High Performance Computing Quick Reference Guide to the NeSI Pan Cluster

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Recommended Best Practices

- Use the **SubmitScripts Templates** that are in /share/SubmitScripts.
- In order to improve the scalability of your MPI code, we suggest to minimise the number of nodes to be used. The `--nodes=N-M` Slurm option, will define the minimum (N) and the maximum (M) number of nodes.

Useful Quick References

- VI Quick Reference
- BASH Quick Reference
- Linux Quick Reference
- OpenMP Fortran Syntax
- OpenMP 3.1 API C/C++ Syntax
- MPI Quick Reference

NeSI Pan Cluster

Architecture	Westmere	SandyBridge	LargeMem
Model	X5660	E5-2680	E7-4870
Clock Speed	2.8 GHz	2.7 GHz	2.4GHz
Cache	12MB	20MB	30MB
Intel QPI speed	6.4GT/s	8 GT/s	6.4GT/
Cores/socket	6	8	10
Cores/node	12	16	40
Mem/node	96GB	128GB	512GB
GFLOPS/node	134.4	345.6	384.0
# nodes	76	194	4

NeSI Pan Cluster - Co-Processors

Architecture	Nvidia Fermi	Nvidia Kepler	Intel Phi
Main CPU	X5660/E5-2680	E5-2680	E5-2680
Model	M2090	K20X	5110P
Clock Speed	1.3GHz	0.732GHz	1.053GHz
Cores/Dev.	512	2688	60 (240)
Dev./node	2	2	2
Mem/Dev.	6GB	6GB	8GB
TFLOPS/Dev	1.33	1.17	1.01
# nodes	16	5	2

Disk Spaces + Default Quota

FileSystem	Space	Quota	ACL	Backup	Type	Usage
$HOME	120TB	2GB	rw	yes	GPFS	Archive
/project	120TB	30GB	rw	yes	GPFS	Archive
/share	120TB	-	ro	yes	GPFS	Archive
$TMP_DIR	240GB	-	rw	NO	EXT4	io
$SCRATCH_DIR	13TB	-	rw	NO	GPFS	io
$SHM_DIR	Mem	-	rw	NO	RamFS	io

Available Compilers

Language	Intel	GNU	PGI
Fortran77	ifort	g77	pgf77
Fortran90	ifort	gfortran	pgf90
Fortran95	ifort	gfortran	pgf95
C	icc	gcc	pgcc
C++	icpc	g++	pgCC
Debug	idb	gdb	pgdbg
Profile	vtune	gprof	gpprof

Available MPIs

MPI	version
Intel MPI	4.1.0,4.1.1
OpenMPI	1.4,1.6,1.8
MPICH2	1.5,3.0.4
PlatformMPI	08.02
MVAPICH2	1.4.1p1

Optimization flags

Compiler	Intel	GNU	PGI
High Opt.	-fast	-O3 -ffast-math	-fast -Mipa=fast,inline
OpenMP	-openmp	-fopenmp	-mp=nonuma
Debug	-g	-g	-g
Profile	-p	-pg	-p
Westmere	-mtarget	-march=corei7	-tp=nehalem-64
SandyBridge	-mtarget	-march=corei7-avx	-tp=sandybridge-64
SSE	-xsse4.2	-msse4.2	-Mvect=[prefetch,sse]
AVX[1]	-xavx	-mavx	-fast

1. Advanced Vector Extension (AVX) streaming SIMD instructions. Sandy Bridge processor only.

Link MKL with OpenMPI, CDFT, ScaLAPACK, BLACS and Intel Compilers

Link line:
```
-L${MKLROOT}/lib/intel64 -lmkl_scalapack_ilp64 \
-lmkl_cdft_core -lmkl_intel_ilp64 -lmkl_sequential \
-lmkl_core -lmkl_blacs_intelmpi_ilp64 -lpthread -lm
```
Compiler options: `-DMKL_ILP64 -I${MKLROOT}/include`

More information at `http://software.intel.com/sites/products/mkl/`

Link MKL with OpenMP and Intel compilers

Link line:
```
-L${MKLROOT}/lib/intel64 -lmkl_intel_ilp64 \
-lmkl_intel_thread -lmkl_core -lpthread -lm
```
Compiler options: `-openmp -DMKL_ILP64 -I${MKLROOT}/include`

Get Involved!

We would like to encourage you to send suggestions and feedback to the NeSI Team (`support@nesi.org.nz`).

SSH Access : Login Node

The login node is not for running jobs, it is only for file management and job submission.

Parameters

- host: login-01.uoa.nesi.org.nz
- port: 22

Suggested Software

- **mobaxterm** (Windows) : `http://mobaxterm.mobatek.net`
- **Putty** (Windows) : `http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/`
- **Terminal** (MacOSX) : (Included in the OS)
- **iTerm2** (MacOSX) : `http://www.iterm2.com`
- **Konsole** (Linux) : `http://konsole.kde.org`
- **GnomeTerminal** (Linux) : `https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Terminal`
- **yakuake** (Linux) : `http://yakuake.kde.org`

Remote File System Access

In order to access the file system (/home) remotely from your machine, we recommend:

- **SSHFS** (MacOSX) : `http://code.google.com/p/macfuse/`
- **SSHFS** (Linux) : `http://fuse.sourceforge.net/sshfs.html`
- **Konqueror** (KDE) : type fish://user@host:port
- **Nautilus** (Gnome) : type sftp://user@host:port
- **WinSCP** (Windows) : `http://winscp.net`

Remote File System Transfer with RSYNC (Unix Only)

RSYNC over SSH protocol is the best choice to transfer big data volumes.

- Transfer data from your machine to the server:
  `rsync -avHl /path/origin/* sshserver:/path/destination/`
- Transfer data from the server to your machine:
  `rsync -avHl sshserver:/path/destination/* /path/origin/`

Remote File System Transfer with scp/sftp (Unix Only)

SCP and **SFTP** are the most popular software to transfer data across the SSH protocol.

- **SCP**: `scp -pr sshserver:/path/destination/* path/destination/`
- **SFTP**: `sftp sshserver:/path/destination/* path/destination/`

Bash Shortcuts

- Ctrl+c - halts the current command.
- Ctrl+z - stops the current command.
- Ctrl+d - log out of current session.
- Ctrl+k - Delete from the cursor to the end of the line.
- Ctrl+w - Delete from the cursor to the start of the word.
- Ctrl+u - Delete from the cursor to the beginning of the line.
- Ctrl+r - reverse search to bash history.
- !! - repeats the last command.

Process management

- ps - display all active processes.
- top - display all running processes.
- kill pid - kill process id pid.
- killall proc - kill all processes named proc.
- bg - lists stopped or background jobs.
- bg n - resume job n in the background.
- fg - brings the most recent job to foreground.
- fg n - brings job n to the foreground.

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Slurm Commands

- **sbatch** - submits a script job.
- **scancel** - cancels a running or pending job.
- **sinfo** - provides information on partitions and nodes.
- **sview** - GUI to view job, node and partition information (ssh -X option required).
- **smap** - CLI to view job, node and partition information.
- **squeue** - shows the status of jobs.
  - `squeue -l -j <job id>` gives extended job record information.
  - `squeue -u <user name>` lists only jobs initiated by the user.
- **sbcast** - transfer file to a compute nodes allocated to a job.
- **interactive** - opens an interactive job session.
- **sattach** - connects stdin/out/err for an existing job or job step.

More information about Slurm in the NeSI Slurm User Guide :
`https://wiki.auckland.ac.nz/display/CER/Slurm+User+Guide`

Slurm Submit Script Syntax

- `-A uoa99999` User account (i.e. nesiXXXXX, landcareXXXXX, uooXXXXX,uocXXXXX)
- `--mem-per-cpu=8132` = memory/cpu (in MB)
- `-J My_Job_Name` Sets the job name
- `-o test-%j.%N.out` name of output file (default is slurm-jobid.out)
- `-e test-%j.%N.err` name of error file (default is slurm-jobid.err)
- `--mail-type=ALL` Specifies under which conditions Slurm will send out email notifications to the specified address about the state of the job (ALL, BEGIN, END, FAIL, REQUEUE).
- `--mail-user=username@nesi.org.nz` user email
- `--cpus-per-task=8` Sets the number of cores to be allocated for each task.
- `--gres=gpu:1` - Specifies the number of GPU devices requested.
- `--gres=mic:1` - Specifies the number of Intel Xeon Phi Co-Processor devices requested.
- `--ntasks-per-node=16` specifies the total number of tasks to be run on each available node.
- `--ntasks=96` specifies how many tasks (cores) are to be run in total
- `--time=01:00:00` Sets the limit for the elapsed time for which a job can run
- `--nodes=N-M` Defines the minimum (N) and the maximum (M) number of nodes.
- `-C sb` Requires an specific hardware architecture (sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere)
- `--exclusive` Requires exclusive execution

Interactive sessions

The interactive sessions will allow you to build the binaries for specific architecture. The binaries compiled in Westmere can run in Sandy Bridge, but it can **NOT** exploit all the Sandy bridge features. The binaries compiled in Sandy Bridge can **NOT** run in the Westmere nodes. The interactively usage is limited up to **24h** of **walltime**.

```
Usage: interactive [-A] [-a] [-c] [-m] [-J] [-e]
Mandatory arguments:
 -A: account
Optional arguments:
 -a: architecture (default: wm, values sb=SandyBridge wm=Westmere)
 -c: number of CPU cores (default: 1)
 -m: amount of memory (GB) per core (default: 1 [GB])
 -J: job name
 -e: binary that you want to run interactively
example : interactive -A nesi99999
example : interactive -A nesi99999 -a wm -c 4 -e "MyBinary MyOptions"
```

Submit Script Example : Serial

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J OpenMP_JOB
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH -C sb                # sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere
srun serial_binary
```

Submit Script Example : OpenMP

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J OpenMP_JOB
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=8    # 8 OpenMP Threads
#SBATCH -C sb                # sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere
srun openmp_binary
```

Submit Script Example : MPI

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J MPI_JOB
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH --ntasks=2           # number of tasks
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH -C sb                # sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere
srun mpi_binary
```

Submit Script Example : Hybrid (MPI+OpenMP)

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J Hybrid_JOB
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH --ntasks=4           # number of tasks
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=8    # 8 OpenMP Threads
#SBATCH --nodes=1            # number nodes
#SBATCH -C sb                # sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere
srun binary_hybrid
```

Submit Script Example : Hybrid (MPI+CUDA)

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J GPU_JOB
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --ntasks=4           # number of tasks
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2  # number of tasks per node
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4    # 4 OpenMP Threads
# The following line will request GPUs per node. In this
# particular example, it means 4 GPUs in total.
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:2
#SBATCH -C kepler
srun binary_cuda_mpi
```

Submit Script Example : Job Array

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J JobArray
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00      # Walltime
#SBATCH -A uoa99999          # Project Account
#SBATCH --ntasks=1           # number of tasks
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8132   # memory/cpu (in MB)
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4    # 4 OpenMP Threads
#SBATCH --array=1-1000       # Array definition
#SBATCH -C sb                # sb=Sandybridge,wm=Westmere
srun binary_array $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID
```

User Environment

LMOD is very useful to manage environment variables for each application and it is very easy to use. It loads the needed environment by a certain application and its dependencies automatically. The command line is fully compatible with the previous **Environment Modules**, and it provides simple short-cuts and advanced features.
Syntax : `module [options] sub-command [args ...]`

Loading/Unloading sub-commands

- **load** | **add** load module(s)
- **del** | **unload** Remove module(s), do not complain if not found
- **purge** unload all modules
- **update** reload all currently loaded modules.

Listing / Searching sub-commands

- **list** List loaded modules
- **avail** | **av** List available modules
- **avail** | **av string** List available modules that contain "string".
- **spider** List all possible modules
- **spider module** List all possible version of that module file
- **spiderstring** List all module that contain the "string".

Short-cuts

- **ml** - means: module list
- **ml foo bar** - means: module load foo bar
- **ml -foo -bar baz goo**- means: module unload foo bar; module load baz goo;

More information at `http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/tacc-projects/lmod`