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Figure 1: Two example HPC networks for the tutorial

You:

- have installed OpenHPC before
- have been issued a (basically) out-of-the-box OpenHPC cluster for this tutorial

Cluster details:

- Rocky Linux 9 (x86_64)
- OpenHPC 3.1, Warewulf 3, Slurm 23.11.6
- 2 non-GPU nodes
- 0 GPU nodes (due to technical and licensing conflicts)
- 1 management node (SMS)
- 1 unprovisioned login node

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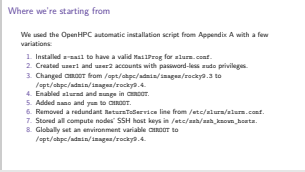
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We used the OpenHPC automatic installation script from Appendix A with a few variations:
1. Installed s-nail to have a valid MailProg for slurm.conf.
2. Created user1 and user2 accounts with password-less sudo privileges.
3. Changed CHROOT from /opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky9.3 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 RestrictedService line from /etc/slurm/slurm.conf.
7. Stored all compute nodes' SSH host keys in /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts.
8. Globally set an environment variable CHROOT to /opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky9.4.

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Where we're going

1. A login node that's practically identical to a compute node (except for where it needs to be different)
2. A slightly more secured SMS and login node
3. Using node-local storage for the OS and/or scratch
4. De-coupling the SMS and the compute nodes (e.g., independent kernel versions)
5. GPU driver installation (simulated/recorded, not live)
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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Assumptions

1. We have a VM named `login`, with no operating system installed.
2. The `eth0` network interface for `login` is attached to the internal network, and `eth1` is attached to the external network.
3. The `eth0` MAC address for `login` is known—check the **Login server** section of your handout for that. It's of the format `aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff`.
4. We're logged into the SMS as `user1` or `user2` that has `sudo` privileges.

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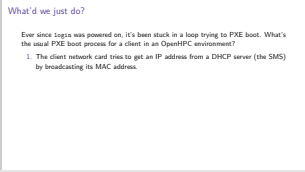
Create a new login node

Working from section 3.9.3 of the install guide:

```
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo wwsh -y node new login --netdev eth0 \
    --ipaddr=172.16.0.2 --hwaddr=__:__:__:__:__:__
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo wwsh -y provision set login \
    --vnfs=rocky9.4 --bootstrap=$(uname -r) \
    --files=dynamic_hosts,passwd,group,shadow,munge.key,network
```

Make sure to replace the __ with the characters from your login node's MAC address!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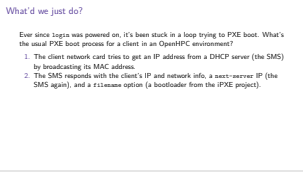
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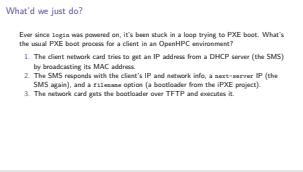
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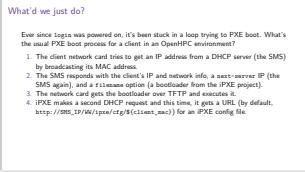
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5. The config file contains the URL of a Linux kernel and initial ramdisk, plus multiple kernel parameters available after initial bootup for getting the node's full operating system contents.

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5. After downloading the VNFS, the provisioning software will also download files from the SMS set by the `--files` parameter.

Did it work? So far, so good.

```
[user18emx ~]$ sudo ssh login
[root@login ~]# df -h
Filesystem                 Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
devtmpfs                   2.9G     0  2.9G   0% /dev
tmpfs                      2.9G  843M  2.1G  29% /
tmpfs                      2.9G     0  2.9G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                      1.2G  8.5M  1.2G   1% /run
172.16.0.1:/home            10G   12G  7.4G  61% /home
172.16.0.1:/opt/ohpc/pub   100G  6.0G   95G   6% /opt/ohpc/pub
tmpfs                      592M     0  592M   0% /run/user/0
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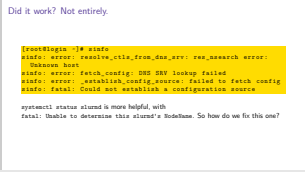
Did it work? Not entirely.
[root@login ~]# sinfo
sinfo: error: resolve_ctls_from_dns_srv: res_nsearch error:
Unknown host
sinfo: error: fetch_config: DNS SRV lookup failed
sinfo: error: _establish_config_source: failed to fetch config
sinfo: fatal: Could not establish a configuration source
systemctl status slurmd is more helpful, with
fatal: Unable to determine this slurmd's NodeName. So how do we fix this one?

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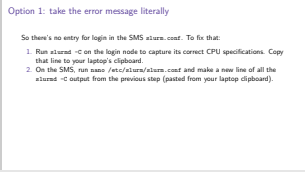
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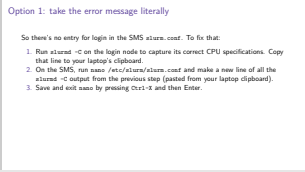
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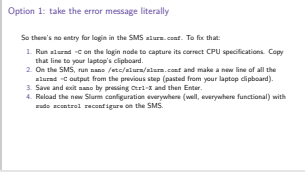
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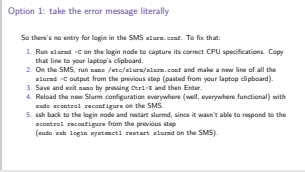
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5. ssh back to the login node and restart slurmd, since it wasn't able to respond to the `scontrol reconfigure` from the previous step
(`sudo ssh login systemctl restart slurmd` on the SMS).

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Option 1: take the error message literally

Now an `sinfo` should work on the login node:

```
[root@login ~]# sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL  TIMELIMIT  NODES  STATE NODELIST
normal*      up 1-00:00:00      1   idle c[1-2]
```

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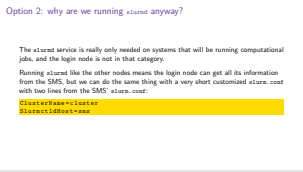
Option 2: why are we running slurmd anyway?
The slurmd service is really only needed on systems that will be running computational jobs, and the login node is not in that category.
Running slurmd like the other nodes means the login node can get all its information from the SMS, but we can do the same thing with a very short customized slurm.conf with two lines from the SMS' slurm.conf:
ClusterName=cluster
SlurmctldHost=sms

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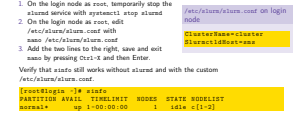

Interactive test

1. On the login node as root, temporarily stop the slurmd service with systemctl stop slurmd
2. On the login node as root, edit /etc/slurm/slurm.conf with nano /etc/slurm/slurm.conf
3. Add the two lines to the right, save and exit nano by pressing Ctrl-X and then Enter.

/etc/slurm/slurm.conf on login node

```
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Verify that sinfo still works without slurmd and with the custom /etc/slurm/slurm.conf.

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Make permanent changes from the SMS

Let's reproduce the changes we made interactively on the login node in the Warewulf settings on the SMS.

For the customized `slurm.conf` file, we can keep a copy of it on the SMS and add it to the Warewulf file store.

We've done that previously for files like the shared `munge.key` for all cluster nodes (see section 3.8.5 of the OpenHPC install guide).

We also need to make sure that file is part of the login node's provisioning settings.

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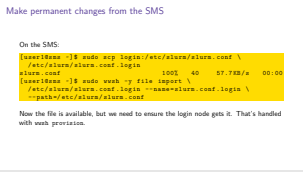
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On the SMS:
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo scp login:/etc/slurm/slurm.conf \
/etc/slurm/slurm.conf.login
slurm.conf 100% 40 57.7KB/s 00:00
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwsh -y file import \
/etc/slurm/slurm.conf.login --name=slurm.conf.login \
--path=/etc/slurm/slurm.conf
Now the file is available, but we need to ensure the login node gets it. That's handled
with wwsh provision.

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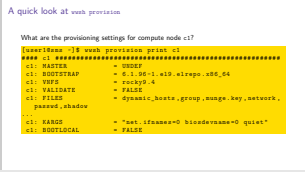
A quick look at wwsh provision
What are the provisioning settings for compute node c1?
[user1@sms ~]$ wwsh provision print c1
c1
c1: MASTER = UNDEF
c1: BOOTSTRAP = 6.1.96-1.el9.elrepo.x86_64
c1: VNFS = rocky9.4
c1: VALIDATE = FALSE
c1: FILES = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
passwd,shadow
...
c1: KARGS = "net.ifnames=0 biosdevname=0 quiet"
c1: ROOTLOCAL = FALSE

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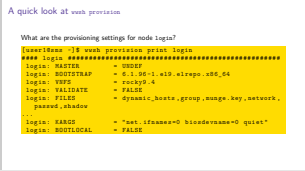
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[user1@sms ~]$ wwsh provision print login
login
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A quick look at `wwsh provision`

The provisioning settings for `c1` and `login` are identical, but there's a lot to read in there to be certain about it.

We could run the two outputs through `diff`, but every line contains the node name, so **no lines are literally identical**.

Let's simplify and filter the `wwsh provision` output to make it easier to compare.

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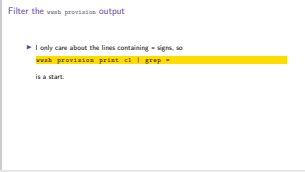
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- Now all the lines are prefixed with `c1:`, and I want to keep everything after that, so

```
wwsh provision print c1 | grep = | cut -d: -f2-
```

will take care of that.

Filtered result

```
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```

```
 MASTER             = UNDEF
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 VNFS               = rocky9.4
 VALIDATE           = FALSE
 FILES              = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
   passwd,shadow
 ...
 KARGS              = "net.ifnames=0 biosdevname=0 quiet"
 BOOTLOCAL          = FALSE
```

Much more useful.

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Make a function for this

We may be typing that command pipeline a lot, so let's make a shell function to cut down on typing:

```
[user1@sms ~]$ function proprint() { \
  wwsh provision print $@ | grep = | cut -d: -f2- ; }
[user1@sms ~]$ proprint c1
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...
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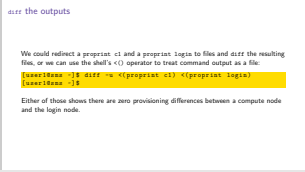
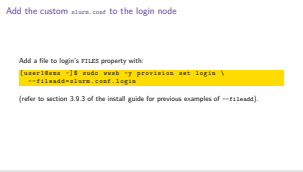

diff the outputs
We could redirect a proprint c1 and a proprint login to files and diff the resulting files, or we can use the shell's <() operator to treat command output as a file:
[user1@nmx ~]$ diff -u <(proprint c1) <(proprint login)
[user1@nmx ~]$
Either of those shows there are zero provisioning differences between a compute node and the login node.


Add the custom slurm.conf to the login node
Add a file to login's FILES property with:
[user1@smc ~]$ sudo wwsh -y provision set login \
--fileadd=slurm.conf.login
(refer to section 3.9.3 of the install guide for previous examples of --fileadd).

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Check for provisioning differences

```
[user1@xnx ~]$ diff -u <(proprint c1) <(proprint login)
--- /dev/fd/63  2024-07-06 11:11:07.682859677 -0400
+++ /dev/fd/62  2024-07-06 11:11:07.683959681 -0400
@@ -2,7 +2,7 @@
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  VNFS               = rocky9.4
  VALIDATE           = FALSE
- FILES              = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
  passwd,shadow
+ FILES              = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
  passwd,shadow,slurm.conf.login
  PRESHELL           = FALSE
  POSTSHELL          = FALSE
  POSTNETDOWN        = FALSE
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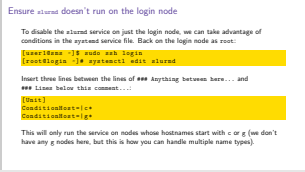
Ensure slurmd doesn't run on the login node
To disable the slurmd service on just the login node, we can take advantage of conditions in the systemd service file. Back on the login node as root:
[user1@smu ~]$ sudo ssh login
[root@login ~]# systemctl edit slurmd
Insert three lines between the lines of ### Anything between here... and ### Lines below this comment...:
[Unit]
ConditionHost=|c*
ConditionHost=|g*
This will only run the service on nodes whose hostnames start with c or g (we don't have any g nodes here, but this is how you can handle multiple name types).

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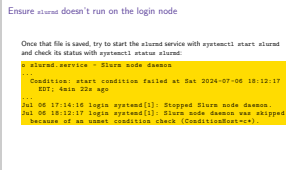
Ensure slurmd doesn't run on the login node
Once that file is saved, try to start the slurmd service with systemctl start slurmd and check its status with systemctl status slurmd
● slurmd.service - Slurm node daemon
...
Condition: start condition failed at Sat 2024-07-06 18:12:17 EDT; 4min 22s ago
...
Jul 06 17:14:16 login systemd[1]: Stopped Slurm node daemon.
Jul 06 18:12:17 login systemd[1]: Slurm node daemon was skipped because of an unmet condition check (ConditionPath=!/e*)

Make the changes permanent

The `systemctl edit` command resulted in a file `/etc/systemd/system/slurmd.service.d/override.conf`. Let's:

- make a place for it in the chroot on the SMS, and
- copy the file over from the login node.

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo mkdir -p \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/slurmd.service.d/
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo scp \
  login:/etc/systemd/system/slurmd.service.d/override.conf \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/slurmd.service.d/
override.conf                                 100%   23    36.7KB/s   00:00
```

(**Note:** we globally pre-set the `CHROOT` environment for any account that logs into the SMS so that you didn't have to.)

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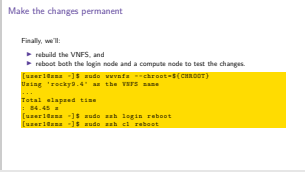
Make the changes permanent
Finally, we'll:
rebuild the VNFS, and
reboot both the login node and a compute node to test the changes.
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo wwvnfs --chroot=${CHROOT}
Using 'rocky9.4' as the VNFS name
...
Total elapsed time
= 84.45 s
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo ssh login reboot
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo ssh c1 reboot

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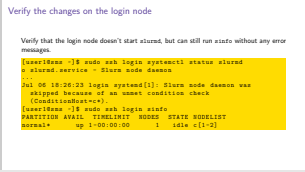
Verify the changes on the login node
Verify that the login node doesn't start slurmd, but can still run sinfo without any error messages.
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh login systemctl status slurmd
● slurmd.service - Slurm node daemon
...
Jul 06 18:26:23 login systemd[1]: Slurm node daemon was
skipped because of an unmet condition check
(ConditionHost=c*).
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh login sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES STATE NODELIST
normal* up 1-00:00:00 1 idle c[1-2]

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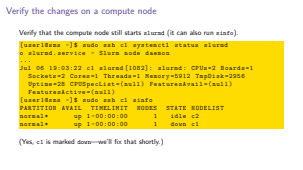
Verify the changes on a compute node

Verify that the compute node still starts `slurmd` (it can also run `sinfo`).

```
[user1@smc ~]$ sudo ssh c1 systemctl status slurmd
● slurmd.service - Slurm node daemon
...
Jul 06 19:03:22 c1 slurmd[1082]: slurmd: CPUs=2 Boards=1
  Sockets=2 Cores=1 Threads=1 Memory=5912 TmpDisk=2956
  Uptime=28 CPUSpecList=(null) FeaturesAvail=(null)
  FeaturesActive=(null)
[user1@smc ~]$ sudo ssh c1 sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL  TIMELIMIT  NODES  STATE NODELIST
normal*      up 1-00:00:00      1   idle c2
normal*      up 1-00:00:00      1   down c1
```

(Yes, `c1` is marked down—we'll fix that shortly.)

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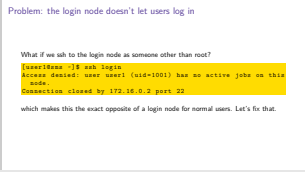
Problem: the login node doesn't let users log in
What if we ssh to the login node as someone other than root?
[user1@sms ~]$ ssh login
Access denied: user user1 (uid=1001) has no active jobs on this node.
Connection closed by 172.16.0.2 port 22
which makes this the exact opposite of a login node for normal users. Let's fix that.

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Make the login node function as a login node

- The `Access denied` is caused by the `pam_slurm.so` entry at the end of `/etc/pam.d/sshd`, which is invaluable on a normal compute node, but not on a login node.
- On the SMS, you can also do a `diff -u /etc/pam.d/sshd ${CHROOT}/etc/pam.d/sshd`
- You'll see that the `pam_slurm.so` line is the only difference between the two files.

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Test a PAM change to the login node

- Temporarily comment out the last line of the login node's `/etc/pam.d/ssh` and see if you can ssh into the login node as a normal user (i.e., `ssh user16login`).
- Your user should be able to log in now.
- In case the PAM configuration won't let root log in, **don't panic**! Instructors can reboot your login node from its console to put it back to its original state.

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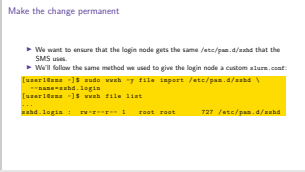
Make the change permanent
We want to ensure that the login node gets the same /etc/pam.d/sshd that the SMS uses.
We'll follow the same method we used to give the login node a custom slurm.conf:
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwsh -y file import /etc/pam.d/sshd \
--name=sshd.login
[user1@sms ~]$ wwsh file list
...
sshd.login : rw-r--r-- 1 root root 727 /etc/pam.d/sshd

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Make the change permanent

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwsh -y provision set login \
  --fileadd=sshd.login
[user1@sms ~]$ diff -u <(proprint c1) <(proprint login)
...
- VALIDATE            = FALSE
- FILES               = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
  passwd,shadow
+ FILES               = dynamic_hosts,group,munge.key,network,
  passwd,shadow,slurm.conf.login,sshd.login
...
```

(refer to section 3.9.3 of the install guide for previous examples of `--fileadd`).

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Test the change

Reboot the login node and let's see if we can log in as a regular user.

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo xsh login reboot
[user1@sms ~]$ ssh login
[user1@login ~]$
```

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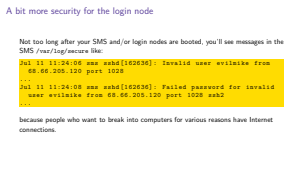
A bit more security for the login node
Not too long after your SMS and/or login nodes are booted, you'll see messages in the SMS /var/log/secure like:
Jul 11 11:24:06 sms sshd[162636]: Invalid user evilmike from 68.66.205.120 port 1028
...
Jul 11 11:24:08 sms sshd[162636]: Failed password for invalid user evilmike from 68.66.205.120 port 1028 ssh2
...
because people who want to break into computers for various reasons have Internet connections.

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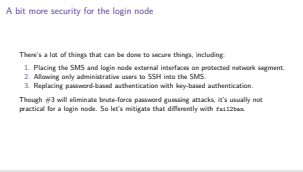
A bit more security for the login node
There's a lot of things that can be done to secure things, including:
1. Placing the SMS and login node external interfaces on protected network segment.
2. Allowing only administrative users to SSH into the SMS.
3. Replacing password-based authentication with key-based authentication.
Though #3 will eliminate brute-force password guessing attacks, it's usually not practical for a login node. So let's mitigate that differently with fail2ban.

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How fail2ban works (by default)

1. Monitor /var/log/secure and other logs for indicators of brute-force attacks (invalid users, failed passwords, etc.)
2. If indicators from a specific IP address happen often enough over a period of time, use firewalld to block all access from that address for a period of time.
3. Once that period has expired, remove the IP address from the block list.

This reduces the effectiveness of brute-force password guessing by orders of magnitude (~10 guesses per hour versus ~100 or ~1000 guesses per hour).

Including firewalld could mean that some necessary services get blocked by default when firewalld starts. Let's see what those could be.

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See what processes are listening on the login node

We'll use the `netstat` command to look for sockets that are udp or tcp, listening, and what process the socket is attached to. We omit anything only listening for `localhost` connections.

```
[user1@smc ~]$ sudo ssh login netstat -utlp | grep -v localhost
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto ...  Local Address  ...  State       PID/Program name
tcp        0.0.0.0:ssh          LISTEN      1034/sshd: /usr/sbi
tcp        0.0.0.0:sunrpc       LISTEN      1/init
tcp6       [::]:ssh             LISTEN      1034/sshd: /usr/sbi
tcp6       [::]:sunrpc          LISTEN      1/init
udp        0.0.0.0:sunrpc       0.0.0.0:*   1/init
udp        0.0.0.0:37036        0.0.0.0:*   1143/rsyslogd
udp6       [::]:sunrpc          [::]:*      1/init
```

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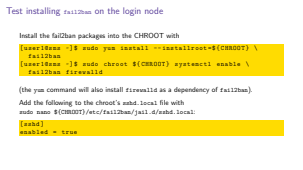
See what processes are listening on the login node

`sshd` secure shell daemon, the main thing we want to protect against brute force attempts

`init` the first process started during booing the operating system. Effectively, this shows up when you participate in NFS file storage, as a server or a client (and login is a client).

`rsyslogd` message logging for all kinds of applications and services

Of these, `sshd` is the only one that we need to ensure `firewalld` doesn't block by default. In practice, the `ssh` port (22) is always in the default list of allowed ports.


Test installing fail2ban on the login node
Install the fail2ban packages into the CHROOT with
[user1@smu ~]$ sudo yum install --installroot=${CHROOT} \
fail2ban
[user1@smu ~]$ sudo chroot ${CHROOT} systemctl enable \
fail2ban firewalld
(the yum command will also install firewalld as a dependency of fail2ban).
Add the following to the chroot's sshd.local file with
sudo nano ${CHROOT}/etc/fail2ban/jail.d/sshd.local:
[sshd]
enabled = true

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Should I run fail2ban everywhere?

fail2ban is probably best to keep to the login node, and not the compute nodes:

- Nobody can SSH into your compute nodes from outside.
- Thus, the only things a compute node could ban would be your SMS or your login node.
- A malicious or unwitting user could easily ban your login node from a compute node by SSH'ing to it repeatedly, which would effectively be a denial of service.

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Test installing fail2ban on the login node

```
[user1@rms ~]$ sudo mkdir -p \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/fail2ban.service.d/ \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/firewalld.service.d/
```

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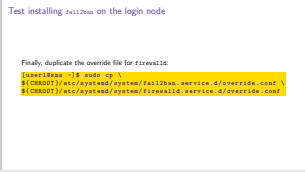
Test installing fail2ban on the login node

```
[user18xms ~]$ sudo nano \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/fail2ban.service.d/override.conf
```

Add the lines

```
[Unit]
ConditionHost=|login*
```

save and exit with Ctrl-X.


Test installing fail2ban on the login node
Finally, duplicate the override file for firewalld:
[user18xxx ~]$ sudo cp \
${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/fail2ban.service.d/override.conf \
${CHROOT}/etc/systemd/system/firewalld.service.d/override.conf

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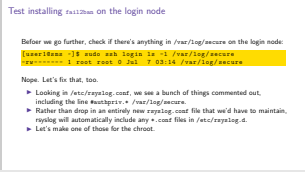
Test installing fail2ban on the login node
Before we go further, check if there's anything in /var/log/secure on the login node:
[user1@rmk ~]$ sudo ssh login1 ls -l /var/log/secure
-rw------- 1 root root 0 Jul 7 03:14 /var/log/secure
Nope. Let's fix that, too.
Looking in /etc/rsyslog.conf, we see a bunch of things commented out, including the line #authpriv.* /var/log/secure.
Rather than drop in an entirely new rsyslog.conf file that we'd have to maintain, rsyslog will automatically include any *.conf files in /etc/rsyslog.d.
Let's make one of those for the chroot.

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Make an rsyslog.d file, rebuild the VNFS, reboot the login node

```
[user1@sms ~]$ echo "authpriv.* /var/log/secure" | \
  sudo tee ${CHROOT}/etc/rsyslog.d/authpriv-local.conf
authpriv.* /var/log/secure
[user1@sms ~]$ cat \
  ${CHROOT}/etc/rsyslog.d/authpriv-local.conf
authpriv.* /var/log/secure
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwvnfs --chroot=${CHROOT}
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh login reboot
```

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Post-reboot, how's fail2ban and firewalld on the login node?

```
[user18ema ~]$ sudo ssh login systemctl status firewalld
[root@login ~]# systemctl status firewalld
x firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
     Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service;
             enabled; preset>
     Active: failed (Result: exit-code) since Thu 2024-07-11
             16:49:47 EDT, 46m>
...
Jul 11 16:49:47 login systemd[1]: firewalld.service: Main
  process exited, code=exited, status=3/NOTIMPLEMENTED
Jul 11 16:49:47 login systemd[1]: firewalld.service: Failed
  with result 'exit-code'.
```

Not great.

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- Or **is it?**

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- `find /lib/modules/$(uname -r) -name 'nft*'` shows these modules are largely located in the `kernel/net` folder (specifically `kernel/net/ipv4/netfilter`, `kernel/net/ipv6/netfilter`, and `kernel/net/netfilter`).

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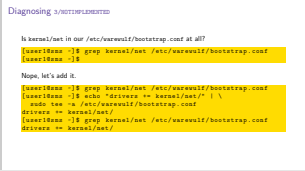
Diagnosing 3/NOTIMPLEMENTED
Is kernel/net in our /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf at all?
[user1@sms ~]$ grep kernel/net /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
[user1@sms ~]$
Nope, let's add it.
[user1@sms ~]$ grep kernel/net /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
[user1@sms ~]$ echo "drivers += kernel/net/" | \
sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
drivers += kernel/net/
[user1@sms ~]$ grep kernel/net /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
drivers += kernel/net/

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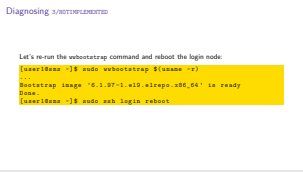
Diagnosing 3/NOTIMPLEMENTED
Let's re-run the wwbootstrap command and reboot the login node:
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwbootstrap $(uname -r)
...
Bootstrap image '6.1.97-1.el9.elrepo.x86_64' is ready
Done.
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh login reboot

x

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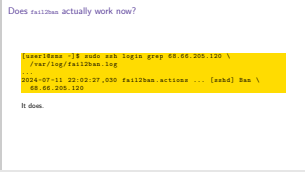
Did 3/NOTIMPLEMENTED go away?

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh login systemctl status firewalld
● firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
     Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service;
             enabled; preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2024-07-11 21:58:18
             EDT; 43s ago
...
Jul 11 21:58:18 login systemd[1]: Starting firewalld - dynamic
  firewall daemon...
Jul 11 21:58:18 login systemd[1]: Started firewalld - dynamic
  firewall daemon.
```

It did.


Does fail2ban actually work now?
[user18cmg ~]$ sudo zgh login grep 68.66.205.120 \
/var/log/fail2ban.log
2024-07-11 22:02:27,030 fail2ban.actions ... [sshd] Ban \
68.66.205.120
It does.

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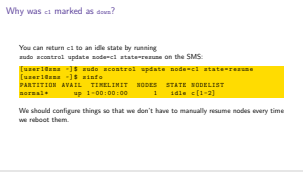
What does it look like from evilmike's side?

```
mike@server:~$ ssh evilmike@149.165.155.235
evilmike@149.165.155.235's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
evilmike@149.165.155.235's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
evilmike@149.165.155.235's password:
evilmike@149.165.155.235: Permission denied (publickey,
  gssapi-keyex,gssapi-with-mic,password).
mike@server:~$ ssh evilmike@149.165.155.235
ssh: connect to host 149.165.155.235 port 22: Connection
  refused.
```

evilmike is thwarted, at least for now.


Why was c1 marked as down?
You can return c1 to an idle state by running
sudo scontrol update node=c1 state=resume on the SMS:
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo scontrol update node=c1 state=resume
[user1@sms ~]$ sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES STATE NODELIST
normal* up 1-00:00:00 1 idle c[1-2]
We should configure things so that we don't have to manually resume nodes every time we reboot them.

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More seamless reboots of compute nodes

- Slurm doesn't like it when a node gets rebooted without its knowledge.
- There's an `scontrol reboot` option that's handy to have nodes reboot when system updates occur, but it requires a valid setting for `RebootProgram` in `/etc/slurm/slurm.conf`.
- By default, Slurm and OpenHPC don't ship with a default `RebootProgram`, so let's make one.

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Adding a valid RebootProgram

```
[user1@smx ~]$ grep -i reboot /etc/slurm/slurm.conf
#RebootProgram=
[user1@smx ~]$ echo 'RebootProgram="/sbin/shutdown -r now"' \
  | sudo tee -a /etc/slurm/slurm.conf
[user1@smx ~]$ grep -i reboot /etc/slurm/slurm.conf
#RebootProgram=
RebootProgram="/sbin/shutdown -r now"
```

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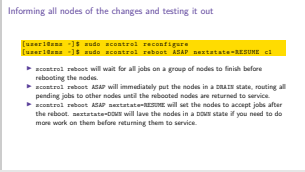
Informing all nodes of the changes and testing it out
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo scontrol reconfigure
[user1@smn ~]$ sudo scontrol reboot ASAP nextstate=RESUME c1
scontrol reboot will wait for all jobs on a group of nodes to finish before rebooting the nodes.
scontrol reboot ASAP will immediately put the nodes in a DRAIN state, routing all pending jobs to other nodes until the rebooted nodes are returned to service.
scontrol reboot ASAP nextstate=RESUME will set the nodes to accept jobs after the reboot. nextstate=DOWN will lave the nodes in a DOWN state if you need to do more work on them before returning them to service.

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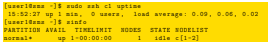
[user1@smx ~]$ sudo ssh c1 uptime
15:52:27 up 1 min, 0 users, load average: 0.09, 0.06, 0.02
[user1@smx ~]$ sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES STATE NODELIST
normal* up 1-00:00:00 1 idle c[1-2]

x

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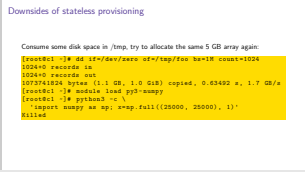
Downsides of stateless provisioning

Log into c1 as root, check available disk space and memory, then allocate a 5 GB array in memory:

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh c1
[root@c1 ~]# df -h /tmp
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs           2.9G  843M  2.1G  29% /
[root@c1 ~]# free -m
              total        used        free ...
Mem:           5912        3162        2862 ...
Swap:             0           0           0 ...
[root@c1 ~]# module load py3-numpy
[root@c1 ~]# python3 -c \
  'import numpy as np; x=np.full((25000, 25000), 1)'
[root@c1 ~]#
```


Downsides of stateless provisioning
Consume some disk space in /tmp, try to allocate the same 5 GB array again:
[root@c1 ~]# dd if=/dev/zero of=/tmp/foo bs=1M count=1024
1024+0 records in
1024+0 records out
1073741824 bytes (1.1 GB, 1.0 GiB) copied, 0.63492 s, 1.7 GB/s
[root@c1 ~]# module load py3-numpy
[root@c1 ~]# python3 -c \
'import numpy as np; x=np.full((25000, 25000), 1)'
Killed

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Downsides of stateless provisioning

Clean off the disk usage, allocate the 5 GB array in memory once more, and log out from the node:

```
[root@c1 ~]# rm /tmp/foo
[root@c1 ~]# python3 -c \
 'import numpy as np; x=np.full((25000, 25000), 1)'
[root@c1 ~]# exit
[user1@ens ~]$
```

Summary of the default OpenHPC settings

1. The root filesystem is automatically sized to 50% of the node memory.
2. There's no swap space.
3. Consumption of disk space affects the workloads you can run (since disk space is really in RAM).

Even if we reformat node-local storage every time we reboot, moving file storage from RAM to disk is beneficial.

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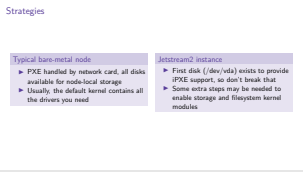
Strategies
Typical bare-metal node
PXE handled by network card, all disks available for node-local storage
Usually, the default kernel contains all the drivers you need
Jetstream2 instance
First disk (/dev/vda) exists to provide iPXE support, so don't break that
Some extra steps may be needed to enable storage and filesystem kernel modules

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Examine the existing partition scheme

Log back into a compute node as root, check the existing partition table:

```
[user1@cmc ~]$ sudo ssh c1 parted -l /dev/vda
Model: Virtio Block Device (virtblk)
Disk /dev/vda: 21.5GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: gpt
Disk Flags:

Number  Start   End     Size    File system     Name  Flags
 1      1049kB  3146kB  2097kB                  EFI   boot, esp
```

Summary of existing partition scheme

1. GPT (GUID partition table) method on both node types
2. Different amounts of disk space on each node type
3. Each sector is 512 bytes
4. Bootable partition 1 (from 1049 kB = 1 MiB to 3146 kB = 3 MiB) for iPXE

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Plan for new partition scheme

1. Non-destructive partitioning of `/dev/vda` once (outside of Warewulf, with a `parted` script).
2. 512 MiB partition for `/boot`.
3. 2 GiB partition for swap.
4. 2 GiB partition for `/`.
5. remaining space for `/tmp`.

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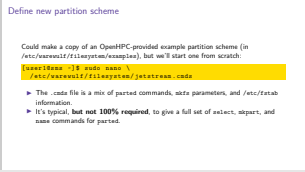
Define new partition scheme
Could make a copy of an OpenHPC-provided example partition scheme (in /etc/warewulf/filesystem/examples), but we'll start one from scratch:
[user1@rms ~]$ sudo nano \
/etc/warewulf/filesystem/jetstream.cmds
The .cmds file is a mix of parted commands, mkfs parameters, and /etc/fstab information.
It's typical, but not 100% required, to give a full set of select, mkpart, and name commands for parted.

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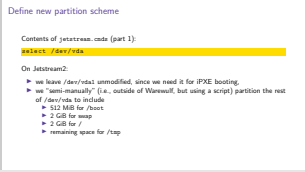
Define new partition scheme
Contents of jetstream.cmds (part 1):
select /dev/vda
On Jetstream2:
we leave /dev/vda1 unmodified, since we need it for iPXE booting,
we "semi-manually" (i.e., outside of Warewulf, but using a script) partition the rest of /dev/vda to include
512 MiB for /boot
2 GiB for swap
2 GiB for /
remaining space for /tmp

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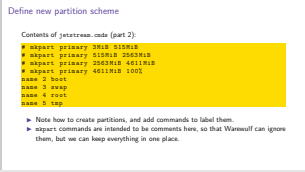
Define new partition scheme
Contents of jetstream.cmds (part 2):
mkpart primary 3MiB 515MiB
mkpart primary 515MiB 2563MiB
mkpart primary 2563MiB 4611MiB
mkpart primary 4611MiB 100%
name 2 boot
name 3 swap
name 4 root
name 5 tmp
Note how to create partitions, and add commands to label them.
mkpart commands are intended to be comments here, so that Warewulf can ignore them, but we can keep everything in one place.

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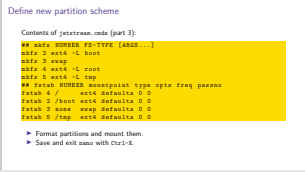
Define new partition scheme
Contents of jetstream.cmds (part 3):
mkfs NUMBER FS-TYPE [ARGS...]
mkfs 2 ext4 -L boot
mkfs 3 swap
mkfs 4 ext4 -L root
mkfs 5 ext4 -L tmp
fstab NUMBER mountpoint type opts freq passno
fstab 4 / ext4 defaults 0 0
fstab 2 /boot ext4 defaults 0 0
fstab 3 none swap defaults 0 0
fstab 5 /tmp ext4 defaults 0 0
Format partitions and mount them.
Save and exit nano with Ctrl-X.

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Partition the disks outside of Warewulf

- `parted` has a `--script` parameter helpful for passing in one or more commands at the command line.
- We want to pass in the commented mkpart commands of our `jetstream.cmds` file.

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Show the mkpart lines

```
[user1@sms ~]$ grep mkpart \
  /etc/warewulf/filesystem/jetstream.cmds
# mkpart primary 3MiB 515MiB
# mkpart primary 515MiB 2663MiB
# mkpart primary 2663MiB 4611MiB
# mkpart primary 4611MiB 100%
```

x

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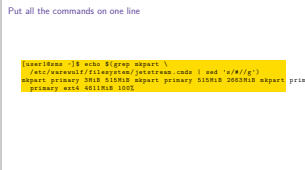
Take out the # signs from the mkpart lines

```
[user1@xnx ~]$ grep mkpart \
  /etc/warewulf/filesystem/jetstream.cmds | sed 's/#//g'
mkpart primary 3MiB 515MiB
mkpart primary 515MiB 2663MiB
mkpart primary 2663MiB 4611MiB
mkpart primary 4611MiB 100%
```


Put all the commands on one line
[user1@sms ~]$ echo $(grep mkpart \
/etc/warewulf/filesystem/jetstream.cmds | sed 's/#//g')
mkpart primary 3MiB 515MiB mkpart primary 515MiB 26639MiB mkpart prim
primary ext4 4611MiB 100%

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Partition the drive

(all of the below goes on one literal line, no backslashes, line breaks, or anything else)

```
[user1@smc ~]$ sudo ssh c1 parted --script /dev/vda
  $(echo $(grep mkpart
  /etc/warewulf/filesystem/jetstream.cmds |
  sed 's/#//g'))
```

x

x

Check your results

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh c1 parted -l
Model: Virtio Block Device (virtblk)
Disk /dev/vda: 64.4GB
...
Number  Start   End     Size    File system  Name     Flags
 1      1049kB  3146kB  2097kB               EFI      boot, esp
 2      3146kB  540MB   537MB                primary
 3      540MB   2688MB  2147MB               primary  swap
 4      2688MB  4835MB  2147MB               primary
 5      4835MB  21.5GB  16.6GB               primary
```

Now repeat the previous `sudo ssh NODE parted --script` command for the other node (c2).

Apply the Warewulf filesystem provisioning commands to the nodes

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwsh provision set 'c*' \
  --filesystem=jetstream
```

Do not reboot your nodes yet!

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What could possibly go wrong?

- A lot, if you consider some edge cases and corner cases.
- This was by far the slowest-progressing and most error-prone section of the tutorial to develop.
- Using `wwsh provision set NODE --preshell=1` and/or `--postshell=1` during debugging was invaluable.
- Rather than have y'all suffer through this without easy access to a console, I'll take you through what would have gone wrong if we'd rebooted just now.

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Figure 2: Device not ready, retrying

- Running `dmesg | grep vd` at the `portaball` command prompt confirmed that no `/dev/vd` devices were found.

How it got fixed (part 1)

- Comparing the `lsmod` output on the failing node versus the SMS indicated we were missing the `virtio_blk` kernel module.
- Running `modprobe virtio_blk` and `dmesg | grep vd` at the `postshell` command prompt confirmed this.
- Warewulf fix is to:
  - run
    `echo modprobe += virtio_blk | sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf`
  - run `sudo wwbootstrap KERNEL_VERSION`
  - reboot the node and try again.

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Figure 3: Mounting /, error

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How it got fixed (part 2)

```
# parted -l
Model: Virtio Block Device (virtblk)
Disk /dev/vdb: 10.7GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: gpt
Disk Flags:

Number  Start   End     Size    File system     Name     Flags
 1      1049kB  314MiB  313MiB  xfs             primary  boot
 2      314MiB  529MiB  215MiB  ext4            boot
 3      529MiB  2577MiB 2048MiB linux-swap(v1)  swap     swap
 4      2577MiB 8721MiB 6144MiB ext4            root
 5      8721MiB 10.7GB  1999MiB ext4            tmp
```

Figure 4: `parted -l` looks ok

- running `parted -l` showed a valid partition table

How it got fixed (part 2)

- Trying to mount the proposed root partition with
  `mkdir /mnt ; mount -t auto /dev/vdb4 /mnt` failed with
  `mount: mounting /dev/vdb4 as /mnt failed: No such file or directory`

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How it got fixed (part 2)

- Trying to mount the proposed root partition with
  `mkdir /mnt ; mount -t auto /dev/vdb4 /mnt` failed with
  `mount: mounting /dev/vdb4 as /mnt failed: No such file or directory`
- But both `/mnt` and `/dev/vdb4` both existed, as seen from `ls -l` on each of them.

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How it got fixed (part 2)

- Trying to mount the proposed root partition with `mkdir /mnt ; mount -t auto /dev/vdb4 /mnt` failed with `mount: mounting /dev/vdb4 as /mnt failed: No such file or directory`
- But both `/mnt` and `/dev/vdb4` both existed, as seen from `ls -l` on each of them.
- Surprisingly, when I left the root partition as a ramdisk and tried to partition and mount swap and `/tmp` from disk partitions, provisioning threw errors, but post-provisioning, both swap and `/tmp` **were available** to the node!

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- Running `modprobe ext4` at the `pxelabel1` command prompt and re-running the `mount` command above caused the filesystem to mount.
- Warewulf fix is to:

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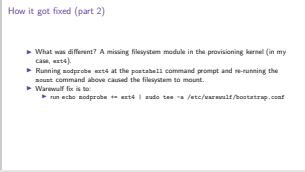
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run echo modprobe += ext4 | sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf

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How it got fixed (part 2)

- What was different? A missing filesystem module in the provisioning kernel (in my case, ext4).
- Running `modprobe ext4` at the `pxelinux.0` command prompt and re-running the `mount` command above caused the filesystem to mount.
- Warewulf fix is to:
  - run `echo modprobe += ext4 | sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf`
  - run `sudo wwbootstrap KERNEL_VERSION`

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  - run `echo modprobe += ext4 | sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf`
  - run `sudo wwbootstrap KERNEL_VERSION`
  - reboot the node and try again.

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Make the necessary wwbootstrap changes, then reboot your nodes

```
[user1@sms ~]$ echo modprobe += virtio_blk | \
  sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
[user1@sms ~]$ echo modprobe += ext4 | \
  sudo tee -a /etc/warewulf/bootstrap.conf
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwbootstrap $(uname -r)
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo pdsh -w 'c[1-2],g[1-2]' reboot
```

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Final result on a compute node (part 1)

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo ssh c1 "df -h; free -m"
Filesystem                Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
devtmpfs                  2.9G     0  2.9G   0% /dev
/dev/vda4                 1.9G  853M  914M  49% /
tmpfs                     2.9G     0  2.9G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                     1.2G  8.5M  1.2G   1% /run
/dev/vda2                 488M   40K  452M   1% /boot
/dev/vda5                  16G   72K   15G   1% /tmp
...
              total        used        free      shared  buff/cache   available
Mem:           5912         382        4844           8         939        5530
Swap:          2047           0        2047
```

Note that the used memory column has dropped by nearly 90% from before.

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Final result on a compute node (part 2)

Consume 5 GiB of space in /tmp (we only used 1 GiB previously), then allocate 5 GB for an array in memory:

```
[user1@rsa ~]$ sudo ssh c1
[root@c1 ~]# dd if=/dev/zero of=/tmp/foo bs=1M count=5120
5120+0 records in
5120+0 records out
5368709120 bytes (5.4 GB, 5.0 GiB) copied, 8.97811 s, 598 MB/s
[root@c1 ~]# module load py3-numpy
[root@c1 ~]# python3 -c \
  'import numpy as np; x=np.full((25000, 25000), 1)'
[root@c1 ~]# rm /tmp/foo
```

No `Killed` messages due to running out of memory. We're able to consume much more `/tmp` space and all practically the RAM without conflict.

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Decoupling kernels from the SMS

- If you keep your HPC around for a long period, you might want/need to support different operating systems or releases.
- Maybe you need to run a few nodes on Rocky 8 while keeping the SMS on Rocky 9 (`wwmkchroot` supports that).
- Maybe you need to use a different kernel version for exotic hardware or new features, but don't want to risk the stability of your SMS.
- A simple `wwbootstrap $(uname -r)` won't do that.

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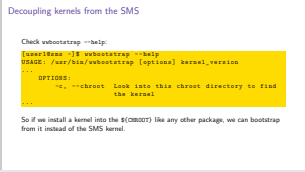
Decoupling kernels from the SMS
Check wwbootstrap --help:
[user1@sms ~]$ wwbootstrap --help
USAGE: /usr/bin/wwbootstrap [options] kernel_version
...
OPTIONS:
-c, --chroot Look into this chroot directory to find the kernel
...
So if we install a kernel into the ${CHROOT} like any other package, we can bootstrap from it instead of the SMS kernel.

Install a different kernel into the CHROOT, bootstrap it

```
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo yum -y install --installroot=$CHROOT kernel
...
Installing:
 kernel  x86_64 5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4 ...
...
Complete!
[user1@sms ~]$ sudo wwbootstrap --chroot=${CHROOT} \
  5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64
Number of drivers included in bootstrap: 880
...
Bootstrap image '5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64' is ready
Done.
```

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Check your nodes' provisioning summary

```
[user1@sms ~]$ wwsh provision list
NODE                    VNFS                    BOOTSTRAP               ...
================================================================================
c1                      rocky9.4                6.1.97-1.el9.elrep...
c2                      rocky9.4                6.1.97-1.el9.elrep...
login                   rocky9.4                6.1.97-1.el9.elrep...
```

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Change the default kernel for nodes, reboot them.

```
[user1@smx ~]$ sudo wwsh provision set '*' \
  --bootstrap=5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64
Are you sure you want to make the following changes to 5
  node(s):

     SET: BOOTSTRAP              = 5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64

Yes/No> y
[user1@smx ~]$ sudo scontrol reboot ASAP nextstate=RESUME \
  c[1-2]
[user1@smx ~]$ sudo pdsh -w 'g[1-2],login' reboot
```

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Verify everything came back up

```
[user18sms ~]$ sudo pdsh -w 'c[1-2],login' uname -r \
  | sort
c1: 5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64
c2: 5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64
login: 5.14.0-427.24.1.el9_4.x86_64
[user18sms ~]$ sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL  TIMELIMIT  NODES  STATE NODELIST
normal*      up 1-00:00:00      2   idle c[1-2]
```

Management of GPU drivers

Unfortunately, we can't do this one as a live in-class exercise.

- Jetstream2 uses NVIDIA GRID to split up GPUs
- GRID drivers are proprietary and the license doesn't allow redistribution
- Typical bare-metal drivers that **can** be redistributed don't work with GRID

So instead, we'll show you how we do this on a bare-metal installation of OpenHPC 2 and Rocky 8. None of the steps change for OpenHPC 3 or Rocky 9.

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See what we have

```
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 lspci | grep -i nvidia
06:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
07:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
84:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
85:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 nvidia-smi | grep Driver
| NVIDIA-SMI 470.199.02   Driver Version: 470.199.02   ...
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 "uname -r"
4.18.0-513.24.1.el8_9.x86_64
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ KV=$(sudo ssh gpunode002 "uname -r")
```

On a system that's never had NVIDIA drivers installed, the *nvidia-smi* command will return a command not found.

Download the driver

```
[rear@c26sms ~]$ NV=470.256.02
[rear@c26sms ~]$ BASEURL=https://us.download.nvidia.com/tesla
[rear@c26sms ~]$ wget \
  ${BASEURL}/${NV}/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-${NV}.run
...
... 'NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-470.256.02.run' saved ...
[rear@c26sms ~]$
```

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```
[renfro26sms ~]$ sudo install -o root -g root -m 0755 \
  NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-${NV}.run ${CHROOT}/root
[renfro26sms ~]$ sudo mount -o rw,bind /proc ${CHROOT}/proc
[renfro26sms ~]$ sudo mount -o rw,bind /dev ${CHROOT}/dev
```

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Install the driver, clean up, update VNFS

```
[user1@rms ~]$ sudo chroot ${CHROOT} \
  /root/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-${NV}.run --disable-nouveau \
  --kernel-name=${KV} --no-drm --run-nvidia-xconfig --silent
```

You'll get up to five harmless warnings from this:

1. **You do not appear to have an NVIDIA GPU supported by...**
2. **One or more modprobe configuration files to disable Nouveau are already present at...**
3. **The nvidia-drm module will not be installed**
4. **nvidia-installer was forced to guess the X library path**
5. **Unable to determine the path to install the libglvnd**

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Clean up, update the VNFS, reboot

```
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo rm \
  ${CHROOT}/root/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-${NV}.run
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo umount ${CHROOT}/proc ${CHROOT}/dev
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo wwvnfs --chroot=${CHROOT}
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ wwsh provision print gpunode002 | \
  egrep -i 'bootstrap|vnfs'
    gpunode002: BOOTSTRAP          = 4.18.0-513.24.1.el8_9.x86_64
    gpunode002: VNFS               = rocky-8-x80
[rmsfro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 reboot
```

Wait for the reboot and provision, check versions

```
[rwafro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 uptime
 15:11:05 up 1 min,  0 users,  load average: 1.56, 0.51, 0.18
[rwafro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 lspci | grep -i nvidia
05:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
06:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
84:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
85:00.0 ... NVIDIA Corporation GK210GL [Tesla K80] (rev a1)
[rwafro26sms ~]$ sudo ssh gpunode002 nvidia-smi | grep Driver
| NVIDIA-SMI 470.256.02   Driver Version: 470.256.02   ...
```

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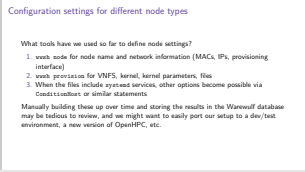
Configuration settings for different node types
What tools have we used so far to define node settings?
1. wwsh node for node name and network information (MACs, IPs, provisioning interface)
2. wwsh provision for VNFS, kernel, kernel parameters, files
3. When the files include systemd services, other options become possible via CreditionBoot or similar statements
Manually building these up over time and storing the results in the Warewulf database may be tedious to review, and we might want to easily port our setup to a dev/test environment, a new version of OpenHPC, etc.

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Automation for Warewulf3 provisioning

Any kind of automation, scripting, or orchestration is beneficial for managing cluster settings:

- shell scripts,
- Python scripts,
- Ansible playbooks,
- Puppet manifests,
- etc.

Ansible is pretty popular: ACCESS' Basic Cluster project, Tim Middelkoop's `obpc-yetatrewa2` repository, StackHPC, Compute Canada's Magic Castle uses Puppet. TN Tech uses Python scripts for their Warewulf management.

Excerpts from Python scripts (installing GPU drivers)

```
# These could be saved into a common settings file
CHROOTS = {
  None:   ['/opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky-cpu', None],
  'a100': ['/opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky-a100', '550.90.07'],
  'a80':  ['/opt/ohpc/admin/images/rocky-a80', '470.256.02'],
}
NV_BASEURL = 'https://us.download.nvidia.com/tesla'
KERNEL_VER = '4.18.0-513.5.1.el8_9.x86_64'
NV_OPTS = " ".join([f"--disable-nouveau",
                    f"--kernel-name={KERNEL_VER}",
                    f"--no-drm",
                    f"--run-nvidia-xconfig",
                    f"--silent",
                    ])
```

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Excerpts from Python scripts (installing GPU drivers)

```
# This could be a function or a script to install GPU drivers
import os
for gpu in CHROOTS.keys():
  if gpu == None:
    continue
  chroot, version = CHROOTS[gpu]
  driver = f"NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-{version}.run"
  os.system(f"curl -sLO {NV_BASEURL}/{version}/{driver}")
  os.system(f"install -o root -g root {driver} {chroot}/root/")
  # to be continued...
```

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Excerpts from Python scripts (installing GPU drivers)

```
  # continued...
  for mnt in ['proc', 'dev']:
    os.system(f'mount -o rw,bind /{mnt} {chroot}/{mnt}')
  os.system(f"chroot {chroot} /root/{driver} {driver_opts}")
  for mnt in ['proc', 'dev']:
    os.system(f'umount {chroot}/{mnt}')
  os.remove(f"{chroot}/root/{driver}")
```

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Excerpts from Python scripts (managing node properties)

```
NODES = [
  { 'hostname': 'gpunode012',
    'eth_dev': 'eth2', 'eth_ip': '149.149.248.204/25',
    'eth_dev_mac': '80:7B:25:DE:65:2E',
    'ib_dev': 'ib0', 'ib_ip': '172.16.1.204/23',
    'stateful': '2-drive', 'gpu': 'a100', },
  { 'hostname': 'login', 'role': 'login',
    'eth_dev': 'eth0', 'eth_ip': '149.149.248.135/25',
    'eth_dev_mac': '00:50:56:81:50:72',
    'extra_interfaces': { 'eth1': '10.10.25.126/21' }, },
]
file_list = ["dynamic_hosts", "passwd", "group", "shadow",
             "munge.key",]
```

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Excerpts from Python scripts (managing node properties)

```
for node in NODES:
  filesadd_list = []
  filesadd_list.append(f"network.{node['eth_dev']}")
  if 'extra_interfaces' in node:
    for dev, ip in node.extra_interfaces.items():
      ip_mask = ipaddress.ip_interface(ip)
      filesadd_list.append(f"ifcfg-{dev}.ww")
      os.system(f"wwsh -y node set {node['hostname']}"
                f"-D {dev} --ipaddr={ip_mask.ip}"
                f"--netmask={ip_mask.netmask}")
  os.system(f"wwsh -y provision set {node['hostname']}"
            f"--files={','.join(file_list)}"
            f"--filesadd={','.join(filesadd_list)}")
```

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Introduction

- Largely adapted from some design work done in 2020
- Not all of these have been implemented at TN Tech
- The technical implementation is accurate, though

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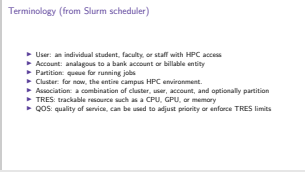
Terminology (from Slurm scheduler)
User: an individual student, faculty, or staff with HPC access
Account: analagous to a bank account or billable entity
Partition: queue for running jobs
Cluster: for now, the entire campus HPC environment.
Association: a combination of cluster, user, account, and optionally partition
TRES: trackable resource such as a CPU, GPU, or memory
QOS: quality of service, can be used to adjust priority or enforce TRES limits

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Association Types

- Member: any entity with sufficient funding for hardware purchases
- PAYGO: any entity with sufficient funding for purchasing resource time (pay as you go)
- Gratis: any unfunded entity

An HPC user could submit jobs under any of these types: they could be on a well-funded project (member), part of another project or class that bought resource time (PAYGO), and submit personal, unfunded jobs (gratis).

Policy Goals

1. All HPC users will have the ability to run jobs. No user is refused access due to lack of funding.
2. Gratis associations will be limited in the amount of TRES that can be used and priority to start jobs.
3. The **lower bound** of resource share used by an association will correspond to its share of funding (if everyone submits the maximum number of jobs).
4. The **expected value** of resource share used by an association will exceed its share of funding (if others submit less than the maximum number of jobs).
5. Member and PAYGO associations will have fewer limits on TRES times and amounts, and will get higher priority to start jobs.
6. Member and PAYGO associations will be able to decide how to distribute their share of resources among their users.

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Example Proposed Policy

1. Gratis associations will have access to short-length (2 hour) and medium-length (24 hour) partitions.
2. Member and PAYGO associations will have access to additional long-length partitions (77 days).
3. Gratis associations will get a small fairshare and limited amounts of TRES.
4. Member associations will get a fairshare proportional to their level of funding.
5. PAYGO associations will get the remaining fairshare, but will have a hard limit on their TRES usage.

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Major Design Concepts

1. PAYGO associations can buy in at a small amount (TBD: how small?)
2. Member associations can buy in at the amortized cost of a feasible combination of TRES for a few years (TBD: minimum amounts, maximum time limits?)
3. Member associations can buy in for funding entire nodes (TBD: minimum amount >$5k, maximum time limits?)

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Technical Policy Implementation

Tools available:

1. Fairshare levels applied to each association
2. QOS to enforce limits on PAYGO associations
3. Access to partitions can be allowed or denied on a per-account basis

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What Users Would See: Batch Jobs

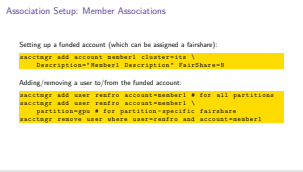
- Gratis associations (default), no changes to scripts required.
- Member associations, add to job script:

```
#SBATCH --account=member1
```

- PAYGO associations, add to job script:

```
#SBATCH --account=payg-project1 --qos=payg-project1
```

Can also set default to something other than gratis for any user, but runs the risk of using fairshare or PAYGO budget for unrelated jobs.


Association Setup: Member Associations
Setting up a funded account (which can be assigned a fairshare):
sacctmgr add account member1 cluster=its \
Description="Member1 Description" FairShare=N
Adding/removing a user to/from the funded account:
sacctmgr add user renfro account=member1 # for all partitions
sacctmgr add user renfro account=member1 \
partition=gpu # for partition-specific fairshare
sacctmgr remove user where user=renfro and account=member1

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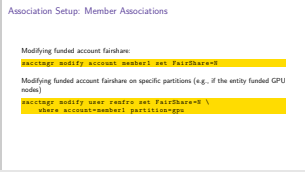
Association Setup: Member Associations
Modifying funded account fairshare:
sacctmgr modify account member1 set FairShare=X
Modifying funded account fairshare on specific partitions (e.g., if the entity funded GPU nodes)
sacctmgr modify user renfro set FairShare=X \
where account=member1 partition=gpu

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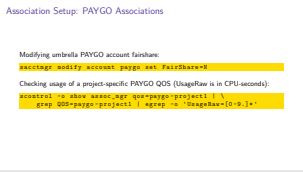
Association Setup: PAYGO Associations

Setting up the umbrella PAYGO account (which can be assigned a fairshare):

```
sacctmgr add account paygo cluster=its \
    Description="PAYGO Projects" FairShare=N
```

Setting up a project-specific PAYGO account and QOS (in this case, with a quota of 1000 CPU-minutes):

```
sacctmgr add account paygo-project1 cluster=its \
    Description="PAYGO Project 1" parent=paygo
sacctmgr add qos paygo-project1 flags=NoDecay,DenyOnLimit
sacctmgr modify qos paygo-project1 set grptresmins=cpu=1000
sacctmgr modify account name=paygo set qos+=paygo-project1
```


Association Setup: PAYGO Associations
Modifying umbrella PAYGO account fairshare:
sacctmgr modify account paygo set FairShare=N
Checking usage of a project-specific PAYGO QOS (UsageRaw is in CPU-seconds):
scontrol -o show assoc_mgr qos=paygo:project1_\
grep QOS=paygo:project1 | egrep -o 'UsageRaw=[0-9.]*'

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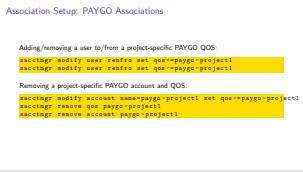
Association Setup: PAYGO Associations
Adding/removing a user to/from a project-specific PAYGO QOS:
sacctmgr modify user realfro set qos+=paygo-project1
sacctmgr modify user realfro set qos-=paygo-project1
Removing a project-specific PAYGO account and QOS:
sacctmgr modify account name=paygo-project1 set qos-=paygo-project1
sacctmgr remove qos paygo-project1
sacctmgr remove account paygo-project1

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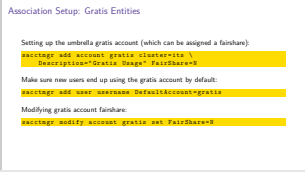
Association Setup: Gratis Entities
Setting up the umbrella gratis account (which can be assigned a fairshare):
sacctmgr add account gratis cluster=ris \
Description="Gratis Usage" FairShare=0
Make sure new users end up using the gratis account by default:
sacctmgr add user username DefaultAccount=gratis
Modifying gratis account fairshare:
sacctmgr modify account gratis set FairShare=X

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Partition Setup

In slurm.conf, all partitions will have a common configuration of:

```
PartitionName=DEFAULT AllowGroups=ALL AllowQos=ALL Default=NO
  DisableRootJobs=NO ExclusiveUser=NO GraceTime=0 Hidden=NO
  LLN=NO MinNodes=1 OverSubscribe=NO OverTimeLimit=0
  PreemptMode=OFF PriorityJobFactor=1 ReqResv=NO RootOnly=NO
  Shared=NO State=UP
```

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Short Partitions

interactive

```
PartitionName=interactive
MaxNodes=4
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=02:00:00
MaxTime=02:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=3
Nodes=node[001-040]
```

debug

```
PartitionName=debug
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=00:30:00
MaxTime=00:30:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=2
Nodes=node[001-040]
```

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Short Partitions

gpu-interactive

```
PartitionName=gpu-interactive
MaxNodes=2
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=02:00:00
MaxTime=02:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=3
MaxCPUsPerNode=16 QoS=gpu
Nodes=gpunode[001-004]
```

gpu-debug

```
PartitionName=gpu-debug
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=00:30:00
MaxTime=00:30:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=2
MaxCPUsPerNode=16 QoS=gpu
Nodes=gpunode[001-004]
```

Short Partitions

any-interactive

```
PartitionName=any-interactive
MaxNodes=4
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=02:00:00
MaxTime=02:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=3
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=node[001-040],
    gpunode[001-004]
```

any-debug

```
PartitionName=any-debug
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=00:30:00
MaxTime=00:30:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=2
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=node[001-040],
    gpunode[001-004]
```

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Medium Partitions

batch

```
PartitionName=batch
Default=YES
MaxNodes=4
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=2-00:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=1
Nodes=node[001-040]
```

gpu

```
PartitionName=gpu
MaxNodes=2
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=1-00:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=1
MaxCPUsPerNode=16 QoS=gpu
Nodes=gpunode[001-004]
```

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Medium Partitions

bigmem

```
PartitionName=bigmem
MaxNodes=3
DefMemPerCPU=12000
MaxMemPerNode=315000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=1-00:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=1
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=gpunode[001-003]
```

hugemem

```
PartitionName=hugemem
MaxNodes=1
DefMemPerCPU=28000
MaxMemPerNode=830000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=1-00:00:00
AllowAccounts=ALL
PriorityTier=1
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=gpunode004
```

Long Partitions

long

```
PartitionName=long
MaxNodes=40
DefMemPerCPU=2000
DefaultTime=1-00:00:00
MaxTime=7-00:00:00
DenyAccounts=gratis
PriorityTier=2
Nodes=node[001-040]
```

gpu-long

```
PartitionName=gpu-long
MaxNodes=4
DefaultTime=1-00:00:00
MaxTime=3-00:00:00
DenyAccounts=gratis
PriorityTier=2
MaxCPUsPerNode=16 QoS=gpu
Nodes=gpunode[001-004]
```

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Long Partitions

bigmem-long

```
PartitionName=bigmem-long
MaxNodes=3
DefMemPerCPU=12000
MaxMemPerNode=315000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=7-00:00:00
DenyAccounts=gratis
PriorityTier=2
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=gpunode[001-003]
```

hugemem-long

```
PartitionName=hugemem-long
MaxNodes=1
DefMemPerCPU=28000
MaxMemPerNode=830000
DefaultTime=06:00:00
MaxTime=7-00:00:00
DenyAccounts=gratis
PriorityTier=2
MaxCPUsPerNode=12
Nodes=gpunode004
```

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Additional Limits

Limit GPU consumption to 8 (includes running and pending, further jobs get blocked until jobs complete or are cancelled).

```
sacctmgr modify user renfro set grptres=gres/gpu=8
```

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