

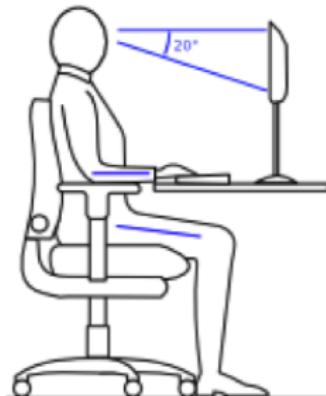
An Introduction to High Performance Computing

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Your trainers for today will be:

- ▶ **Stuart Rankin**
Research Computing User Services
- ▶ **Mark Sharpley**
Research Computing Platforms
- ▶ We are generalists, but there is also the **Research Software Engineering** team.

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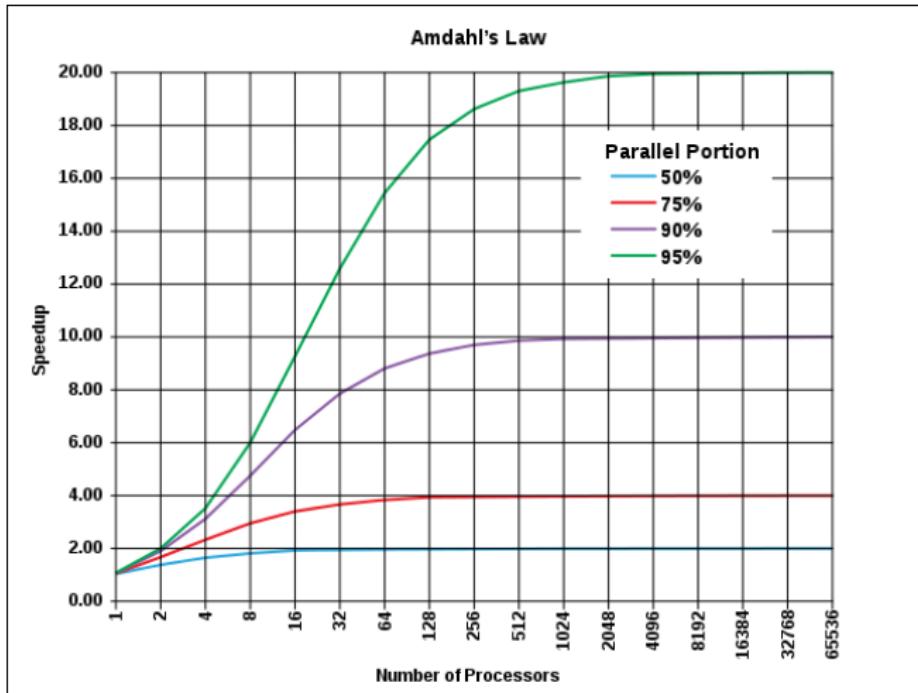
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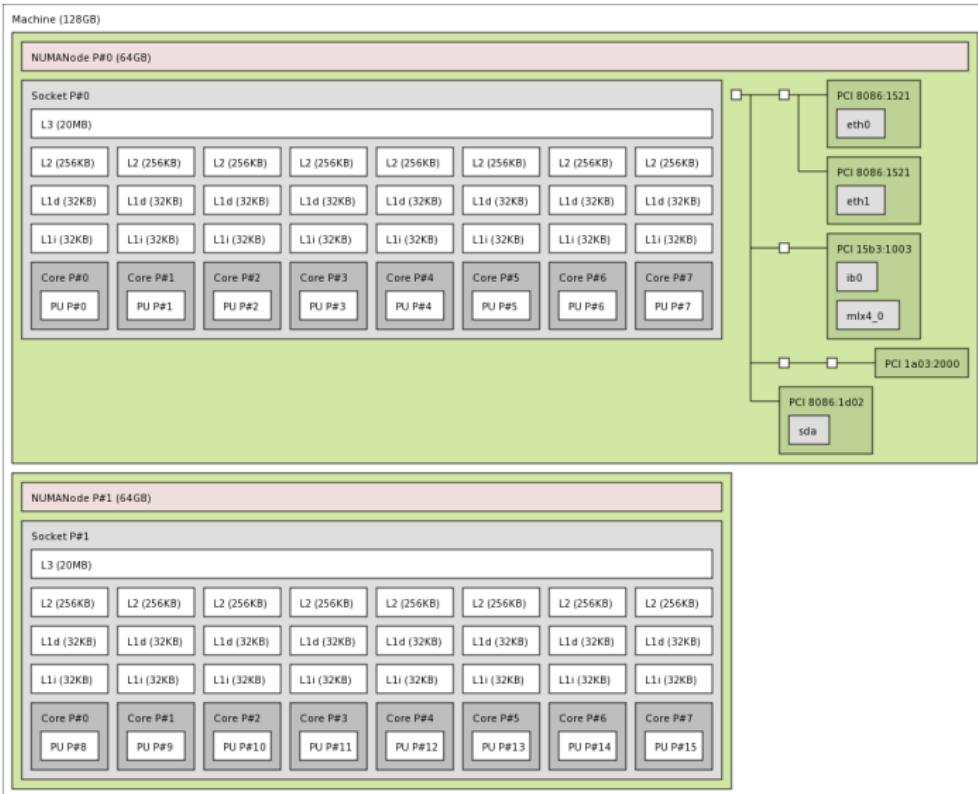
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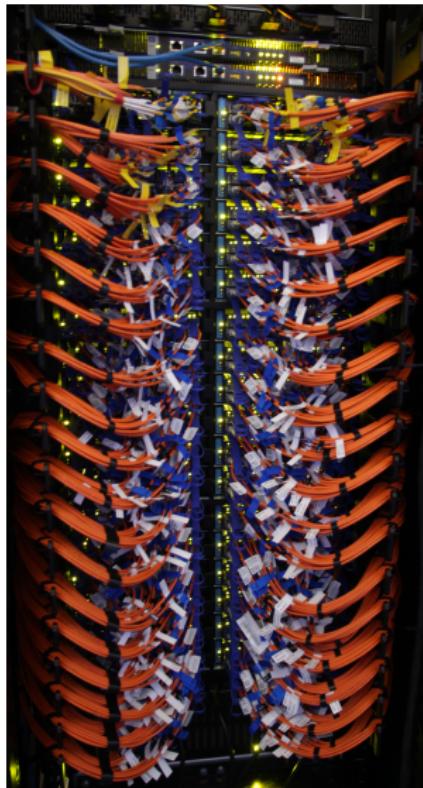
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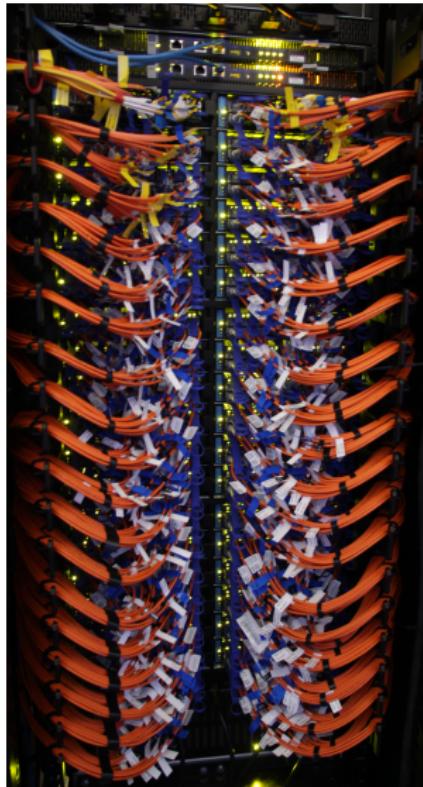
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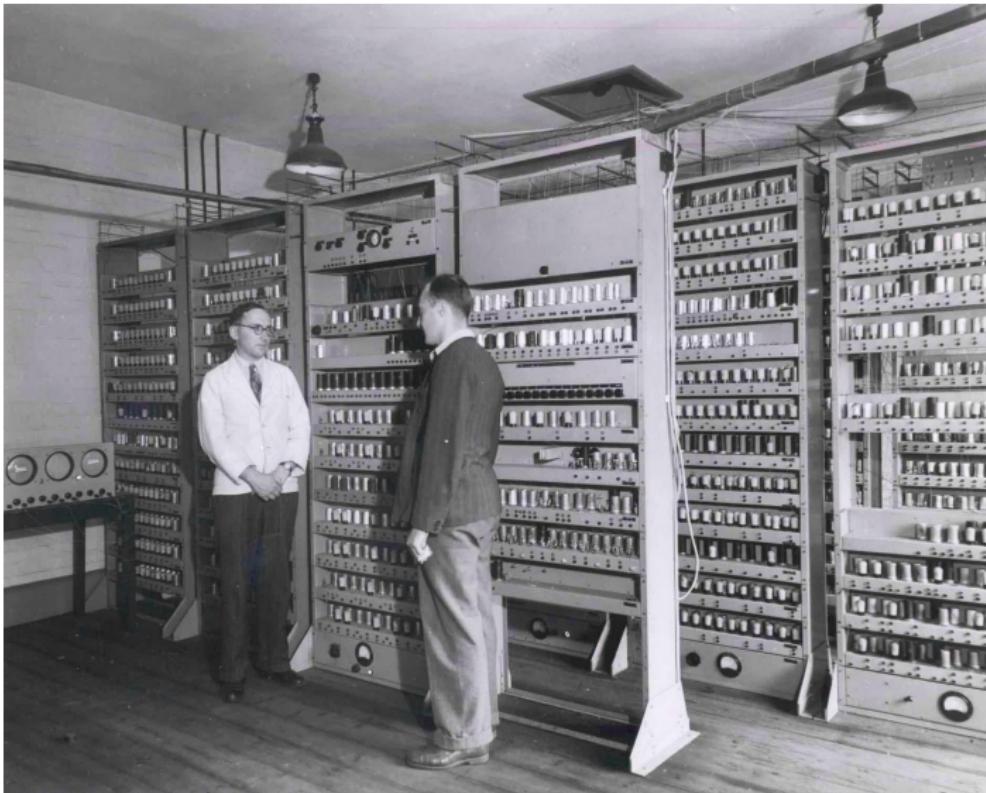
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Cluster Storage

- ▶ Lustre cluster filesystem:
 - * Very scalable, high bandwidth.
 - * Multiple RAID6 back-end disk volumes.
 - * Multiple object storage servers.
 - * Single metadata server.
 - * Tape-backed HSM on newest filesystems.
 - * 12 GB/sec overall read or write.
 - * Prefers big read/writes over small.

Obtaining an Account and Support

- ▶ <https://www.hpc.cam.ac.uk/applications-access-research-computing-services>
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```
[sjr20@login-e-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-e-1:99 (sjr20)' desktop is **login-e-1:99**

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

- ▶ NB Choose a **different** password for VNC to protect your desktop from other users.
- ▶ Note the unique host and display number (**login-e-1** and **:99** here).

Connecting: Remote Desktop

- ▶ Remote desktop already running:

```
[sjr20@login-e-1 ~]$ vncserver -list
```

TigerVNC server sessions:

X DISPLAY #	PROCESS ID
:99	130655

- ▶ Kill it:

```
[sjr20@login-e-1 ~]$ vncserver -kill :99  
Killing Xvnc process ID 130655
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- ▶ Typically you only need **one** remote desktop.
- ▶ Keeps running until killed, or the node reboots.

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 - ▶ 40GB quota.
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 - ▶ Single storage server.
 - ▶ Hourly, daily, weekly snapshots copied to tape.
 - ▶ Not intended for job outputs or large/many input files.
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User Environment: Filesystems

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 - ▶ 40GB quota.
 - ▶ Visible equally from all nodes.
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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.

User Environment: Software

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User Environment: Environment Modules

- ▶ 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 `~/.bashrc`.
- ▶ Beware overwriting environment variables such as `PATH` and `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` in `~/.bashrc`. If necessary append or prepend.

User Environment: Environment Modules

► Currently loaded:

```
module list
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
 1) dot
 2) slurm
 3) turbovnc/2.0.1
 4) vgl/2.5.1/64
 5) singularity/current
 6) rhel7/global
 7) intel/compilers/2017.4
 8) intel/mkl/2017.4
 9) intel/impi/2017.4/intel
10) intel/libs/idb/2017.4
11) intel/libs/tbb/2017.4
12) intel/libs/ipp/2017.4
13) intel/libs/daal/2017.4
14) intel/bundles/complib/2017.4
15) rhel7/default-peta4
```

► Available:

```
module av
```

User Environment: Environment Modules

- ▶ What is:

```
module whatis openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f: The Open MPI Project is an open source...
```

- ▶ Load:

```
module load openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
```

- ▶ Unload:

```
module unload openmpi-1.10.7-gcc-5.4.0-jdc7f4f
```

User Environment: Environment Modules

- ▶ Matlab

```
module load matlab/r2017b
```

- ▶ Invoking matlab in batch mode:

```
matlab -nodisplay -nojvm -nosplash command
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where the file command.m contains your matlab code.

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User Environment: Environment Modules

- ▶ Purge:

```
module purge
```

- ▶ Defaults loaded on login (vary by cluster):

```
module show rhel7/default-peta4
```

```
/usr/local/Cluster-Config/modulefiles/rhel7/default-peta4:
```

```
module-whatis      default user environment for Peta4 nodes with Intel MPI
setenv            OMP_NUM_THREADS 1
module            add dot slurm turbovnc vgl singularity
module            add rhel7/global
module            add intel/bundles/complib/2017.4


---


```

```
module load rhel7/default-peta4
```

- ▶ Run time environment must match compile time environment.

User Environment: Compilers

Intel: `icc`, `icpc`, `ifort` (recommended)

```
icc -O3 -xHOST -ip code.c -o prog  
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```

GCC: `gcc`, `g++`, `gfortran`

```
gcc -O3 -mtune=native code.c -o prog  
mpicc -cc=gcc -O3 -mtune=native mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
```

PGI: `pgcc`, `pgCC`, `pgf90`

```
pgcc -O3 -tp=skylake code.c -o prog  
mpicc -cc=pgcc -O3 -tp=skylake mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
```

Exercise 5: Modules and Compilers

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Exercise 5: Modules and Compilers

Using HPC: Job Submission



Using HPC: Job Submission

- ▶ 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 are submitted from the **login node**
 - not itself managed by the scheduler.
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Using HPC: Job Submission

- ▶ Jobs may use part or all of one or more nodes
 - the owner can specify `--exclusive` to force exclusive node access (automatic on KNL).
- ▶ Template submission scripts are available under
`/usr/local/Cluster-Docs/SLURM.`

Job Submission: Using SLURM

- ▶ Prepare a shell script and submit it to SLURM:

```
[abc123@login-e-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-e-1]$ squeue -u abc123
      JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
    790299    skylake   Test3  abc123 PD      0:00      2 (Priority)
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```

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```

Job Submission: Monitor Job

- ▶ Examine a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ scontrol show job=790290
```

Job Submission: Accounting Commands

- ▶ How many core hours available do I have?

```
mybalance
```

User	Usage	Account	Usage	Account Limit	Available (hours)
sjr20	3	SUPPORT-CPU	2,929	22,425,600	22,422,671
sjr20	0	SUPPORT-GPU	0	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	2,925	SUPPORT-CPU	2,929	22,425,600	22,422,671
sjr20 *	3	SUPPORT-CPU	2,929	22,425,600	22,422,671
...					

(Use -u for user.)

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

```
gstatement -p SUPPORT-CPU -u xyz10 -s "2018-04-01-00:00:00" -e "2018-04-30-00:00:00"
```

JobID	User	Account	JobName	Partition	End	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	2018-04-18T19:48:07	0:0	CANCELLED+	0.1
275	xyz10	support-c+ _interact+		skylake	Unknown	0:0	RUNNING	0.3
...								

Job Submission: Cancel Job

- ▶ Cancel a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-e-1]$ scancel 790290
```

Job Submission: Scripts

► SLURM

In `/usr/local/Cluster-Docs/SLURM`, see examples:
`slurm_submit.peta4-skylake`, `slurm_submit.wilkes2`.

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

► `#SBATCH` lines are *structured comments*

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► The above job will be given 1 cpu on 1 node for 2 hours (by default there is 1 task per node, and 1 cpu per task).

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#! How many whole nodes should be allocated?
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#! How many tasks will there be in total? (<= nodes*32)
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#! How much wallclock time will be required?
#SBATCH --time=02:00:00
#! Select partition:
#SBATCH -p skylake
...
```

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- 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: Single Node Jobs

- ▶ Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=
#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS= # For OpenMP across cores
$application $options
...
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# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=32 # Whole node

#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=32 # For OpenMP across 32 cores
$application $options
...
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...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=16 # Half node

#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16 # For OpenMP across 16 cores
$application $options
...
```

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# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=32 # Whole node

#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16 # For OpenMP across 16 cores (using all memory)
$application $options
...
```

Job Submission: MPI Jobs

- ▶ Parallel job across multiple nodes.

```
#!/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
...
```

- ▶ SLURM-aware MPI launches remote tasks via SLURM (doesn't need a list of nodes).

Job Submission: MPI Jobs

- ▶ Parallel job across multiple nodes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=64      # i.e. 16x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
mpirun -ppn 16 -np 64 $application $options
...
```

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Job Submission: Hybrid Jobs

- ▶ Parallel jobs using both MPI and OpenMP.

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#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=64      # i.e. 16x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2  # i.e. 2 threads per MPI task.
mpirun -ppn 16 -np 64 $application $options
...
```

- ▶ This job uses 128 CPUs (each MPI task splits into 2 OpenMP threads).

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Job Submission: High Throughput Jobs

- ▶ Multiple serial jobs across multiple nodes.
- ▶ Use `srun` to launch tasks (job steps) within a job.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=2
...
cd directory_for_job1
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job1 > output 2> err &
cd directory_for_job2
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job2 > output 2> err &
...
cd directory_for_job64
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job64 > output 2> err &
wait
```

- ▶ Exercise 6–8 – Submitting Jobs.

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...
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srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job1 > output 2> err &
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...
cd directory_for_job64
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job64 > output 2> err &
wait
```

- ▶ Exercise 6–8 – Submitting Jobs.

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