Using HTCondor for Teaching and Research at UW-Eau Claire

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Collaboration

HTCondor Infrastructure

DPL Cluster

• 36 Cores

EB Wilson Cluster

• 96 Cores, 2 GPUs

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• 12 Cores, 6 GPUs

Key HTCondor Features

- Dynamic Slots
- Condor Connection Broker
- UID_DOMAIN
- Flocking



Future HPC Infrastructure

Blugold Commitment SuperComputer

- \$100,000 Hardware
 - 100-200 CPUs
 - 2-4 GPUs
- \$20,000 Software
 - Specialized compilers
 - Domain specific applications

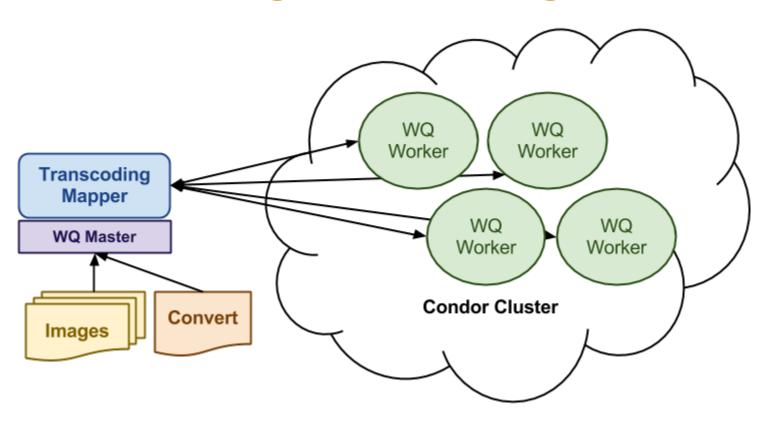
Computational Science Working Group

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Consolidate management and administration
- Promote HPC research and teaching

General Purpose HPC cluster and a supportive computational science community.

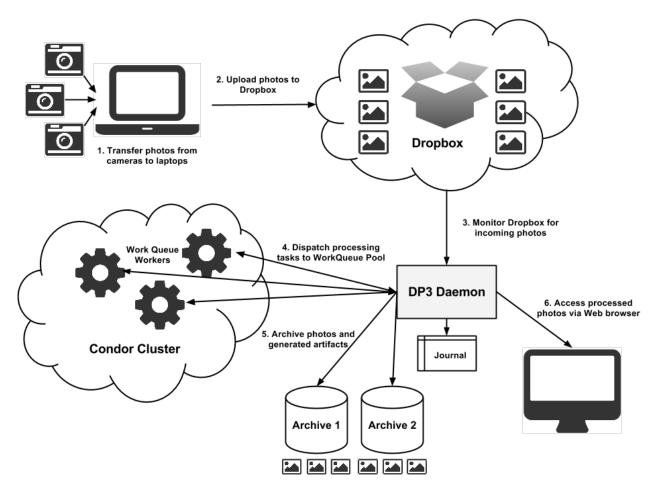
HTCondor in Research

Image Transcoding



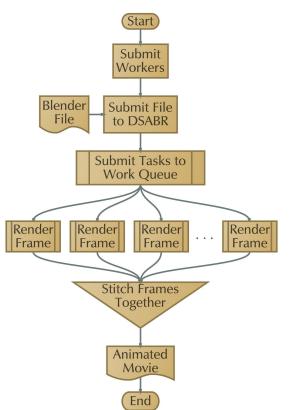
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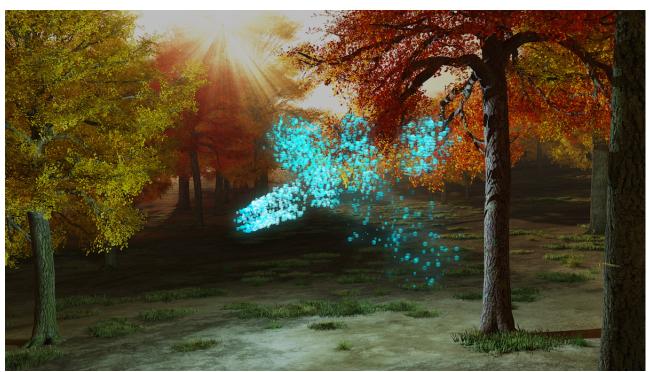
Distributed Photo Processing Pipeline (DP3)



HTCondor in Research (Continued)

Distributed System For Automated Blender Rendering (DSABR)





HTCondor in Teaching

- CS 252 Computer Systems
 MPI Scheduler
- CS 352 Computer Organization & Design Distributed Computing
- CS 485 Software Engineering Continuous Integration
- CS 491 Cloud Computing
 WorkQueue MapReduce

Future HTCondor Projects

- HTML5 Cluster Visualization.
- RESTful Cluster Web Service.
- Cloud provisioning system.
- Curriculum modules for distributed computing.

Concluding Observations

- HTCondor enables connecting multiple distributed systems.
- HTCondor is a low-level component in distributed system stack.
- HTCondor is powerful, but also complex.
- HTCondor needs an easier API for third party extension.

Questions?

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