

Introduction to High Performance Computing software - Lmod modules

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Outline

- ★ Software distribution on HPC clusters
- How to find software packages and modules?
- ★ Software stacks on Grex
- ★ Hands on: using modules



Software distribution

Operating system package managers / repos:

- ★ Ubuntu: ~\$ sudo apt-get install <package>
- ★ CentOS: ~\$ sudo yum install <package>
- ★ On HPC: users do not have sudo! (NO NEED TO ASK FOR IT)

Using a centralized HPC software stack:

- ★ Software distributed via CVMFS: software stacks and modules, ...
- ★ Local software: modules, legally restricted software (VASP, Gaussian, ...)

Local installation: usually to \$HOME {/home/\$USER} or \$PROJECT

- ★ Get the code: download the sources/binaries: wget, git clone, curl, ... etc.
- ★ Settings: load dependencies, set environment variables, ... etc.
- ★ Build: ./configure {cmake ..} +opts; make; make test {check}; make install



Software on HPC clusters

★ Home made: programs, scripts and tools, ... etc.

Up to a user, ... Help is available.

- Free Software: GNU Public License.
 - Open Source, Binaries, Libraries, Compilers, Tools, ...
- ★ Commercial Software: restricted [VASP, STATA, ...]
 - → Contact support with some details about the license, ...
 - → We install the program & protect it with a POSIX group.



Software and modules

→ What are Modules?

- configuration files that contain instructions for modifying your software environment.
- The modular architecture allows multiple versions of the same application to be installed without conflict.
- contains instructions that modify or initialize environment variables such as PATH and LD_LIBRARY_PATH in order to use different installed programs.

→ Why modules?

- Control different versions of the same program.
- Avoid conflicts between different versions and libraries.
- Set the right path to each program or library.



Lmod and modules



Useful commands for working with modules:



- module list; module avail
- o module spider <soft>/<version>
- module load soft/version
- module unload {rm} <soft>/<version>
- module show soft/version
- module help <soft>/<version>
- module purge; module --force purge
- module use ~/modulefiles
- module unuse ~/modulefiles

[~@yak]\$ module list

Currently Loaded Modules: SBEnv (S)

Where:

S: Module is Sticky, requires --force to unload or purge

[~@login2 ~]\$ module list

Currently Loaded Modules:

1) CCconfig 4) gcc/12.3 (t) 7) libfabric/1.18.0 10) openmpi/4.1.5 (m) 13) StdEnv/2023 (S) 2) gentoo/2023 (S) 5) hwloc/2.9.1 8) pmix/4.2.4 11)

flexiblas/3.3.1

3) gcccore/.12.3 (H) 6) ucx/1.14.1 9) ucc/1.2.0 12) imkl/2023.2.0 (math)



HPC software stacks

- ★ A set of compilers and libraries:
 - o GCC, Intel compilers, ...
 - Libraries: hdf5, boost, netcdf, ...
- ★ Modules hierarchy:
 - arch: branch for a given architecture {avx2; avx512}
 - CUDA: any program using GPU acceleration under the same tree.
 - Core modules: java, perl, ... etc.
 - Compiler:
 - GCC: programs compiled with gcc
 - Intel: compiled with Intel
 - OpenMPI: Compiler/OpenMPI
- Possibility to maintain one or more software stacks.



Software stacks on Grex

- ★ Grex environment [default]: SBEnv
 - o no module loaded by default, two architectures: avx2/avx512
 - use module spider <software name> to search for modules
 - Compilers (GCC, Intel), MKL, PETSc, ... etc.
 - Gaussian, ANSYS, MATLAB, ... etc.
- ★ The Alliance (Compute Canada) environment [optional]: CCEnv
 - Switch to CCEnv; load a standard environment; choose the architecture[avx2/avx512], use module spider <soft>

module load CCEnv module load arch/avx512 module load StdEnv/2023 module load gcc/12.3 geant4/11.3.0

For GPUs: module load CCEnv module load arch/avx2 module load StdEnv/2023



Software maintenance

- → Compilers/Libraries and more:
 - ◆ Compilers: GCC [8.5 13.2]; Intel [2019, 2023], ... etc.
 - Libraries: HDF5, PETSc, GSL, MKL, Libxc, Boost, ...
 - Gaussian, ANSYS, MATLAB, VASP, ORCA, MCR, Java, Python, R, ... etc.
 - LAMMPS, GROMACS, QE, OpenBABEL, ... etc.
- → Software maintenance on Grex and Alliance clusters:
 - We install programs and update modules on request from users.
 - Search for a program using "module spider <name of your program>"
 - If not installed, ask for support "support@tech.alliancecan.ca"
 - We will install the module and/or update the version.
 - For commercial software, contact us before you purchase the code:
 - to check license type.
 - see if it will run under Linux environment, ... etc.



Lmod commands



Useful commands for working with modules:

- module list
- module avail
- module spider <soft>/<version>
- module load soft/version
- o module unload {rm} <soft>/<version>
- module show soft/version
- o module help <soft>/<version>
- module purge; module --force purge
- module use ~/modulefiles; module unuse ~/modulefiles



Hands on: locate modules

List of modules: python, java, perl, hdf5, netcdf, lammps, gromacs, cp2k, ... **Exercise:**

- Pick one module from the above list; myprogram
- ★ Run the command: module spider myprogram
- ★ What to expect:
 - The module does not exist {ask for support if needed}
 - One or many versions of the module.
 - If many, pick a version and run: module spider myprogram/version
 - Read the instructions and load the module
 - Experiment with other commands: module list, module show myprogram, module help myprogram, module whatis, module rm, ...
- ★ Run "module purge" and repeat the exercise for another program.



Thank you for your attention

Any question?



Additional slides



module list: MC/Alliance

[~@narval2: ~]\$ module list

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- 2) gentoo/2023 (S) 5) hwloc/2.9.1 8) pmix/4.2.4 11) flexiblas/3.3.1
- 3) gcccore/.12.3 (H) 6) ucx/1.14.1 9) ucc/1.2.0 12) blis/0.9.0

Where:

S: Module is Sticky, requires --force to unload or purge

m: MPI implementations / Implémentations MPI

t: Tools for development / Outils de développement

H: Hidden Module

- StdEnv/2023 loaded by default
- gcc/12.3 and openmpi/4.1.5
- Possibility to switch to:

StdEnv/2020, ...



module list: Grex

[~@yak ~]\$ module list

Currently Loaded Modules:

1) SBEnv (S)

- SBEnv loaded by default
- No compiler loaded by default.
- Possibility to switch to:
 CCEnv and StdEnv/2023, ...

Where:

S: Module is Sticky, requires --force to unload or purge

Note:

- → Before starting, make sure you have the appropriate software stack and the compilers and libraries you need.
- → Use "module spider" to search for the programs.



Example of modules: python

[~@~]\$ module spider python

[~@~]\$ module spider python/3.9.6

[~@~]\$ module load StdEnv/2020 python/3.9.6

[~@~]\$ module spider python/3.12.4

[~@~]\$ module load StdEnv/2023 python/3.12.4

Versions:

- - -

python/3.9.6

python/3.11.5

python/3.12.4

python/3.13.2

. - -

[~@~]\$ module load python

[~@~]\$ module list

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- 2) gentoo/2023 (S) 5) hwloc/2.9.1 8) pmix/4.2.4 11) flexiblas/3.3.1 14) python/3.11.5 (t)
- 3) gcccore/.12.3 (H) 6) ucx/1.14.1 9) ucc/1.2.0 12) blis/0.9.0



Example of modules: boost

[~@~]\$ module spider boost

Versions:

- - -

boost/1.72.0 boost/1.76.0

boost/1.80.0 boost/1.82.0

boost/1.85.0

- - -

[~@~]\$ module spider boost/1.82.0

StdEnv/2023 gcc/12.3 StdEnv/2023 intel/2023.2.1

[~@~]\$ module load StdEnv/2023 intel/2023.2.1 boost/1.82.0

[~@~]\$ module load StdEnv/2023 gcc/12.3 boost/1.82.0

[~@~]\$ module load StdEnv/2023 gcc/12.3 boost/1.82.0

[~@~]\$ module list

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Default Module

E: Extension that is provided by another module

Modules on Grex

```
---- /global/software/alma8/sb/modules/base
  adf/2019.305-impi
                                   eigen/3.4.0
                                                                 julia/1.10.3
                                                                                            nodejs/20.18.1
                                                                 julia/1.11.3
  adf/2021.106-impi
                                   expect/5.45.4
                                                                                           nodejs/22.4.1
                                                                                                                              rust/1.86.0
  adf/2021.107-impi
                                   fastqc/0.12.1
                                                                 libaec/1.0.6
                                                                                            nodejs/22.5.1
                                                                                                                              samtools/1.20
  adf/2023.104-impi
                                   feko/2021.2
                                                                 libvori/220621
                                                                                            nodejs/22.11.0
                                                                                                                             scons/3.1.2
  adf/2024.105-impi-aocl
                                   ffmpeg/7.0.2
                                                                 libxm12/2.11.9
                                                                                            nvtop/3.1.0
                                                                                                                              singularity/4.1.2
  adf/2024.105-impi
                                   fftw/3.3.10
                                                                 matlab-proxy/0.24.2
                                                                                            openeye/2022.2.1
                                                                                                                              singularity/4.2.2 (D)
  admixture/1.3.0
                                   flex/2.6.4
                                                                 matlab/R2020B2
                                                                                            openidk/11.0.22
                                                                                                                             skopeo/1.18.0
  ansys/21.1
                                   freeglut/3.4.0
                                                                 matlab/R2022A
                                                                                            openidk/17.0.11 9
                                                                                                                              snp-sites/2.5.1
  ansys/2023R2
                                   gaussian/g16.b01
                                                                 matlab/R2023B
                                                                                            openidk/17.0.12 7
                                                                                                                             snpeff/5.2f
  ant/1.10.15
                                   gaussian/g16.c01
                                                                matlab/R2024A
                                                                                            openjdk/17.0.13 11
                                                                                                                             sparsehash/2.0.4
  arch/avx2
                                   acc/8.5.0
                                                                 mcr/R2020b
                                                                                            openjdk/21.0.2
                                                                                                                              sqlite/3.35.5
  arch/avx512
                                   git-annex/10.20250320
                                                                 mcr/R2022a
                                                                                            openjdk/21.0.3 9
                                                                                                                              stata/15.0-fagfs
  autotools/2022a
                                   git-lfs/3.6.1
                                                                 mcr/R2023b
                                                                                            openjdk/21.0.4 7
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  bamtools/2.5.2
                                   git/2.49.0
                                                                 mcr/R2024a
                                                                                            openjdk/21.0.5 11
                                                                                                                              structure/2.3.4
  beagle/5.4-20241029
                                   globus/3.33.1
                                                                 megahit/1.2.9
                                                                                            openjdk/21.0.6 7
                                                                                                                             subread/2.0.8
  birch/3.90
                                   gmp/6.2.1
                                                                 metashape-pro/2.1.3
                                                                                            openss1/3.4.0
                                                                                                                             subversion/1.14.3
  buildah/1.39.3
                                   gmp/6.3.0
                                                                metashape-pro/2.2.0 (D)
                                                                                            ovito/3.12.0
                                                                                                                              swig/4.2.0
  busco/5.8.3
                                   gnina/1.1
                                                                 micro/2.0.14
                                                                                            pandoc/3.6.1
                                                                                                                              trimmomatic/0.39
  cfitsio/4.4.1
                                   gnina/2024
                                                                mii/1.1.1
                                                                                            paraview-offscreen/5.10.1
                                                                                                                              unrar/7.10.2
  cfitsio/4.5.0
                                   gnuplot/5.4.2
                                                                 minimap2/2.28
                                                                                            picard/3.3.0
                                                                                                                              vaspkit/1.5.1
  cmake/3.28.4
                                   qnuplot/6.0.2
                                                                 molden/7.3
                                                                                            podman-compose/1.3.0
                                                                                                                              velvet/1.2.10
  cmake/3.31.1
                                   golang/1.24.2
                                                                 mpfr/4.2.1
                                                                                            podman-tui/1.5.0
                                                                                                                              vep/113.4
  code-server/4.99.1
                                   haploview/4.2
                                                                 mumax3/3.10
                                                                                            podman/5.4.2
                                                                                                                              vim/9.1
  compleasm/0.2.6
                                   hmmer/3.4
                                                                 mummer/4.0.0rcl
                                                                                            prodigal/2.6.3
                                                                                                                              visit/3.4.2
  cppzmq/4.10.0
                                   htgettoken/2.0-2
                                                                 nbo/nbo7-2021
                                                                                            python/3.11.8
                                                                                                                              voroplusplus/0.4.6
  cuda/11.8.0
                                   intel-one/2023.2
                                                                 nextflow/24.10.0
                                                                                            giime2/2024.10
                                                                                                                              wine/10.0
  cuda/12.2.2
                                   intel-one/2024.1
                                                                ninja/1.10.2
                                                                                            quast/5.3.0
                                                                                                                              xz/5.6.4
  cuda/12.4.1
                                   intel/2023.2
                                                                 nodejs/18.20.2
                                                                                            r/4.3.3
                                                                                                                             yaml-cpp/0.8.0
  cudnn/8.8.1.3+cuda-11.8.0
                                   intelmpi/2019.8
                                                                 nodejs/18.20.4
                                                                                            ramalama/0.7.3
                                                                                                                              z3/4.13.4
  deepvariant/1.8.0-gpu
                                   intelmpi/2021.10
                                                                 nodejs/18.20.5
                                                                                            ratarmount/1.0.0
                                                                                                                              zstd/1.5.6
  deepvariant/1.8.0
                                   jellyfish/2.3.1
                                                                 nodejs/20.12.2
                                                                                            rclone/1.67.0
  dejagnu/1.6.3
                                   jemalloc/5.3.0
                                                                 node;s/20.15.1
                                                                                            rclone/1.68.2
                                                                                                                       (D)
  diamond/2.1.10
                                                                 node;s/20.16.0
                                                                                            rs-server/2024.12.1-563
                                   jq/1.7
                                                                 /opt/lmod/stacks ------
                      ----- This is a list of module extensions. Use "module --nx avail ..." to not show extensions. -----
   autoconf (E)
                    automake (E)
                                     bcftools (E)
                                                      gettext (E)
                                                                       htslib (E)
These extensions cannot be loaded directly, use "module spider extension name" for more information.
 Where:
  S: Module is Sticky, requires -- force to unload or purge
  L: Module is loaded
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module avail

module spider python module spider java

module load gcc ompi module avail

module spider <soft> module spider <soft>/<ver>

module show <soft> module purge

If not available:

→ contact support support@tech.alliancecan.ca



lines 1-41

Modules on Grex

```
/global/software/alma8/sb/modules/arch-avx512-gcc-13.2.0
aoc1/4.2.0
                                  grace/5.99.0
                                                                   opennurbs/8.12
aoc1/4.2.0-64
                                  qs1/2.7
                                                                   pandaseq/2.11
armadillo/11.4.3
                                  hdf5/1.12.3
                                                                   proj/9.5.0
armadillo/14.2.2
                                  hdf5/1.14.2
                                                                   pvthon/3.10.14
arpack-ng/3.9.1+mkl-2019.5
                                  hdf5/1.14.6
                                                                   python/3.10.16
arrow/18.1.0
                                  hisat2/2.2.1
                                                                   python/3.11.8
autodock-vina/1.2.7
                                  homer/5.1
                                                                   python/3.11.11
autodock/4.2.6
                                  intelmpi/2019.8
                                                                   python/3.12.9
blastplus/2.16.0
                                  intelmpi/2021.10
                                                                   qt/6.7.1
blat/3.7
                                  jags/4.3.2+mkl-2019.5
                                                                   qt/6.8.1
blis/0.9.0
                                  jags/4.3.2+mkl-2024.1
                                                                   r/4.4.1+aoc1-4.2.0
boost/1.78.0
                                   jasper/4.0.0
                                                                   r/4.4.1+mk1-2019.5
boost/1.85.0
                                  kim/2.3.0
                                                                   r/4.4.1+mkl-2024.1
                                                                                                     (D)
bwa/0.7.18
                                  libint-cp2k/2.6
                                                                   root/6.32.08
cga1/5.5
                                  libxc/5.1.5
                                                                   root/6.34.02
                                                                                                     (D)
                                  libxc/6.2.2
cgal/6.0.1
                                                                   samtools/1.20
cistem/1.0.0
                                  metis/5.1.0
                                                                   scipy-bundle/2023+python-3.10.14
clhep/2.4.7.1
                                  metis32/5.1.0
                                                                   scipy-bundle/2023+python-3.10.16
eccodes/2.31.0
                                  mk1/2019.5
                                                                   scipy-bundle/2023+python-3.11.8 (D)
eccodes/2.40.0
                                  mk1/2024.1
                                                                   stringtie/3.0.0
fftw/3.3.10
                                  mpfr/4.2.1
                                                                   superlu/5.3.0+mkl-2019.5
flexpart/11
                                  mustang/3.2.4
                                                                   superlu/7.0.0+mk1-2019.5
gate/9.4
                                  nco/5.3.1
                                                                   tbb/2021.13.0
gatk/4.6.1.0
                                  ncview/2.1.11
                                                                   udunits/2.2.28
                                  netcdf/4.9.2+hdf5-1.14.2
gda1/3.10.0
                                                                   vtk/9.4.0
geant4/11.2.2
                                  openbabel/3.1.1
                                                                   wxwidgets/3.0.2
                                                                   xfemm/4.0
geant4/11.3.0
                                  openblas/0.3.26
                                  openblas/0.3.28
                                                                   x+b/6.7.1+mk1-2019.5
geos/3.13.0
qlpk/5.0
                                  openmpi/4.1.6
qmp/6.3.0
                                  openmpi/5.0.6
                                                            (D)
                               -- /global/software/alma8/sb/modules/arch-avx512 --
aocc/4.2.0
                       bowtie2/2.5.4
                                             acc/11.5.0
                                                                       intel/2019.5
                                                                                               per1/5.40.1
                                                                                                               (D)
autotools/2022a (D)
                       cuda/12.2.2
                                            gcc/13.2.0
                                                                       intel/2023.2
                                                                                              prsice/2.3.5
bedtools/2.31.1
                       eigen/3.4.0
                                            gmp/6.3.0
                                                                       openblas/0.3.26
                                                                                               r/4.3.3
binutils/2.42
                                            intel-one/2024.1 (D)
                                                                                               vcftools/0.1.16
                       gcc/9.5.0
                                                                       per1/5.38.2
                                     /global/software/alma8/sb/modules/base --
adf/2019.305-impi
                                   golang/1.24.3
                                                               openjdk/17.0.13 11
```

module load arch/avx512 gcc module avail

 Shows a long list of all modules installed with gcc under arch/avx512

module load arch/avx512 gcc module load openmpi module avail

 It will shows a long list of all modules installed with gcc and openmpi under arch/avx512

module spider <software name>



Cvmfs on Grex

[~@yak ~]\$ cvmfs_config probe
Probing /cvmfs/cvmfs-config.computecanada.ca... OK
Probing /cvmfs/soft.computecanada.ca... OK
Probing /cvmfs/restricted.computecanada.ca... OK

[~@yak ~]\$ Is -1 /cvmfs/ cvmfs-config.computecanada.ca oasis.opensciencegrid.org restricted.computecanada.ca singularity.opensciencegrid.org soft.computecanada.ca

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[~@~]$ module load CCEnv
[~@~]$ module load arch/avx512
[~@~]$ module load StdEnv/2023
[~@~]$ module spider geant4
[~@~]$ module spider geant4/11.3.0
[~@~]$ module load StdEnv/2023 gcc/12.3 geant4/11.3.0
```



Find and load Gaussian

Gaussian: restricted software; requires a registration

https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Gaussian

https://um-grex.github.io/grex-docs/docs/grex/software/specific/gaussian/

[~@yak]\$ module spider gaussian

gaussian:

Versions:

gaussian/g16.b01 gaussian/g16.c01

[~@yak ~]\$ module load gaussian/g16.c01 Loading Gaussian version 16.c01

For detailed information about a specific "gaussian" package (including how to load the modules) use the module's full name. Note that names that have a trailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.

For example:

\$ module spider gaussian/g16.c01

Available: Grex, Cedar and Graham



Find and load ORCA

ORCA:

- restricted software
- requires a registration

[~@yak]\$ module spider orca

https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/ORCA

https://um-grex.github.io/grex-docs/docs/grex/software/specific/orca/

[~@yak]\$ module spider orca/6.0.1

orca:

Versions:

orca/5.0.4

orca/6.0.1

[~@~]\$ module load arch/avx512 gcc/13.2.0 openmpi/4.1.6 orca/6.0.1

For detailed information about a specific "orca" package (including how to load the modules) use the module's full name. Note that names that have a trailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.

For example:

\$ module spider orca/6.0.1

Available: Grex and all Alliance clusters



Find and load LAMMPS

[~@yak]	\$ modul	e spider	lammps
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lammps:

Versions:

lammps/2021-09-29 lammps/2024-08-29p1-nep lammps/2024-08-29p1

[~@~]\$ module spider lammps/2024-08-29p1

[~@yak]\$ module spider lammps/2024-08-29p1

You will need to load all module(s) on any one of the lines below before the "lammps/2024-08-29p1" module is available to load.

arch/avx512 gcc/13.2.0 openmpi/4.1.6 arch/avx512 intel-one/2024.1 openmpi/4.1.6 cuda/12.4.1 arch/avx2 gcc/13.2.0 openmpi/4.1.6



Find and load QE

[~@yak]\$ module spider espresso

espresso:

[~@yak]\$ module spider espresso/7.4.1

Versions:

espresso/7.3.1+aocl-4.2.0 espresso/7.3.1 espresso/7.4.1+aocl-4.2.0 espresso/7.4.1

[\sim @ \sim]\$ module load arch/avx512 intel/2023.2 openmpi/4.1.6 [\sim @ \sim]\$ module load espresso/7.4.1

For detailed information about a specific "espresso" package (including how to load the modules) use the module's full name. Note that names that have a trailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.

For example:

\$ module spider espresso/7.4.1



MATLAB and MCR

[~@yak ~]\$ module spider matlab
-----uofm/matlab:

Versions:

matlab/R2020B2

matlab/R2022A

matlab/R2023B

matlab/R2024A

Other possible modules matches:

matlab-proxy

[~@yak ~]\$ module spider mcr Versions:

mcr/R2020b

mcr/R2022a

mcr/R2023b

mcr/R2024a

For detailed information about a specific "uofm/matlab" package (including how to load the modules) use the module's full name. Note that names that have a trailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.

For example:

\$ module spider matlab/R2024A



Building software



Building software

- Local installation [user's directory: home, project]:
 - R packages; Julia packages, Perl modules
 - Python packages: virtual environment
 - Home made programs and commercial software.
- Installation with:
 - make; make test {check}; make install
 - configure; make; make test {check}; make install
 - cmake; make; make test {check}; make install
- Java applications: jar files
- Containers: Singularity, Aptainer, Podman: {separate talk}
 - build the image and run your program using the container



Local installation

- R packages: minimal installation
 - R as modules: users can install the packages in their home directory.
- ★ Python as modules: python and scipy-stack
 - users can install the packages needed in their home directory.
- ★ Perl as module:
 - users can install the packages needed in their home directory.
- Other software installed locally:
 - Home made programs {up to a user or a group}
 - Restricted and licensed software that can not be distributed
 - Custom software: patch from a user, changing parts of the code, ... etc.



Local installation: R packages

R packages: rgdal, adegenet, stats, rjags, dplyr, ... etc.

Choose a module version: module spider r

Load R and dependencies (gdal, geos, jags, gsl, udunits... etc):

module load gcc r gdal udunits

Launch R and install the packages:

~\$ R

> install.packages("sp")

'lib =/cvmfs/soft.computecanada.ca/easybuild/{..}/R/library''' is not writable
Would you like to use a personal library instead? (yes/No/cancel) **yes**Would you like to create a personal library '~/R/{...}' to install packages into? (yes/No/cancel) **yes**

- --- Please select a CRAN mirror for use in this session ---
- > install.packages("dplyr")



Local installation: Python

- Load the modules:
 - module load python
- Create a virtual environment
 - virtualenv ~/my venv
- Activate the virtual environment
 - source ~/my_venv/bin/activate
- Update pip
 - pip install --no-index --upgrade pip
- ★ Install the packages
 - pip install pandas
 - pip install -r requirements.txt
 - python setup.py install

module load gcc python/3.1
virtualenv ~/my_venv
source ~/my_venv/bin/activate
pip install cutadapt
deactivate

module load gcc python/3.11.2 source ~/my_venv/bin/activate cutadapt [+options] deactivate

https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Python



Local installation: Perl

Example: Hash::Merge; Logger::Simple; MCE::Mutex; threads ...

Load Perl module: module load perl

Install the the first package using cpan or cpanm:

~\$ cpan install YAML

Would you like to configure as much as possible automatically? [yes] yes

What approach do you want? (Choose 'local::lib', 'sudo' or 'manual')

[local::lib] local::lib

Would you like me to append that to /home/\$USER/.bashrc now? [yes] yes

Install the rest of the packages using cpan or cpanm:

- ~\$ cpan install Hash::Merge
- ~\$ cpan install Logger::Simple
- ~\$ cpan install MCE::Mutex



Java applications

- Download and unpack the code
- ★ Load java module: module load java
- ★ Run the code
- Example: Trimmomatic
 - o wget http://www.usadellab.org/cms/uploads/supplementary/Trimmomatic/Trimmomatic-0.39.zip
 - unzip Trimmomatic-0.39.zip
- ★ Run the code module load java java -jar <path to>/trimmomatic-0.39.jar {+options if any}



Installation with make: **STAR**

- ★ Download the code {wget; curl; git clone; ...}:
 wget https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR/archive/refs/tags/2.7.11b.tar.gz
- ★ Unpack the code: tar -xvf 2.7.11b.tar.gz
- ★ Load GCC compiler: module load gcc
- Compile the code: cd STAR-2.7.11b/source make
- ★ Copy the binaries and set the path: mkdir -p ~/software/star/2.7.11b/bin cp STAR ~/software/star/2.7.11b/bin export PATH=\$PATH:\${HOME}/software/star/2.7.11b/bin



Installation with configure/make

- ★ Download and unpack the code: wget, ... gunzip, ... etc.
- ★ Load the modules and dependencies: module load gcc ompi fftw
- ★ Configure the program
 - If configure not included, run: autoreconf -fvi [to generate it].
 - ./configure --help [to see the different options].
 - ./configure --prefix=<path to install dir> {+other options}
- ★ Compile and test:
 - make; make -j4
 - make check; make test
- ★ Install the program:
 - make install



Installing: treemix

- ★ Download the source files: wget https://bitbucket.org/nygcresearch/treemix/downloads/treemix-1.13.tar.gz
- ★ Unpack the source files: tar -xvf treemix-1.13.tar.gz
- ★ Change the directory: cd treemix-1.13/
- ★ Load the modules: module load gcc boost
- ★ Configure: ./configure --prefix=/home/\$USER/software/treemix/1.13
- ★ Compile and install: make && make test && make install
- ★ Set a path: export PATH=\$PATH:\$HOME/software/treemix/1.13/bin
- ★ Usage in a job script:

module load gcc boost export PATH=\$PATH:\$HOME/software/treemix/1.13/bin treemix {+options if any}



Example: PETSc

```
./configure --with-blas-lapack-dir=$MKLROOT/lib/intel64 --prefix=${instdir} --with-cxx-dialect=C++11
--download-scalapack=yes --download-blacs=yes --download-superlu dist=yes
--download-mumps=yes --download-parmetis=yes --download-metis=yes --download-spooles=yes
--download-cproto=yes --download-prometheus=yes --with-mkl pardiso=1
--with-mkl pardiso-dir=$MKLROOT --with-mkl-sparse-optimize=1 --with-scalar-type=complex
--with-debugging=0 --with-hdf5=yes --with-hdf5-dir=$HDF5HOME --download-suitesparse=yes
--download-fftw=${fftsrc} --download-amd=yes --download-adifor=yes --download-superlu=yes
--download-triangle=yes --download-generator=yes --with-64-bit-pointers=no --with-cc=mpicc
--CFLAGS='-O2 -I$MKLROOT/include -mkl -fPIC ' --with-cxx='mpicxx' --CXXFLAGS='-O2
-I$MKLROOT/include -mkl -std=c++11 -fPIC ' --with-fc='mpif90' --FFLAGS='-O2 -I$MKLROOT/include
-mkl -fPIC ' --with-single-library=yes --with-shared-libraries=yes --with-shared-ld=mpicc
--sharedLibraryFlags="-fpic -mkl -fPIC" --with-mpi=yes --with-mpi-shared=yes --with-mpirun=mpiexec
--with-mpi-compilers=yes --with-x=yes {+other options}
make && make install
```



Example: ABINIT

module load intel openmpi gsl netcdf instdir=<path to the installation directory>

```
../configure --prefix=$\{instdir\} --enable-mpi --enable-mpi-io --with-fft-flavor=fftw3-mkl
--with-linalg-flavor=mkl --with-math-flavor=gsl --enable-debug="no"
--enable-optim="standard" --enable-64bit-flags --with-linalg-libs="-L$MKLROOT/lib/intel64
-lmkl scalapack lp64 -lmkl blacs openmpi lp64 -lmkl intel lp64 -lmkl sequential
-lmkl_core -lm" --with-fft-incs="-l$MKLROOT/include/fftw -l$MKLROOT/interfaces/fftw3xf"
--with-fft-libs="-L$MKLROOT/interfaces/fftw3xf -lfftw3xf intel lp64"
--with-dft-flavor="atompaw+libxc+wannier90" --with-trio-flavor="netcdf" --enable-lotf
--enable-macroave --enable-gw-dpc CC=mpicc CXX=mpic++ FC=mpif90 F77=mpif77
F90=mpif90
```



Example with cmake/make

- ★ Download and unpack the code: wget, ... gunzip, ... etc.
- ★ Load the modules and dependencies: module load gcc ompi fftw
- ★ Configure the program: you may need to load cmake module
 - mkdir build && cd build
 - cmake .. --help [to see the different options].
 - cmake .. -DCMAKE INSTALL PREFIX=installdir {+other options}
- ★ Compile and test:
 - o make; make -j8
 - make check; make test
- ★ Install the program:
 - make install



Cmake options for GROMACS

- Download and unpack the source files
- Load modules: module load intel openmpi fftw cmake
- configure; compile; install cd gromacs-5.1.4; mkdir build; cd build cmake -DCMAKE INSTALL PREFIX=<path to install dir> -DBUILD SHARED LIBS=off -DBUILD TESTING=off -DREGRESSIONTEST DOWNLOAD=off -DCMAKE C COMPILER='which mpicc' -DCMAKE CXX COMPILER='which mpicxx' -DGMX BUILD OWN FFTW=on -DGMX SIMD=SSE4.1 -DGMX DOUBLE=off -DGMX EXTERNAL BLAS=on -DGMX EXTERNAL LAPACK=on -DGMX FFT LIBRARY=fftw3 -DGMX GPU=off -DGMX MPI=on -DGMX OPENMP=off -DGMX X11=on ../gromacs-5.1.4 make -j4; make install



Summary about HPC software

- → Use Lmod commands to search for the modules:
 - Compilers, OpenMPI, NetCDF, HDF5, PETSc, Gaussian, ANSYS, MATLAB, ORCA, MCR, Java, Python, R, ... etc.
- → Some packages require a local installation:
 - ◆ Home made programs, Python, Perl, R, Julia packages, ...
- → Software maintenance on Grex and Alliance clusters:
 - Search for a program using "module spider <name of your program>"
 - ◆ If not installed, ask for support "support@tech.alliancecan.ca"
 - ◆ We will install the module and/or update the version.
 - ◆ For commercial software, contact us before you purchase the code:
 - to check license type.
 - see if it will run under Linux environment, ... etc.



Summary about HPC workflow

- Account and active role:
 - CCDB
- Have a look to the documentation:
 - Hardware, available tools, ...
 - policies?
 - login nodes
 - storage, ...
- Tools to connect and transfer files
- → Access to storage: home, scratch, project
- Access to a program to use:
 - Install the program or ask for it.
 - Use the existing modules

- → Test jobs:
 - Login node
 - Interactive job via salloc
- → Write a job script:
 - Slurm directives
 - Modules
 - Command line to run the code
- Monitor jobs:
 - Sacct; seff, optimize jobs
- → Analyze data:
 - Post processing
 - Visualization



Software layers in HPC

User layer: Python packages, Perl and R modules, home made codes, ...

User

Software stacks: modules for Intel, PGI, OpenMPI, CUDA, MKL, high-level applications. Multiple architectures (sse3, avx, avx2, avx512)

Nix or gentoo: GNU libc, autotools, make, bash, cat, ls, awk, grep, etc.

Gray area: Slurm, Lustre client libraries, IB/OmniPath/InfiniPath client libraries (all dependencies of OpenMPI) in Nix (or gentoo) layer, but can be overridden using PATH & LD_LIBRARY PATH.

OS: kernel, drivers, daemons, anything privileged (e.g. the sudo command): always local. Some legally restricted software too (VASP).