

1 Install SPECTRUM

Yay. We did this!

2 Setting Up User Environment

The following steps will setup your BASH environment so that you can use SPECTRUM without worrying about ‘clobbering’ important files.

2.1 PATH Variable

This variable contains a colon-delimited list of absolute paths. Whenever a user hits RETURN in BASH, the machine searches for an executable file with the same name in the local directory. If no such file is found, the machine searches each directory given by the list of paths in PATH.

Use `echo $PATH` to view the current listing of these paths.

For me, the output looks like this:

```
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$ echo $PATH  
/usr/lib64/qt-3.3/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin:/opt/ibutils/bin: (...)  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$
```

Your output might look slightly different depending on what modules you have loaded.

We need to add the absolute path of SPECTRUM to your PATH file. By doing this, we will ensure that you can run SPECTRUM from any directory ... such as a personal user directory!

2.2 Find Absolute Path of SPECTRUM

We compiled SPECTRUM in the common directory of `pi_hoban`. From your home directory, navigate to `hoban_common/SPECTRUM/spectrum277`. This `hoban_common` is a symbolic link to a shared location on the cluster. You can tell that it is a symbolic link because a long-listing of your home directory shows an `l` as the first character.

Once you've gone to `hoban_common/SPECTRUM/spectrum277`, we can begin. Because this navigation involved a symbolic link, there are two ways to think about our current location's absolute path ... the path given to it via the link and then the *true* absolute path. Try this for yourself:

```
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 spectrum277]$ pwd  
/home/proutyr1/hoban_common/SPECTRUM/spectrum277  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 spectrum277]$ pwd -P  
/umbc/xfs1/hoban/common/SPECTRUM/spectrum277  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 spectrum277]$
```

You can see that the two commands give different outputs! The second is the *true* absolute path. We will need to keep a copy of this to put into our PATH variable. Use the `man` page for the BASH command `pwd` to determine what the `-P` option does. Send this to me as a message on Discord!

2.3 bashrc File

The `.bashrc` file is a hidden file that lives in your home directory. Every user has one. The ‘bash’ in `.bashrc` is for BASH (who knew!) and the ‘rc’ is for ‘run command’. This file therefore contains a listing of commands that are run *each time you log-in and use BASH*. You can think of this file as setting up your BASH environment.

2.4 Updating PATH in bashrc

Use your favorite text editor and open your `.bashrc` file for editing. Remember, it's in your home directory!

Toward the bottom, place the following line: `export PATH=<SPECTRUM-PATH>:$PATH`

Now, save and exit the file and run this command: `source ~/ .bashrc`.

The `export` command take the following variable definition and makes it apply to your entire BASH environment.

In BASH, there are no spaces between the variable name and the assignment, so that's not just my white-space preference :) Either way, we then assign PATH to be equal to that absolute path

we determined for SPECTRUM *in addition* to a ‘:’ to delimit this path from the listing of all other paths already in PATH, that’s why we added \$PATH to the end there!

For example, if I invent a variable tmp and set it equal to the text ‘bar’, like this: tmp=‘bar’. I can then *prepend* the variable assignment with ‘foo’ by running the following: tmp=‘foo’\$tmp. Try it yourself:

```
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$ tmp='bar'  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$ tmp='foo'$tmp  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$ echo $tmp  
foobar  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$
```

By *prepending* SPECTRUM’s absolute path to our PATH variable, we ensure that the executable spectrum is found by the machine when we run it!

The source command just tells BASH to run the .bashrc file without logging out and logging back in. It’s a shortcut ;)

If you echo your PATH variable, it should now start with the absolute path to SPECTRUM. Check it!

2.5 Create User Directory for SPECTRUM

Now you should be able to run spectrum (the executable we compiled!) from *anywhere*! So next we should navigate to hoban_user from your home directory. This is another symbolic link that ‘links’ you to a personal directory inside the research storage space. Check this with pwd vs pwd -P. Send me a copy of the output as you do it! :)

You may not have anything in this user directory. That’s fine! Let’s add a directory. Make a directory with mkdir <DIRECTORY-NAME>. Name it whatever you’d like, but something more like ‘spectrumProj’ and less like ‘someDirectory’ is preferred.

Now navigate to that new directory.

Hooray! This should be the place where you run spectrum, save intermediate files and plots, and generally do your work. No one else has access to this directory, so you can freely modify files and create them here. Also feel free to create more directories in whatever way makes the most sense for your workflow. I am always sure to remember to keep good notes or a README file to ensure that I tell future-Roy what past-Roy was thinking when I created this directory or set of files.

2.6 Getting Necessary Files in Place

Now try to run spectrum. If all goes well, it should run and begin to prompt you for the necessary input files. If those files are not in the directory where you are when you run spectrum, you will need to COPY them into this user directory. Please make sure not to remove them from the original location :)

For example, the atmosphere, line list file, and some other files will need to be copied to the user directory you created.

You might copy the Vega atmosphere file to your current directory like this:

```
cp ~/hoban_common/SPECTRUM/spectrum277/vega.mod .
```

Where the ‘.’ just means ‘where I am now’. Remember that the ~ is a shortcut to your home directory.

To be clear, you’ll need to do some detective work on your own for this last step. Run spectrum a few times and see what it complains about. Then move those files over until it runs!

Any questions?

I am eternally available for help! I promise to respond to any questions as soon as I’m able!

3 TL;DR

```
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$ ./hoban_common/scripts/mkSpectrumEnv  
/umbc/xfs1/hoban/users/proutyr1/stellarSpectra is now available!  
[proutyr1@taki-usr2 ~]$
```

This does all of the important commands, but no learning takes place! :(