Xcrypt Manual

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Part I General

Introduction

1.1 Overview

In using a high-performance computer, we usually commit job processing to a job scheduler. At this time, we often go through the following procedures:

- to create a script in its writing style depending on the job scheduler,
- to pass the script to the job scheduler, and
- to extract data from its result, create another script from the data, and pass it to the job scheduler.

However, such procedures require manual intervention cost. It therefore seems better to remove manual intervention in mid-processing by using an appropriate script language. Xcrypt is a script language for job parallelization. We can deal with jobs as objects (called *job objects*) in Xcrypt and manipulate the jobs as well as objects in an object-oriented language. Xcrypt provides some functions and modules for facilitating job generation, submission, synchronization, etc. Xcrypt makes it easy to write scripts to process job, and supports users to process jobs easily.

1.2 Environment

Xcrypt requires Perl ($\geq 5.8.5$) and a superset of Bourne shell. Xcrypt also requires the following outer modules:

- Sherzod Ruzmetov's Config-Simple,
- Marc Lehmann's Coro (where conftest.c is not contained), EV,
- Gurusamy Sarathy's Data-Dumper,
- Graham Barr's Error,
- Joshua Nathaniel Pritikin's Event,
- Salvador Fandiño's Net-OpenSSH,
- Daniel Muey's Recursive,

and wants Marc Lehmann's Any Event, common::
sense, and Guard (warns if none). These modules are bundled with X
crypt.

Script

Xcrypt is a script language, and an extension of Perl. Xcrypt provides some functions and modules (not in Perl) which support how to deal with jobs.

An Xcrypt script consists of descriptions of

- 1. module,
- 2. template, and
- 3. procedure.

2.1 Module

Modules for job objects are used as follows,



When you use multiple modules, it is enough to write



Every module should be used in order. The details of the modules are described in Chapter 4. Commonly-used modules can be loaded as follows,

```
use mymodule;
```

similarly to how to use modules in Perl.

2.2 Template

Xcrypt's templates are implemented as Perl's hashes. For example,

```
%mytemplate = (
   'id@' => sub { "myjob$VALUE[0]"; },
   'exeO@' => sub { "./myexe $VALUE[0]"; },
   'RANGEO' => [0,1]
   );
```

Keys in templates are described in Chapter 5 in detail.

2.3 Job Object

Xcrypt's job object are implemented as Perl's objects (blessed hash references). In Xcrypt, job objects should be typically created from templates by a built-in function &prepare (Chapter 6 in detail).

2.4 Procedure

Procedures of job processing are described in Xcrypt (and Perl) instead of manually carried out. Xcrypt's functions are described in Chapter 6.

2.5 Example

An example script is as follows,


```
use base qw(limit core);

&limit::initialize(10);

%mytemplate = (
   'id@' => sub { "myjob$VALUE[0]"; },
   'exe0@' => sub { "./myexe $VALUE[0]"; },
   'RANGEO' => [0,1]
);

&prepare_submit_sync(%mytemplate);
```

Flow

In this chapter, we introduce how jobs are processed.

3.1 State

Any job has one of the following states:

initialized: the job is initialized or aborted,

prepared: the same as initialized (for backward compatibility)

submitted: the job is submitted, queued: the job is queued, running: the job is running, done: the job is done, finished: the job is finished, aborted: the job is aborted.

3.2 Installation

Edit xcrypt/source-me.sh in order to set some environment variables, and

```
$ source source-me.sh
```

Then, continue the following installation procedure:

```
$ cd $XCRYPT/cpan; ./do-install.sh
```

If necessary, edit \$XCRYPT/etc/xcryptrc along your environment.

3.3 Execution

If necessary, edit \$HOME/.xcryptrc along your environment. Next, move to the working directory (e.g., \$HOME/wd)

\$ cd \$HOME/wd

and write an Xcrypt script (e.g., sample.xcr). See Section 2.5 in order to know how to write. Finally, execute Xcrypt with the script:

\$ \$XCRYPT/bin/xcrypt sample.xcr

If you use Emacs, then the following description in .emacs.el helps you.

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(add-to-list 'auto-mode-alist '("\\.xcr" . perl-mode))

3.4 Interactive Usage

\$ \$XCRYPT/bin/xcrypt myscript.xcr

makes Xcrypt to interpret myscript.xcr.

\$ \$XCRYPT/bin/xcryptstat

shows states of jobs. In detail, use the --help option.

\$ \$XCRYPT/bin/xcryptdel myjob [myjob...]

makes states of unfinished jobs aborted. For deleting all the jobs, use the --all option. For making (not necessarily unfinished) jobs aborted, use the --uninitialize option. For making jobs finished, use the --clean option. For forgetting states of all jobs, use the --clean option.

3.5 Product

Xcrypt creates the following in the working directory during and after its execution.

myjob_XCRJOBSCHED.sh

is a job script passed to a job scheduler or a Bourne shell script executed, regarding OS as a job scheduler, respectively.

myjob_stdout

is a file storing the job's standard output. When **stdofile** is defined, the file is renamed as its value.

$myjob_{\tt stderr}$

is a file storing the job's standard error. When stdefile is defined, the file is renamed as its value

inv_watch

is a directory containing log and other files for retry. When <code>--inventory_path</code> is defined, the directory is renamed as its value.

Part II

Details

Module

In this chapter, we introduce some modules available in Xcrypt scripts.

4.1 core

This module is the Xcrypt core module, and required to be read in order to use anything particular to Xcrypt.

4.2 sandbox

A directory of the name

is created for each job (called a *job working directory*). Job-processing is done in the job working directory.

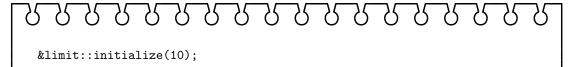
The following can be defined in templates.

linkedfilei: a soft link of the file (whose name is its value) is created in the job working directory.

copiedfilei: the indicated file is copied to the job working directory.

4.3 limit

This module limits the number of jobs submitted simultaneously. In order to limit the number of jobs to 10, for example, it is enough to write as follows,



4.4 bulk_simple

This module gathers jobs and returns one job of the same denotation. For bulked jobs, the function &bulk ignores any member except $exei_{-j}$, initially, before, after, and finally. Typically, you can write as follows,

```
my $template = { 'id' => 'bulked_job_', 'JS_queue' => 'myqueue' };
my @jobs0 = &prepare(%template0);
my @jobs1 = &prepare(%template1);
my @bulk = &bulk_simple::bulk($template, @jobs0, @jobs1);
&submit(@bulk);
```

4.5 successor

This module indicates job objects which can be defined declaratively. For example, in order to define job objects of the name %x, %y, write:

```
...
'successor' => ['x', 'y'],
...
```

using the key successor in the template.

4.6 convergence

This module provides a function for a Plan-Do-Check-Action (PDCA) cycle, to deal with convergence of difference of job's results. The keys initialvalue, isConvergent, inputfile, sweepname, outputfile, and extractrules can be used in templates.

4.7 n_section_method

This module provides n-section method, a root-finding algorithm. The only difference from bisection method¹ is the number of sections.

The values partition and epsilon denote a partition number and an error, respectively. An interval is expressed by x_left and x_right. The values y_left and y_right are values on x_left and x_right. Typically, we can call the function n_section_method with these keys, e.g.,

 $^{^{1} \}verb|http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bisection_method/$

4.8 dry

This module provides job-processing in dry mode (skipping any command execution). Description in a template

makes any job (derived from this hash) to be processed in dry mode.

4.9 invalidate

This module invalidates jobs of which running time is more than allotted_time (can be defined in templates).

Template

In this chapter, we introduce keys and values available in templates by default.

5.1 RANGE i

key@ denotes the one whose postfix is the character @ (e.g., exeO@). Any word of ASCII printable characters except

is available for $\mathtt{RANGE}i$'s values.

@ means

values are array references, function references, (or scalar although not recommended).

5.2 id

Its value is a word. The value is used for creating job objects and identifying the job objects as their prefixes. Any word of ASCII printable characters except

is available.

5.3 exei

Its value denotes a command. The command is executed as follows,

```
$ myexe0 myarg0_0 ...
$ myexe1 myarg1_0 ...
:
```

with $argi_{-j}$ explained below.

5.4 arg i_j

Its values are arguments of a command.

5.5 stdofile

The standard output is stored in the indicated file. The default is stdout.

5.6 stdefile

The standard error is stored in the indicated file. The default is stderr.

5.7 JS_key

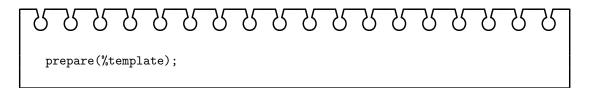
Function

In this chapter, we introduce built-in functions.

6.1 prepare

This function takes a job definition hash and parameters of references¹, and returns an array of job objects.

Format



Example

Declarative description is also available as follows,

¹In this manual, references do not denote type globs.

```
%mytemplate = (
    'id@' => sub { "myjob$VALUE[0]"; },
    'exe0@' => sub { "./myexe0 $VALUE[0]"; },
    'exe1@' => sub { "./myexe1 $VALUE[0]"; },
    'RANGEO' => [0,1]
);

@jobs = prepare(%mytemplate);
```

Advanced

It is possible to generate job objects by using multiple parameters. For example,

```
%mytemplate = (
    'id@' => sub { "myjob$VALUE[0]_$VALUE[1]"; },
    'exe0@' => sub { "./myexe $VALUE[0] $VALUE[1]"; },
    'RANGEO' => [0,1],
    'RANGE1' => [2,4]
);
@jobs = prepare(%mytemplate);
```

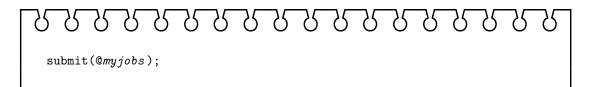
creates 4 job objects. This is the same as

```
%mytemplate = (
    'id@' => sub { "myjob$VALUE[0]_$VALUE[1]"; },
    'exeo@' => sub { "./myexe $VALUE[0] $VALUE[1]"; },
    'RANGES' => [[0,1],[2,4]]
);
@jobs = prepare(%mytemplate);
```

6.2 submit

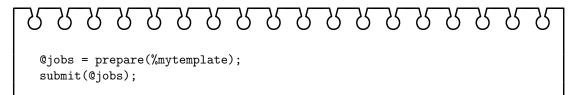
This function takes an array of job objects and passes the jobs (corresponding to the job objects) to a job scheduler. Its return value is also the array of job objects.

Format



Example

Typically, this function takes a return value of prepare.



It is possible to define job references without using prepare (although not recommended).

6.3 sync

This function takes an array of job objects and synchronizes the job objects. Its return value is the array of job objects.

Format



Example

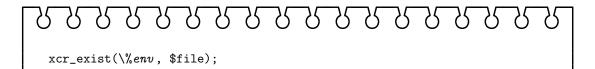
Typically, this function takes a return value of prepare (same as submit).

```
@jobs = prepare(%mytemplate);
submit(@jobs);
sync(@jobs);
```

6.4 xcr_exist

This function returns 1 if \$file exists (0 unless) at \$env{location}.

Format



6.5 xcr_qx

This function returns \$command's standard output at \$env{location} as an array.

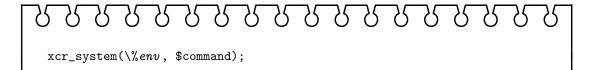
Format



6.6 xcr_system

This function returns \$command's return value at \$env{location}.

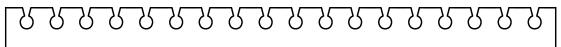
Format



6.7 xcr_mkdir

This function makes a directory of the name \$dir at \$env{location}.

Format



xcr_mkdir(\%env, \$dir);

6.8 xcr_copy

This function copies \$file_or_dir0 to \$file_or_dir1 at \$env{location}.

Format

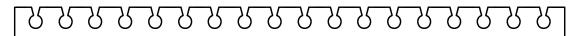


xcr_copy(\%env, \$file_or_dir0, \$file_or_dir1);

6.9 xcr_rename

This function rename \$file0 to \$file1 at \$env{location}.

Format



xcr_rename(\%env, \$file0, \$file1);

6.10 xcr_symlink

This function links \$file as \$link in \$dir at \$env{location}.

Format

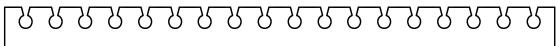


xcr_symlink(\%env, \$file, \$dir, \$link);

6.11 xcr_unlink

This function removes \$file at \$env{location}.

Format

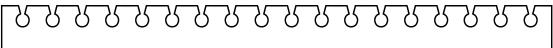


xcr_unlink(\%env, \$file);

6.12 get_from

This function gets \$file from \$env{wd} in \$env{location}.

Format



get_from(\%env, \$file);

6.13 put_into

This function puts \$file into \$env{wd} in \$env{location}.

Format

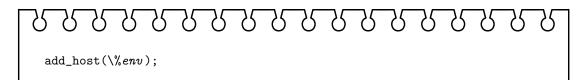


put_into(\%env, \$file);

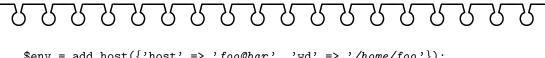
6.14 add_host

This function takes a hash that denotes a host (containing its environment), and returns a reference that denotes it.

Format



Example

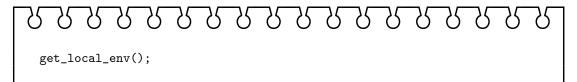


```
$env = add_host({'host' => 'foo@bar', 'wd' => '/home/foo'});
%template = ('id' => 'myjob', 'exe0' => './myexe', 'env' => $env);
```

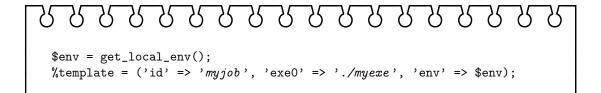
6.15 get_local_env

This function returns a reference that denotes the local host (containing its environment).

Format



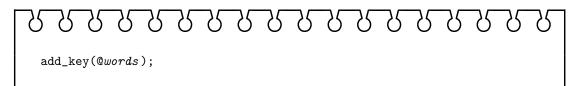
Example



6.16 add_key

This function takes an array of words and makes it available as keys in job definition hashes.

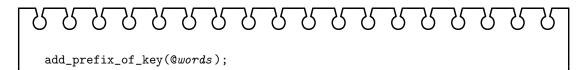
Format



6.17 add_prefix_of_key

This function takes an array of words and makes it available as prefixes of keys in job definition hashes.

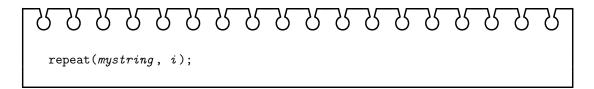
Format



6.18 repeat

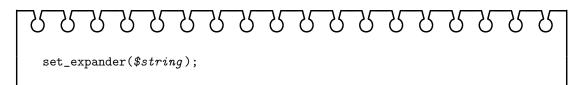
This function takes an Xcrypt's script code (denoted as mystring) and an integer i, and evaluates it each i seconds.

Format



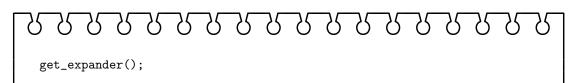
6.19 set_expander

Format



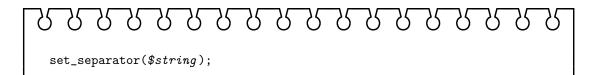
6.20 get_expander

Format



6.21 set_separator

Format



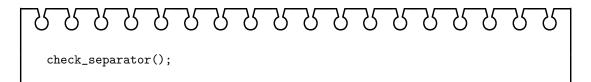
6.22 get_separator

Format



6.23 check_separator

Format



6.24 nocheck_separator

Format



6.25 prepare_submit

This function makes prepare and submit applied to job objects generated by prepare. The composition of prepare and submit is done at each job object.

6.26 prepare_submit_sync

This function is an abbreviation of prepare_submit and sync. Its format follows prepare.

Methods of core Class

This chapter explains methods defined in core class. These methods can be used by end users. The methods that are defined in core class but should not be used directly by end users are listed in Appendix A.4.

7.1 workdir_member_file

to be written...

7.2 abort

to be written...

7.3 cancel

to be written...

7.4 invalidate

to be written...

Option

8.1 --config *xcryptrc*

reads the *xcryptrc*, ~/.xcryptrc, or \$XCRYPT/etc/xcryptrc.

8.2 --sched $job_scheduler$

takes a batch job scheduler.

8.3 --print_log

prints the log (in particular, status of job objects), in detail.

8.4 --compile_only

only makes a Perl script from the Xcrypt scritp, and does not exec the Perl script.

8.5 --shared

does not copy files at a shared system in remote-execution mode.

8.6 --xbs-type type

use Keiji Yamamoto's XBS¹ internally (site in config).

8.7 --xbs-auto

8.8 --abort_check_interval num

an interval of checking whether jobs are aborted or not (sec).

 $^{^{1} \}verb|http://www.il.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~yamamoto/xbs/$

8.9 --left_message_check_interval num

an interval of checking what states jobs have (sec).

8.10 --inventory_path path

a path at that logs are located.

- 8.11 --verbose num
- 8.12 --stack_size num

8.13 --host username@hostname

a host to that jobs are submitted.

8.14 --wd path

a working directory in that Xcrypt is executed at a remote host.

8.15 --xd path

8.16 --scratch

executes Xcrypt without recovering the states of jobs in the previous execution.

Appendix A

How to Implement Job Class Extension Modules

Any job object generated by the Xcrypt's function prepare belongs to the class core, defined by \$XCRYPT/lib/core.pm.Xcrypt users and developers can extend the class core by defining modules and consequently expand the function of Xcrypt. In this chapter, we introduce how to implement such extension modules.

A.1 How to Define and Use Extension Modules

In order to define an extension module of the name *mymodule*, it is enough for Xcrypt developers to put it into any directory designated by \$XCRYPT/lib/ (or \$PERL5LIB).

Then Xcrypt users can use the extension module by simply indicating their name on the header of his/her script as follows:

```
use base (... mymodule ... core);
```

A.2 Scripts of Extension Modules

A definition script for an extension module is typically described as follows,

```
package mymodule;
 use strict;
 use ...;
 &add_key('my_instance_member', ...);
 my $my_class_member;
 # special methods
 sub new {
   my $class = shift;
   my $self = $class->NEXT::new(@_);
   return bless $self, $class;
 sub before { ... }
 sub start
   my $self = shift;
   $self->NEXT::start();
 }
 sub after { ... }
 # general methods
 sub another_method
 {
 }
```

In the following, we make an explanation for each component of the script.

- 1. Definition of the module name: is designated by package. The module name must coincide with the file name without its extension (.pm).
- 2. Use of Perl modules: is declared by using use as in typical Perl programs.
- 3. Addition of instance variables: is performed by the function add_key. The added instance variables are accessible as attributes of the job objects by writing, e.g.,

```
$job->{my_instance_member}
```

in Xcrypt scripts and modules. Also, by writing, e.g.,

```
%template = { ..., my_instance_menber=>value, ...}
```

users can set values to them.

4. Definition of class variables: is done in the usual way in object-oriented programming, i.e., class variables are defined as global variables in packages. The variables can be accessed, e.g.,

```
$mymodule::my_class_member
```

5. Definition of methods: is defined in the usual way, i.e., methods added and extended in modules are defined as top-level functions in packages. Note that some methods with particular names have special meanings as explained in the next section.

A.3 Special Methods

Xcrypt gives special meanings to the following class methods.

A.3.1 new

The method new is a class method, the so-called *constructor*. The method new in the most specialized class (the left-most module declared on the script header) is called.

The method new takes the following arguments:

- 1. the package name (= user) to which an Xcrypt script belongs,
- 2. a reference to a job object¹.

Note that new is applied to each of multiple objects generated by prepare.

In the body of a method, the method new in the parent class is called as

```
$class->NEXT::new($self,$obj)
```

where **\$class** and **\$obj** are the class name and reference to the object, the arguments of **new**, respectively.

Typically, each new calls new in his parent class with the same two arguments, processes its return value (an object), and returns bless reference to the object, the class name as return values.

In the module core, new is defined. The new creates a job directory, soft links, and copies of files (explained in Section 3.5). Note that this required procedure is skipped unless news in children classes call the new in the core.

A.3.2 initially

to be written...

 $^{^{1}\}mathrm{The}$ object members has values in the template passed to the function prepare.

A.3.3 before

In Xcrypt, application of the function submit (cf. Section 6.2) makes a job object's state prepared. The methods befores are applied to a job object of the state prepared (cf. Section 3.1). Its argument is a reference to the job object. The order of calling befores is in such a way from children to parents classes. Return values of the methods are abandoned.

A.3.4 start

The methods starts are applied to a job object after befores to the job objects are applied. Its argument is a reference of the job object. The method start in the most specialized class (the left-most module declared on the script header) is called.

In the body of a method, the method new in the parent class is called as

\$obj->NEXT::start()

where \$obj is the reference to the object.

In the module core, start is defined. The start creates a job script and submits the job to a job scheduler. Note that this required procedure is skipped unless starts in children classes call the start in the core.

A.3.5 before_in_job

The definition of this method is serialized (using the Data::Dumper module), sent to a job execution node, and interpreted and invoked by the Perl process executed in the node just before executing exei. The job object is also serialized and passed to the method as its argument. A global variable defined in (local) Xcrypt is referred to only if it is specified by the transfer_variable job template member. Updates of the transferred variable are not reflected to the Xcrypt process.

A.3.6 after_in_job

The definition of this method is serialized (using the Data::Dumper module), sent to a job execution node, and interpreted and invoked by the Perl process executed in the node just after executing exei. The job object is also serialized and passed to the method as its argument. A global variable defined in (local) Xcrypt is referred to only if it is specified by the transfer_variable job template member. Updates of the transferred variable are not reflected to the Xcrypt process.

A.3.7 after

In Xcrypt, a completion notice of a job submitted by the method core::start makes the job object's state done. The methods afters are applied to a job object with the state done (cf. Section 3.1). Its argument is a reference to the job object. The order of calling afters is in such a way from parents to children classes. Return values of the methods are abandoned.

A.3.8 finally

to be written...

A.4 Ordinary methods

A developer of Xcrypt modules can add ordinary methods and extended preexisting ordinary methods defined in core.pm in the manner of the object oriented Perl programming. This section lists the ordinary methods defined in core.pm. Note that the methods that can be called by end users are already listed in Chapter 7, which can be extended by Xcrypt module developers, too.

- A.4.1 apply_push_valid_arg
- A.4.2 make_jobscript

called by qsub_make.

A.4.3 make_jobscript_header

called by make_jobscript

A.4.4 make_jobscript_body

called by make_jobscript

A.4.5 make_in_jobscript

called by make_before_in_jobscript and make_after_in_jobscript

A.4.6 make_before_in_jobscript

called by qsub_make.

A.4.7 make_after_in_jobscript

called by qsub_make.

A.4.8 update_script_file

called by update_jobscript_file, update_before_in_job_file, and update_after_in_job_file.

A.4.9 update_jobscript_file

calls update_script_file

A.4.10 update_before_in_job_file

calls update_script_file

A.4.11 update_after_in_job_file

calls update_script_file

$A.4.12 \quad {\tt update_all_script_files}$

 $It\ calls\ update_jobscript_file,\ update_before_in_job_file,\ and\ update_after_in_job_file.$

$A.4.13 \quad {\tt make_qsub_options}$

called by qsub_make.

A.4.14 qsub_make

called by qsub.

A.4.15 qsub

A.4.16 qdel

A.4.17 qdel_if_queued_or_running

conditionally calls qdel.