g., independent kernel versions)
6. Easier management of node differences (GPU or not, diskless/single-disk/multi-disk, Infiniband or not, etc.)
7. Slurm configuration to match some common policy goals (fair share, resource limits, etc.)

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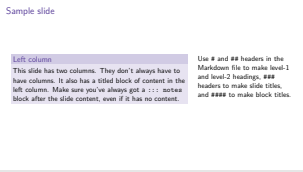

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