

# An Introduction to High Performance Computing on the Minerva Cluster

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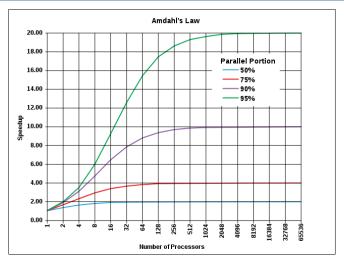
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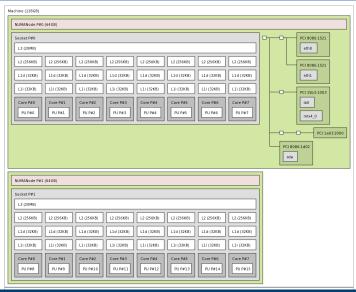
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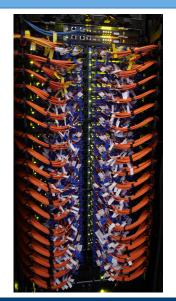
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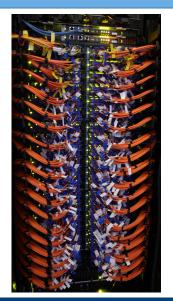
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First time starting a remote desktop:

```
[sjr20@login-a-1~]$ vncserver

You will require a password to access your desktops.

Password:
Verify:
Would you like to enter a view-only password (y/n)? n

New 'login-a-1:99 (sjr20)' desktop is login-a-1:99
```

Starting applications specified in /home/sjr20/.vnc/xstartup Log file is /home/sjr20/.vnc/login-a-1:99.log

- ▶ NB Choose a different password for VNC.
- ► The VNC password protects your desktop from other users.
- ► Remember the unique display number (99 here) of your desktop.



Remote desktop already running:

```
[sjr20@login-a-1 ~]$ vncserver -list
TigerVNC server sessions:

X DISPLAY # PROCESS ID
:99 130655
```

► Kill it:

```
[sjr20@login-a-1~]$ vncserver -kill :99 Killing Xvnc process ID 130655
```

- ► Typically you only need one remote desktop.
- ► Keeps running until killed, or the node reboots.



► To connect to the desktop from Linux:

```
vncviewer -via npl\\abc12@minerva-login1.npl.ad.local localhost:99
```

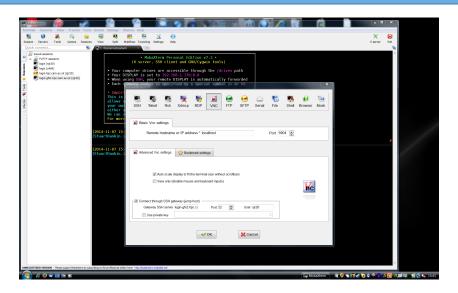
- ► The display number 99 will be different in general and unique to each desktop.
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# Connecting: Remote Desktop (MobaXterm)





## Using HPC: User Environment

- ► CentOS Linux 7.4 (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.4 rebuild)
  - ▶ bash shell
  - Gnome or XFCE4 desktop (if you want)
  - ► GCC compilers and other development software.
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## User Environment: Filesystems

- ► /home/abc12@npl.ad.local
  - ▶ 50GB quota.
  - Visible equally from all nodes.
  - ► Single storage server.
  - Regular backups.
  - ► Not intended for job outputs or large/many input files.
- ~/hpc-work
  - Visible equally from all nodes.
  - ► Larger (1TB initial quota).
  - Intended for job inputs and outputs.
  - ▶ Not backed up by default.



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Disk quotas for user sjr20 (uid 1004):
    Filesystem space
                      guota
                              limit
                                     grace files
                                                     quota limit
                                                                      grace
10.44.82.252:/hpc-work
                               1126G
                       1024G
                                                                  0
10.44.82.252:/home
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## Filesystems: Permissions

- ▶ Be careful and if unsure, please ask support.
  - Can lead to accidental destruction of your data or account compromise.
- ► Avoid changing the permissions on your home directory.
  - ► Files under /home are particularly security sensitive.
  - ► Easy to break passwordless communication between nodes.

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- ► Modules load or unload additional software packages.
- ► Some are required and automatically loaded on login.
- Others are optional extras, or possible replacements for other modules.
- Beware unloading default modules in \(\frac{1}{2}\). bashrc.
- Beware overwriting environment variables such as PATH and LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH in ~/.bashrc. If necessary append or prepend.



► Currently loaded:

► Available:

module av

#### Whatis:

```
module whatis openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm: The Open MPI Project is an open source...
```

#### ► Load:

```
module load openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm
```

#### ► Unload:

```
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► Purge:

module purge

▶ Defaults:

```
module show centos7/default-basic
module load centos7/default-basic
```

▶ Run time environment must match compile time environment.

## User Environment: Compilers

#### ► GCC

```
gcc -03 -mtune=native code.c -o prog
gfortran -03 -mtune=native code.f90 -o prog
module load openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm
mpicc -03 -mtune=native mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
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- ► Compute resources are managed by a scheduler: SLURM/PBS/SGE/LSF/...
- ▶ Jobs are submitted to the scheduler
  - analogous to submitting jobs to a print queue
  - a file (submission script) is copied and queued for processing.

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- ▶ Jobs may use part or all of one or more nodes
  - the owner can specify --exclusive to force exclusive node access.
- Template submission scripts are available under ~/job\_templates.



# Job Submission: Using SLURM

▶ Prepare a shell script and submit it to SLURM:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ sbatch slurm_submission_script Submitted batch job 790299
```



#### Job Submission: Show Queue

Submitted job scripts are copied and stored in a queue:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ squeue -u abc123
            JOBID PARTITION
                                NAME.
                                         USER ST
                                                      TIME
                                                            NODES NODELIST(REASON)
           790299
                    skvlake
                                Test3 abc123 PD
                                                      0:00
                                                                 2 (Priority)
           790290
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#### Job Submission: Monitor Job

► Examine a particular job:

[abc123@login-a-1]\$ scontrol show job=790290



#### Job Submission: Cancel Job

► Cancel a particular job:

[abc123@login-a-1]\$ scancel 790290

#### ► SLURM

```
#!/bin/bash
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#!/bin/bash
#! Name of the job:
#$BATCH -J myjob
#! Which project should be charged:
#$BATCH -A NPL-GENERAL-CPU
#! How many whole nodes should be allocated?
#$BATCH --nodes=1
#! How many tasks will there be in total? (<= nodes*32)
#$BATCH --ntasks=16
#! How much wallclock time will be required?
#$BATCH --time=02:00:00
#! Select partition:
#$BATCH -p skylake</pre>
```

- ▶ #SBATCH lines are structured comments
  - correspond to sbatch command line options.
- ► The above job will be given 16 cpus on 1 node for 2 hours (by default there is 1 task per node, and 1 cpu per task).



# Job Submission: Accounting Commands

► How many core hours available do I have?

#### mybalance

User	Usage	1	Account	Usage	1	Account Limit	Available	(hours)
		+			+			
sjr20	3	1	SUPPORT-CPU	2,929	1	22,425,600	22,422,671	
sjr20	0	1	SUPPORT-GPU	0	1	87,600	87,600	

► How many core hours does some other project or user have?

#### gbalance -p SUPPORT-CPU

User	Usage	 +	Account	Usage	 +	Account Limit	Available	(hours)
pfb29 sjr20 *	2,925	1	SUPPORT-CPU SUPPORT-CPU	2,929 2,929	I	22,425,600 22,425,600		
 (Use -u fo	r user.)							

► List all jobs charged to a project/user between certain times:

gstatement -	p NPL-GENE	RAL-CPU -u	xyz10 -s "2	2018-04-01-	00:00:00" -e "2018	-04-30-00:0	0:00"	
JobID	User	Account	JobName	Partition	E	nd ExitCode	State	CompHrs
263	xyz10	support-c+	_interact+	skylake	2018-04-18T19:44:	40 0:0	TIMEOUT	1.0
264	xyz10	support-c+	_interact+	skylake	2018-04-18T19:48:	0:0	CANCELLED+	0.1
275	xyz10	support-c+	_interact+	skylake	Unkno	wn 0:0	RUNNING	0.3



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export OMP_NUM_THREADS=32 # For OpenMP across 32 cores
$application $options
...
```



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#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=16 # Half node

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. . .
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#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=128  # i.e. 32x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
mpirun -np 128 $application $options
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## Job Submission: Scheduling Top Dos & Don'ts

#### ▶ Do ...

- ► Give reasonably accurate wall times (allows backfilling).
- ► Check your balance occasionally (mybalance).
- Test on a small scale first.
- ► Implement checkpointing if possible (reduces resource wastage).

#### ▶ Don't ...

- Request more than you need
  - you will wait longer and use more credits.
- Cancel jobs unnecessarily
  - priority increases over time.