

Useful debugging commands

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Recap of session-based scripts

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Inspecting sessions

Alternate display of session contents, I

Display top-level tasks in session S:

\$ gsession list S

Exercise 3.A: Now try this yourself.

WTF??

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gc3.gc3libs: WARNING: Failed loading file '/home/ubuntu/S/jobs/WarholizeWorkflow.108': Impo
...
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Alternate display of session contents, II

Display all tasks in session S:

\$ gsession list --recursive S

Alternate display of session contents, III

Display summary of tasks in session S:

Show log of actions in session

The gession log command prints out the sequence of actions and state changes for all tasks in a session:

```
$ gsession log ex2b

Jul 09 22:13:53 GrayscaleApp.6: Submitting to 'localhost'

Jul 09 22:13:53 GrayscaleApp.6: SUBMITTED

Jul 09 22:13:58 GrayscaleApp.6: Submitted to 'localhost'

Jul 09 22:13:58 GrayscaleApp.6: TERMINATING

Jul 09 22:13:58 GrayscaleApp.6: Final output downloaded to 'grayscale.d'

Jul 09 22:13:58 GrayscaleApp.6: TERMINATED
```

Dump contents of a task

The ginfo command allows you to dump the contents of a specific task, or all tasks in a session:

```
$ ginfo -v -s ex2b
GrayscaleApp.6
  arguments: convert, bfly.jpg, -colorspace, gray, gray-bfly.jpg
  T...1
  execution.
    f...1
    history:
      - Submitting to 'localhost' at Sun Jul 10 00:27:02 2016
      1...1
    lrms execdir: /home/gc3pie/docs/programmers/tutorials/workflows/gc3libs.SMGNxr
    1rms jobid: 23183
    resource name: localhost
    [...]
  inputs:
    file:///home/gc3pie/docs/programmers/tutorials/workflows/bflv.ipg: bflv.ipg
  1...1
  output dir: grayscale.d
  outputs:
    gray-lbfly.jpg: file, , gray-bfly.jpg, None, None, , None, None
    stderr.txt: file, , stderr.txt, None, None, , None, None
    stdout.txt: file, , stdout.txt, None, None, , None, None
  1...1
  stderr: stderr.txt
  stdin: None
  stdout: stdout txt
  [...]
```

Dump contents of a task, II

Note that **without the -v** option, ginfo limits its output to the .execution attribute of a Task/Application object:

```
$ ginfo -s S
GrayscaleApp.6
[...]
history:
    - Submitting to 'localhost' at Sun Jul 10 00:27:02 2016
[...]
lrms_execdir: /home/gc3pie/docs/programmers/tutorials/workflows/gc3libs.SMGNxr
lrms_jobid: 23183
resource_name: localhost
[...]
```

Session management

Abort all tasks in a session

The gsession abort command kills all tasks in a session.

```
$ gsession abort S
```

It produces normally no output; use the $\neg v$ option to see a log of actions taken.

Note: it is important that sessions are terminated! Otherwise, GC3Pie will consider part of the resources as still allocated to a task. This is especially evident when running on a single computer: after launching a few tasks, GC3Pie will stop and refuse to run anything.

Manual cleanup of the localhost resource

In case of incomplete cleanup, you will still run into this error:

ERROR: Resource localhost already running maximum allowed number of jobs

As a last resort, you can inspect directory

\$HOME/.gc3/shellcmd.d:

\$ ls \$HOME/.gc3/shellcmd.d
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Each of these files is an allocated execution slot in the localhost resource. Delete the files to free up the slot.

(The file name is the PID of the process, in case you want to check if a command is still running before you make GC3Pie forget about it.)

Aborting a single task

To stop and abort a single task, use the gkill command:

\$ gkill -s S MyApplication.123

Combining commands

Selecting tasks from a session, I

The gselect command is the go-to tool for selective listing of tasks in a session. For example, to list finished tasks:

The output of gselect is a list of task IDs, to be fed into another GC3Pie command. For example, to kill all queued tasks:

```
> gselect -s S --state SUBMITTED | xargs gkill -s S
```

Selecting tasks from a session, II

The gselect command has many different options to select tasks:

Exercise 3.B: Use gselect to print the IDs of the "TricolorizeImage" tasks in the last "Warholize" session.