Slurm Script

Basic Slurm script commands

Slurm script command	Description
#!/bin/bash	Sets the shell that the job will be executed on the compute node
#SBATCHntasks=1 #SBATCHn1	Requests for 1 processors on task, usually 1 cpu as 1 cpu per task is default.
#SBATCHtime=0-05:00 #SBATCH -t 0-05:00	Sets the maximum runtime of 5 hours for your job
#SBATCHmail-user= <email></email>	Sets the email address for sending notifications about your job state.
#SBATCHmail-type=BEGIN #SBATCHmail-type=END #SBATCHmail-type=FAIL #SBATCHmail-type=REQUEUE #SBATCHmail-type=ALL	Sets the scedualing system to send you email when the job enters the follwoing states: BEGIN,END,FAIL,REQUEUE,ALL
#SBATCHjob-name=my-named-job	Sets the Jobs name

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#SBATCH -ntasks=X	Requests for X tasks. When cpus-per-task=1 (and this is the default) this requests X cores. When not otherwise constraint these CPUs may be running on any node
#SBATCHnodes=X	Request that a minimum of X nodes be allocated to this job
#SBATCHnodes=X-Y	Request that a minimum of X nodes and a maximum of Y nodes be allocated to this job
#SBATCHcpus-per-task=X	Request that a minimum of X CPUs per task be allocated to this job
#SBATCHtasks-per-node=X	Requests minimum of X task be allocated per node

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#SBATCHntasks=1 #SBATCHcpus-per-task=1	Requests 1 CPU (Serial) cpus-per-task is set to 1 by default and may be omitted.
#SBATCHcpus-per-task=X #SBATCHntasks=1 #SBATCHnodes=1	Requests for X CPUs in 1 task on 1 node (OpenMP) Both ntasks and nodes are set to 1 by default and may be omitted
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#SBATCHntasks=X #SBATCHcpus-per-task=1	Requests X CPUs and tasks (MPI) cpus-per-task is set to 1 by default and may be omitted.
#SBATCHntasks=X #SBATCHntasks-per-node=Y #SBATCHcpus-per-task=1	Requests for X CPUs and tasks with Y CPUs and tasks per node (MPI) cpus-per-task is set to 1 by default and may be omitted.
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#SBATCHmem=4000	Requests 4000 MB of memory in total
#SBATCHmem-per-cpu=4000	Requests 4000 MB of memory per cpu
#SBATCHlicenses=sas:2	Requests 2 SAS licenses
#SBATCHgres=gpu:1	Requests that your job get 1 GPU allocated per node
#SBATCHexclusive	Requests that your job run only on nodes with no other running jobs
#SBATCHdependency=after:job_id1	Requests that the the job start after job (jobid1) has started
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SLURM Environment Variables

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SLURM_JOB_NAME	User specified job name
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SLURM_NNODES	Number of nodes allocated to the job
SLURM_NTASKS	Number of tasks allocated to the job
SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID	Array index for this job
SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_MAX	Total number of array indexes for this job
SLURM_MEM_PER_CPU	Memory allocated per CPU
SLURM_JOB_NODELIST	List of nodes on which resources are allocated to Job
SLURM_JOB_CPUS_PER_NODE	Number of CPUs allocated per Node
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#SBATCHaccount=acc_name	To submit a job to a specific accounting group such as RAC/RAS allocation or different role
#SBATCHtmp=200G	Asks for 200Gb of temporary disk space
#SBATCHconstraint=blue	To ask for a node feature or constraint set by cluster admin. Here we are looking for "blue" nodes.
#SBATCH partition_name	To ask for the job to run in a specific partition or queue by name, (unlike Moab there can be more than 1 partition per Job)
prolog= <executable></executable>	Run by srun only, runs the executable before the step
epilog= <executable></executable>	Run by srun only, runs the executable after the step finishes

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Getting information on your Job

Command	What its used for
squeue -u <username></username>	List all current jobs for a user
squeue -u <username> -t PENDING</username>	List all pending jobs for a user
squeue -u <username> -t RUNNING</username>	List all running jobs for a user
Squeue -p <partitionname></partitionname>	List all the jobs in a partition
scontrol show job <jobid></jobid>	List information on Job
scontrol show jobid -dd <jobid></jobid>	List detailed information on Job
Squeue -o "%.18i %.30P %.8j %. 8u %.2t %.8p %.10M %.6D %R "	Formatted output of squeue: we added priority and made the partition field bigger (30 characters)

Controlling jobs

Command	What its used for
scancel <jobid></jobid>	Cancel job
scancel -u <username></username>	Cancel all the jobs for a user
scancel -t PENDING -u <username></username>	Cancel all the pending jobs for a user:
Scancel -name JobName	Cancel one or more jobs by name
scontrol hold <jobid></jobid>	Hold a job, prevent it form starting
scontrol resume <jobid></jobid>	Release a job hold, allowing the job to try to start
scontrol requeue <jobid></jobid>	Requeue a running, suspended or finished job into pending state
scontrol requeuehold <jobid></jobid>	First requeue the job than put a hold on it.
squeue -u <username> -ho %A -t R</username>	List running jobs by user
squeuestart	Show expected start time of jobs. (This can change)

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Command	What its used for
sstat format=AveCPU,MaxRSS,MaxV MSize,JobID -j <jobid></jobid>	List info resource used by your completed job: average cpu time, Max memory, Max virtual memory, JobId
<pre>sacct -u <username> format=JobID,JobName,AveCPU ,MaxRSS,MaxVMSize,JobID,Elap sed</username></pre>	List resources used by all jobs of a user
sprio	List job priority information

Getting information on you and your group

Command	What its used for
sacctmgr list Users USERS= <username></username>	List user and their default account (accounting group)
sacctmgr show user <username> withassoc</username>	List user and their default account (accounting group) and shows more extensive information
sshare	Shows usage info for user usage and priority.
sshare -l	Shows even more info for user usage and priority.

Getting information on your Cluster

Command	What its used for
sinfostates=idle	Show idle node on cluster
sinfo -R	Show down, drained and draining nodes and their reason
sinfoNodelong	Show detailed node info.
scontrol show reservation	Shows reservations on the cluster
partition-stats	Compute Canada script to show jobs and nodes by partition

scontrol create reservation
user=root starttime=now
duration=infinite
flags=maint
nodes=<nodeid>