

Centralized Node Attribute Database for High Performance Computing

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Motivation



- The genders tool is an open source LLNL tool that stores information about node configurations
- There is no way to access this information without logging into a node
- -> we created a centralized database which stores all the genders of all the clusters



Approach



- 1. Installed the genders library for python in python3
- 2. created the structure of the database
- 3. used python3 to populate the database
 - a. adapted the script to comb through multiple directories
- 4. created python methods for users to query from the database







Results and Conclusions



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[root@boron2:~
[root@boron2 ~]# nodeattr -q login
[root@boron2 ~]# python3 genBase.py3 -q login
direct[2-3]
[root@boron2 ~]#
```

- nodeattr -q queries the local file, while our script queries the database in a similar manner
- who does this benefit: system engineers
- what's next
 - use gitlab to automate updates to the database
 - implement the database in larger clusters (integrate with cfengine structure)
 - ideally, any cluster would be able to use our query script to query the central node







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