

# Tutorial on the Mercury Computing Cluster

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# Outline

- I. Connecting to the server
- II. Mercury server overview
- III. Running common programs
- IV. Tips and tricks
- V. Guided lab example

# Connecting to the server

. With you Chicago Booth ID and password you can connect to the server from the terminal

- This gets you on a *login node*

```
ssh -YC <Booth-ID>@mercury.chicagobooth.edu
```

. Alternatively, try [rstudio.chicagobooth.edu](https://rstudio.chicagobooth.edu) or [jupyter.chicagobooth.edu](https://jupyter.chicagobooth.edu)

- Rstudio server
- Jupyter Hub (IPython Notebooks)
- Limited computation power

```
-----  
Welcome to the Mercury Computing Cluster  
The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
```

```
Documentation: https://hpc-docs.chicagobooth.edu  
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```

```
Software:
```

- \* Front end (login) nodes are named mfeXX
- \* Compute nodes are named mcnXX
- \* Software modules are only available on compute nodes!

```
Accounts:
```

- \* You must specify an account when submitting jobs (e.g. --account=phd)
- \* Email [Research.Support@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:Research.Support@chicagobooth.edu) to request access to an account

```
Last login: Sat Sep 19 15:45:03 2020 from [REDACTED]  
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```

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```
walterw0@ ~ █
```

# Connecting to the server

1. Create a folder and open it

```
walterw0@ ~ mkdir Mercury-Tutorial
walterw0@ ~ cd Mercury-Tutorial
walterw0@ ~/Mercury-Tutorial
```

2. Clone the GitHub Repository

```
git clone https://github.com/walterwzhang/Mercury-Tutorial.git
```

```
walterw0@ ~/Mercury-Tutorial git clone https://github.com/walterwzhang/Mercury-Tutorial.git
Cloning into 'Mercury-Tutorial'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 30, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (30/30), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (21/21), done.
remote: Total 30 (delta 10), reused 29 (delta 9), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (30/30), done.
walterw0@ ~/Mercury-Tutorial
```

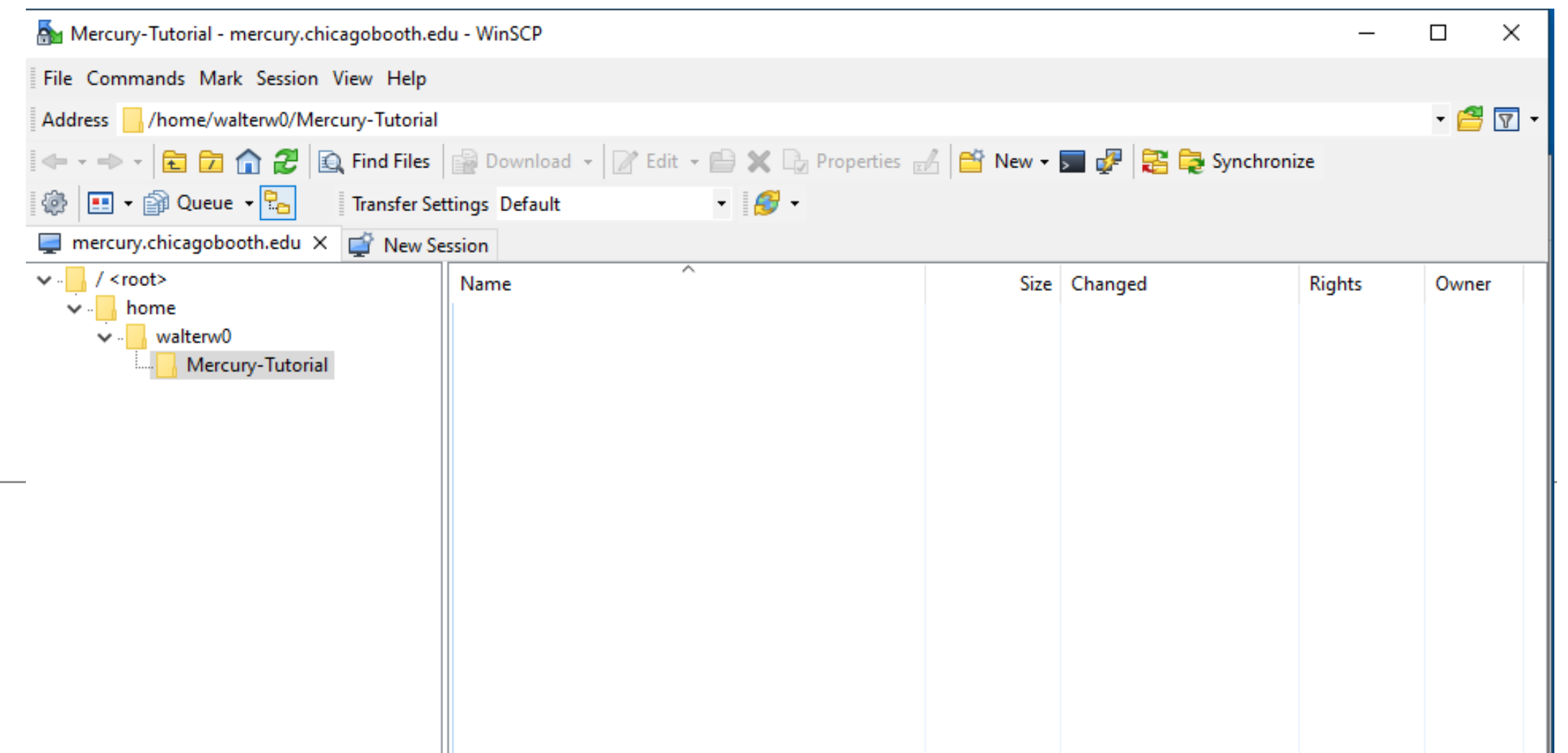
3. See what's inside 👁👁

```
walterw0@ ~/Mercury-Tutorial tree Mercury-Tutorial/
Mercury-Tutorial/
├── 1-Sample-Job
│   ├── README.md
│   └── submit.sh
├── 2-Parallel-Job
│   ├── parallel-job.R
│   ├── parallel.sh
│   └── README.md
├── 3-Array-Job
│   ├── array.sh
│   └── README.md
└── Lab
    └── README.md
```

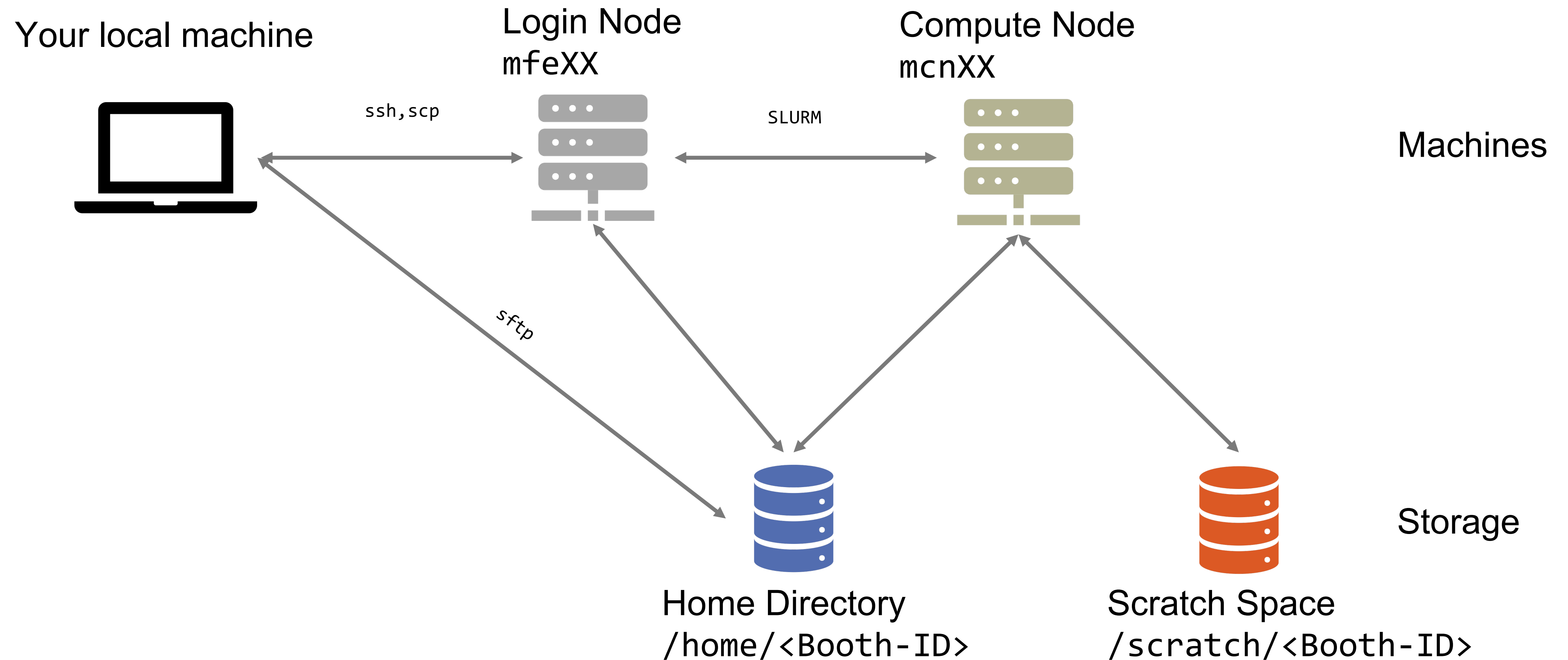


# Connecting to the server

- . Use *FileZilla*, *Cyberduck*, or *WinSCP* to transfer files between the server and your local machine
- . These are SFTP clients that are often easier to work with than the command line for moving files around
  - Usually these will be slower than the command line approach
  - <https://hpc-docs.chicagobooth.edu/accessing.html>



# Mercury Overview



# Mercury Overview

## Some Definitions:

- . Processor/CPU: Chip that responds to and processes instructions from the computer
- . Core: Smallest compute unit that can run a program
- . Socket: A packaged compute unit – can have many cores
- . Node: Computer system that contains one or more sockets, memory, and storage units, and is connected to other nodes
- . GPU: Graphics processing unit “repurposed” for matrix operations
- . Partition: Type of node with different limits (e.g. standard/long/GPU/highmem)

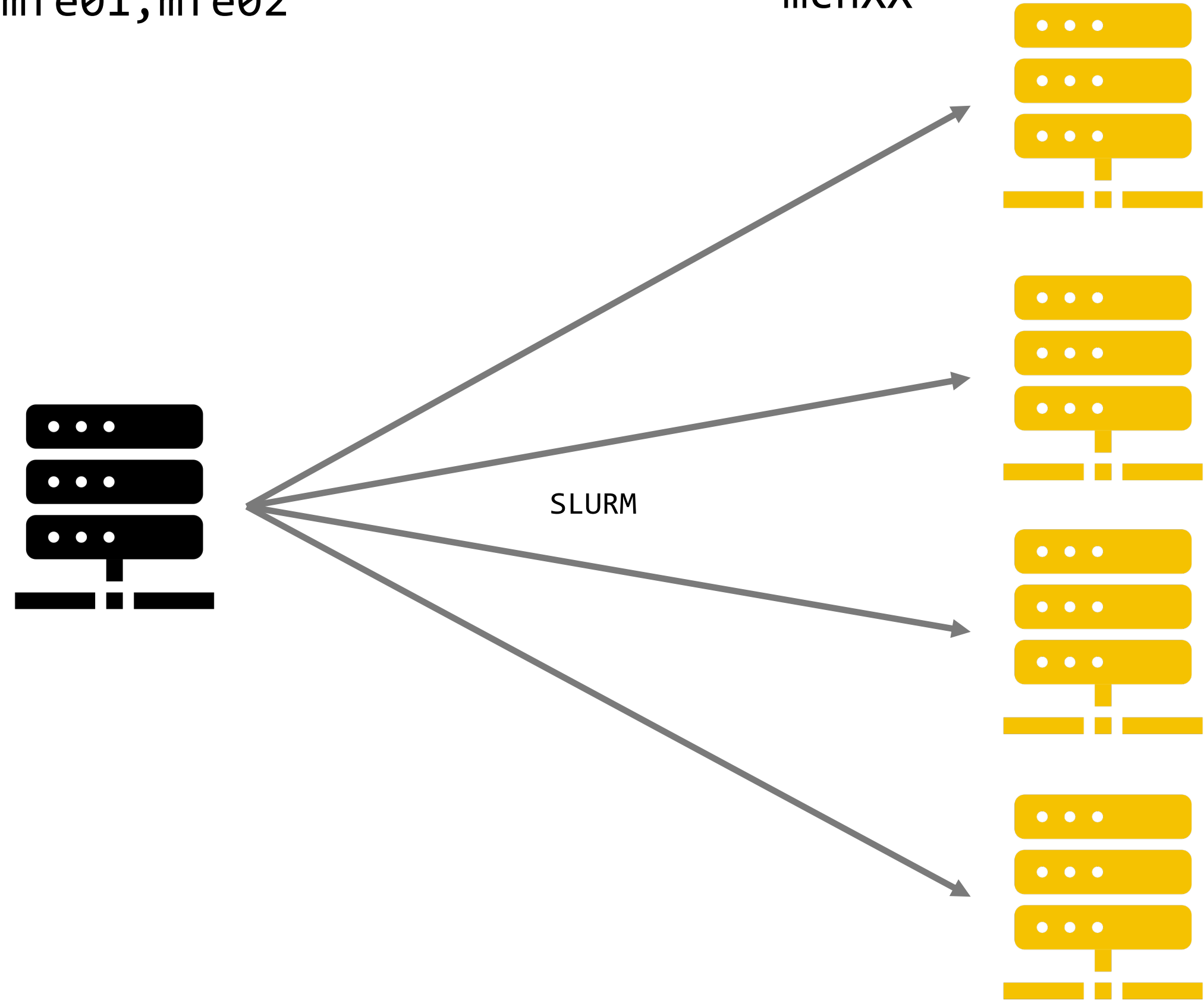


# Mercury Overview

Interactive Session: `srun --account=phd --pty bash -l`

Login Node  
mfe01,mfe02

Compute Nodes  
mcnXX



standard  
mcn[01,25-27,31-33,52-57,59-61]

long  
mcn[29,59-61,63]

highmem  
mgpu[01,02]

gpu  
mcn[58,62]  
NVIDIA K80 Cards

## Usage Limits

Partition	Nodes	Cores	Mem-per-CPU	Wall clock
standard	Def: 1 Max: 1	Def: 1 Max: 28	Def: 2GB Max: 32GB	Def: 4h Max: 7d
long	Def: 1 Max: 1	Def: 1 Max: 24	Def: 2GB Max: 32GB	Def: 1d Max: 30d
highmem	Def: 1 Max: 1	Def: 1 Max: 32	Def: 32GB Max: 512GB	Def: 4h Max: 2d
gpu	Def: 1 Max: 1	Def: 1 Max: 28	Def: 2GB Max: 242GB	Def: 4h Max: 2d

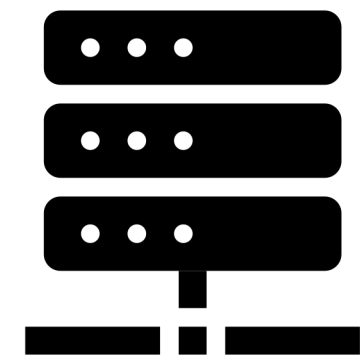
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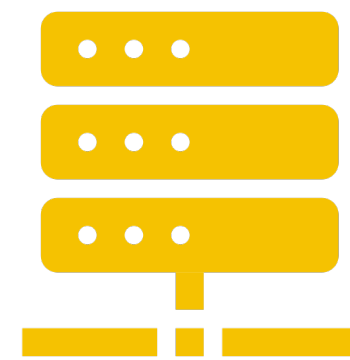
Login Node

Compute Node

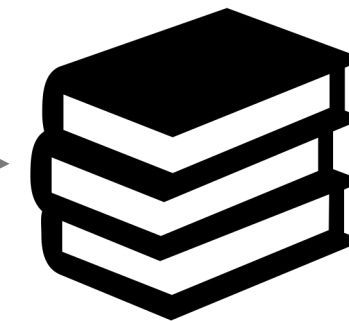
Modules



SLURM



module avail



module load ...



R



python



gcc (C/C++)

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```
walterw0@ ~ module avail
----- /usr/share/Modules/modulefiles -----
dot module-git module-info modules null use.own

----- /etc/modulefiles -----
mpi/openmpi-x86_64

----- /apps/modulefiles -----
ampl/20191116      gurobi/8.1(default)  knitro/10.1(default)  mpi/ompi/openmpi-x86_64  R/3.6/3.6.2
ampl/20200110(default)  gurobi/8.1/8.1.1    knitro/10.1/10.1.0(default)  postgresql/11/11.5      R/3.6/3.6.2_rhel7
awscli/2.0/2.0.5      jags/3.4/3.4.0(default)  knitro/12.1/12.1.1    python/booth/3.6/3.6.12  R/4.0/4.0.2
cplex/12.7/12.7.1     jags/4.3(default)      mathematica/12        python/booth/3.8/3.8.5  sas/9/9.4
cplex/12.10/12.10.0   jags/4.3/4.3.0(default)  matlab/2017b         python/booth/rhel7_py36  scala/2.12.4
gcc/9.2.0             julia/1.0.5            matlab/2019b         python27_anaconda/5.2.0  stata/15.1
gurobi/7.5/7.5.2(default)  julia/1.1.1          mpi/mpich/3.0        python36_anaconda/5.2.0
walterw0@ ~ module load R
```

```
> install.packages("MASS")
Warning in install.packages("MASS") :
  'lib = "/apps/R-4.0.2/lib64/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/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/4.0'
to install packages into? (yes/No/cancel) yes
--- Please select a CRAN mirror for use in this session ---
```

- Once we are on a compute node, we need to load the modules (or software) that we require
- If you need to install packages (e.g. for python or R), install them to a locally library (which is in your home directory)
- Remove modules with “module unload ...” or “module purge”
- Type “exit” quit the compute node instance
- Check the machine name with “hostname”

# Storage Management

Your local machine

Login Node  
mfeXX

Compute Node  
mcnXX

Machines

ssh, scp

SLURM

sftp

- Store your code and important files in home directory
- Scratch space is for temporary results/model fits/etc.
- You can only use a SFTP client to access the home directory
- To get results of scratch, move to the home directory first



Home Directory  
/home/<Booth-ID>



Scratch Space  
/scratch/<Booth-ID>

Storage



# Linux cheat sheet

Directory Operations		File Searching		Processes		Editing Text Files	
pwd	Show current directory	grep <i>pattern file</i>	Search for lines with <i>pattern</i> in file	ps	Show processes of user	nano	Text editor
cd <i>dir</i>	Change to directory <i>dir</i>			ps -e	Show all processes	Shortcuts	
mkdir <i>dir</i>	Create a new directory <i>dir</i>	grep -v	Inverted search	ps -fA	Show all processes in detail	Ctrl-o	Save file
rmdir <i>dir</i>	Delete directory <i>dir</i>	grep -r	Recursive search	top	Show processes in real-time	Ctrl-x	Close file
ls <i>dir</i>	List contents directory <i>dir</i>	grep -e <i>patt</i> -e <i>patt</i>	Multiple patterns	cmd &	Run command in background	Ctrl-r	Open file
		locate <i>file</i>	Quick search for <i>file</i>	Ctrl-c	Stop (kill) currently active process	Ctrl-k	Cut line of text
Special Directories		ls Options		Ctrl-z	Suspend currently active process	Ctrl-u	Paste line of text
.	Current directory	-a	all inc. hidden	bg	Place suspended process in background	Ctrl-d	Delete character
..	Up a directory	-l	long format			Ctrl-w	Search for text
.	Current directory	-t	sort by time	fg	Bring background process to foreground		
~	Home directory	-S	sort by size			Text File Operations	
/	Root directory	-r	reverse order	kill <i>pid</i>	Kill process with process id <i>pid</i>	wc	Line, word and character count
-	Previous directory	-R	recursive	kill -9 <i>pid</i>	Kill process <i>pid</i> (ungraceful)		
File Operations						sort <i>file</i>	Sort <i>file</i> , line by line
touch <i>file</i>	Create file <i>file</i>					uniq <i>file</i>	Display only unique lines of <i>file</i>
cp <i>file1 file2</i>	Copy <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i>	Redirection		Ctrl-k	Cut line of text	sed 's/ <i>abc/def/g</i> ' <i>file</i>	Replace all occurrences of <i>abc</i> with <i>def</i> , output to stdout
mv <i>file1 file2</i>	Move <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i>	<i>cmd</i> > <i>file</i>	Output of <i>cmd</i> to <i>file</i>	Ctrl-y	Paste line of text		
rm <i>file</i>	Delete <i>file</i>	<i>cmd</i> < <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> used as input to <i>cmd</i>	Ctrl-e	Go to end of line	cut -d " " -f <i>N file</i>	Display field <i>N</i> of space delimited file
cat <i>file</i>	Display contents of <i>file</i>	<i>cmd</i> >> <i>file</i>	Append output to <i>file</i>	Ctrl-a	Go to start of line	cut -d "," -f <i>M-N file</i>	Display fields <i>M-N</i> of comma delimited <i>file</i>
cat <i>file1 file2</i>	Concatenate files	<i>cmd</i> 2> <i>file</i>	Write errors to <i>file</i>	TAB	Autocomplete command/file		
less <i>file</i>	Display <i>file</i> (paginated), q to quit	<i>cmd</i> &> <i>file</i>	Errors and stdout to <i>file</i>	TAB-TAB	Show list of possible autocompletes	GUI applications via Command line	
head <i>file</i>	Show first 10 lines	Pipes and Multiple Commands		up arrow	Scroll previous commands	gedit	Text editor
tail <i>file</i>	Show last 10 lines -n <i>N</i> <i>N</i> lines -f Continuos update	<i>cmd1</i>   <i>cmd2</i>	Stdout of <i>cmd1</i> is used as input to <i>cmd2</i>	down arrow	Scroll previous commands	wireshark	Packet capture and display
		<i>cmd1</i>  & <i>cmd2</i>	Stderr of <i>cmd1</i> is used as input to <i>cmd2</i>	history	List recent commands	eog	Image viewer
		<i>cmdpart1</i> \ <i>cmdpart2</i>	Continue command on next line	!!	Repeat last command	evince	PDF viewer
		<i>cmd1</i> ; <i>cmd2</i>	Execute <i>cmd1</i> then <i>cmd2</i>	! <i>N</i>	Execute command <i>N</i> from history	nautilus	File explorer
Help				! <i>abc</i> :p	Print last command starting with <i>abc</i>	Administrator Privileges	
man <i>cmd</i>	Manual page for <i>cmd</i>			! <i>abc</i>	Execute last command starting with <i>abc</i>	sudo <i>cmd</i>	Execute <i>cmd</i> with admin privilege
man -k <i>word</i>	Search for manual page with <i>word</i>					su <i>username</i>	Switch to user <i>username</i>
-h	Commands show help when used						

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[Reference Link](#)

# SLURM (Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management)

- . SLURM Is the Job scheduler for the server
- . You submit job “requests” to SLURM with instructions
  - (e.g.) I want 1 core with 2 GB for 2 hours. Then on this compute instance, I want to run my R/Python/MATLAB script
- . SLURM then puts the job request in a queue. When a node is available the job is allocated and executed
  - The queue contains all the *running* and *pending* jobs
- . There are “batch” and “interactive” jobs
  - Batch jobs require a batch script, or a set of instructions to SLURM

# SLURM Commands

. Useful SLURM commands:

- `squeue`: sees all jobs in the queue
  - `squeue -u <Booth-id>`: sees all *your* jobs in the queue

```
walterw0@ ~ squeue -u walterw0
      JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER  ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
      2174718  standard     bash walterw0  R       3:27:50      1 mcn60
```

- `sinfo`: sees status of all the nodes on the server

```
walterw0@ ~ sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL  TIMELIMIT  NODES  STATE NODELIST
standard* up   7-00:00:00    16    mix mcn[01,25-27,31-33,52-57,59-61]
long      up  30-00:00:00     5    mix mcn[29,59-61,63]
gpu       up   2-00:00:00     1    mix mgpu01
gpu       up   2-00:00:00     1   idle mgpu02
highmem   up   2-00:00:00     2    mix mcn[58,62]
```



# SLURM Batch Script

Tells the computer to use /bin/bash for the script

Comment, everything ignored after # in bash

#SBATCH is a directive that is also a comment  
- Only is relevant to the SLURM scheduler

Set account, time, nodes, CPUs & memory

Give your job a name (optional)

Print out job details

Load required modules

Run commands/code

submit.sh

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  #-----
4  # Account information
5
6  #SBATCH --account=phd          # basic (default), staff, phd, faculty
7
8  #-----
9  # Resources requested
10
11 #SBATCH --partition=standard   # standard (default), long, gpu, mpi, highmem
12 #SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1      # number of CPUs requested (for parallel tasks)
13 #SBATCH --mem=2G               # requested memory
14 #SBATCH --time=0-04:00:00      # wall clock limit (d-hh:mm:ss)
15
16 #-----
17 # Job specific name (helps organize and track progress of jobs)
18
19 #SBATCH --job-name=my_batch_job # user-defined job name
20
21 #-----
22 # Print some useful variables
23
24 echo "Job ID: $SLURM_JOB_ID"
25 echo "Job User: $SLURM_JOB_USER"
26 echo "Num Cores: $SLURM_JOB_CPUS_PER_NODE"
27
28 #-----
29 # Load necessary modules for the job
30
31 module load <modulename>
32
33 #-----
34 # Commands to execute below...
35
36 <commands>
```

# SLURM Batch Script

- . After creating the batch SLURM script, `submit.sh`, we submit it to the scheduler using  
`sbatch submit.sh`
- . See your job in action with `squeue`
  - Each submitted job will be automatically assigned a `<job-id>`
- . Cancel the job with `scancel <job-id>`
  - Cancel *all* your jobs with `scancel --user=<Booth-id>`
- . See the run statistics of the completed job with `sacct -j <job-id>`
  - Included both successfully completed and failed jobs
  - Once the job is done it will give out a `<job-id>.out` and `<job-id>.err` which are the output and error messages from the job

# Example 1: Sample SLURM Job

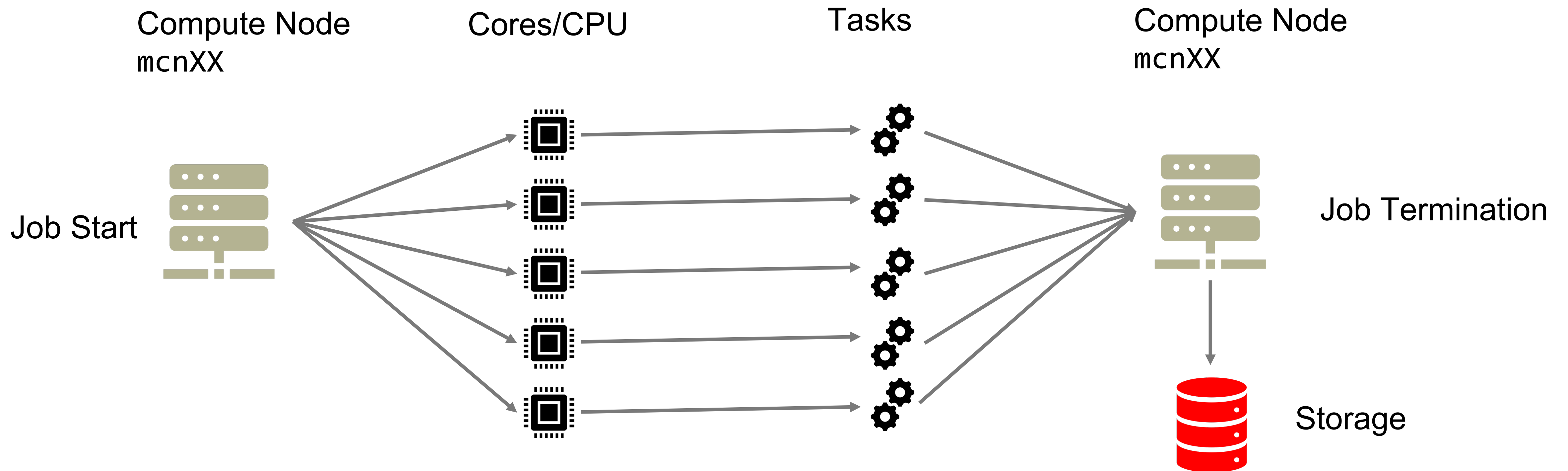
- . We will walkthrough the sample SLURM Job in the repository

## Tasks:

1. View the `submit.sh` script, see what it does
2. Submit it to the SLURM job scheduler and find the `job-id`
3. View the SLURM output and error files (if any) from the job

# Parallel Jobs

Parallel job is any job that uses parallel processing, which in turn needs more than one core/CPU



# Parallel Jobs

. You need to specify the number of cores that you want with

```
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
```

- Where we want 8 cores/CPU's here

. You can see the number of CPUs/cores requested the with *environmental* variable:

```
SLURM_JOB_CPUS_PER_NODE
```

- We can then call this variable in our code to specify how many cores we want to use

. Cannot ask for more cores than what is on a machine (28 for a standard partition)

# Example 2: Parallel SLURM Job

- We will walkthrough submitting a parallel SLURM Job in the repository.

## Tasks:

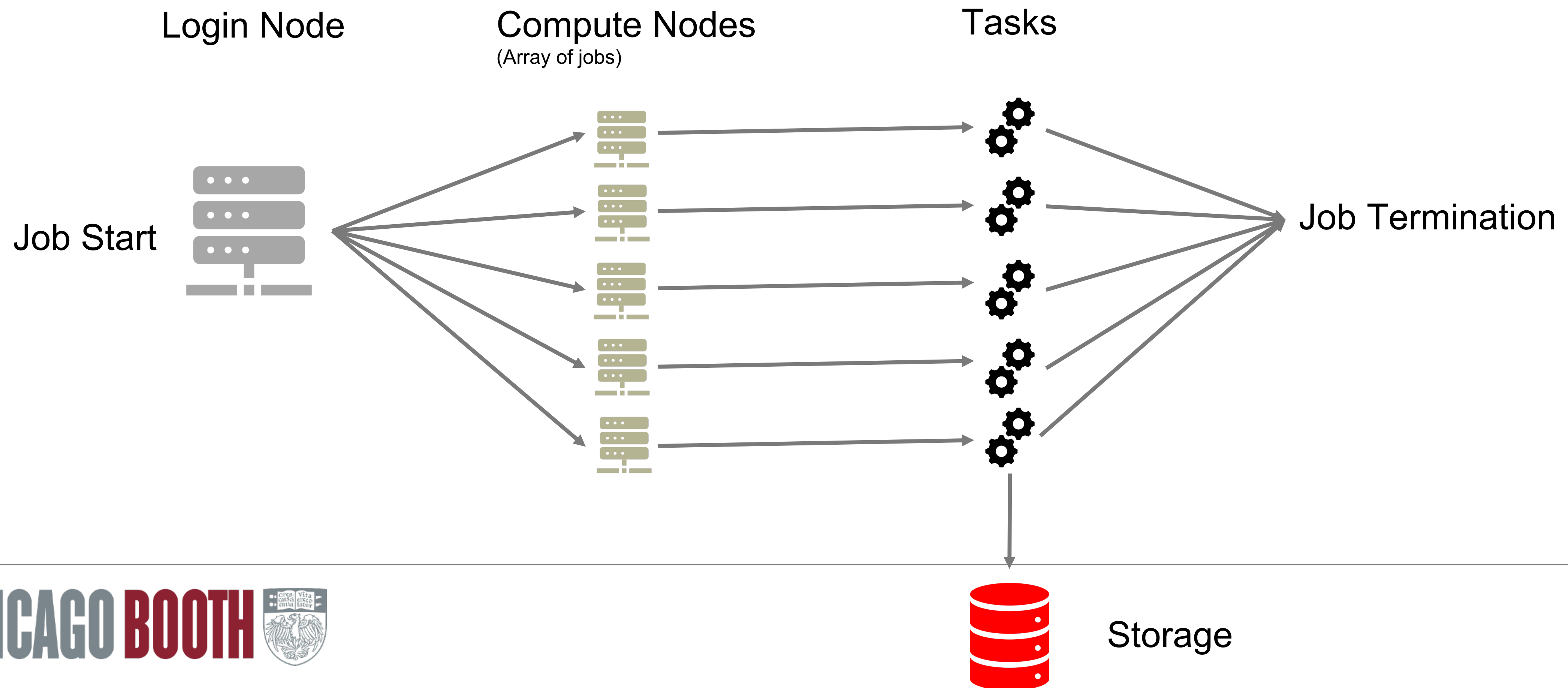
1. View the `parallel.sh` script, see what it does, and find the part that asks for the multi-cores
2. Submit it to the SLURM job scheduler and find the `job-id`
3. View the SLURM output and error files from the job, see if both cores were used



# Array Jobs

Arrays jobs submit a collection of similar jobs (e.g. Bootstrap iterations)

- An array of separate jobs



# Array Jobs

- . You need to specify how many array jobs when you submit the job

```
sbatch --array=0,1,5 submit.sh
```

```
sbatch --array=[1,500] submit.sh
```

- First command sends an array with job index {0,1,5} – three jobs in total
  - Second command sends an array with 500 jobs indexed 1 to 500
  - Can also put the --array flag in the SLURM batch file
- . The array job ID is saved in an *environmental* variable (**`$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID`**)
    - You can pass this to your program to use
- . Cannot run than more 250 single core jobs at once

submit.sh

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  # Load the software module
4  module load python/booth/3.6/3.6.3
5
6  # Pass the array index to my program of choice
7  echo "Array ID: $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID"
8  srun python myscript.py $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID
```

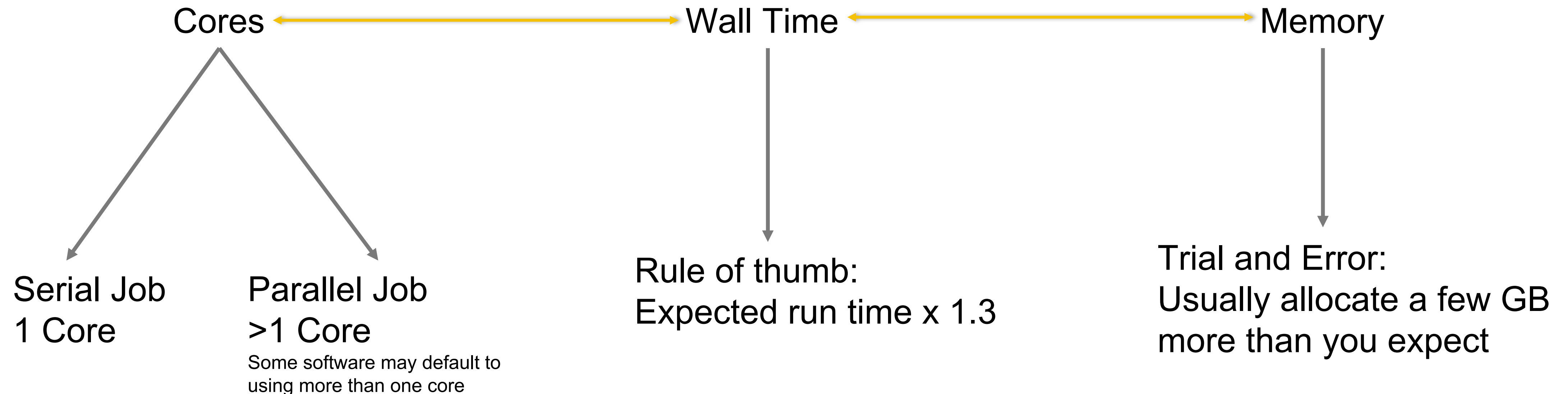
# Example 3: Array SLURM Job

- . We will walkthrough submitting an array SLURM Job in the repository.

## Tasks:

1. View the array .sh script, see what it does
2. Submit it to the SLURM job scheduler and find the job-id
3. View the SLURM output and error files from the job, see if the expected number of array jobs was run.

# Resource Allocation



- Running out of *time* or *memory* will **terminate** the job
- Running a parallel job with only one core is **inefficient**

If you over ask for resources, SLURM will take longer to allocate your job (**longer queue time**)

# Resource Allocation

## . “Greedy” Allocation Requests

- Ask for all the memory on a node
  - `#SBATCH --mem=0`
- Ask for an exclusive node for your jobs
  - `#SBATCH --exclusive`
- These will lead to significantly longer queue times
  - You need to wait for the whole node to free up
- Tip: Instead of requesting the whole node, leave one GB memory or one core free

# Resource Allocation (Examples)

. Some examples:

- Interactive Session on the gpu (GPU:1)
  - `srun --account=phd --partition=gpu --gres=gpu:1 --pty bash -l`
- Interactive Session on highmem
  - `srun --account=phd --partition=highmem --mem=100G --pty bash -l`
- The resource request format for a SLURM interactive session and a SLURM batch job are similar



# Resource Allocation

. What resources did I use?

```
walterw0@ ~ sacct -j 2174718 --format=User,MaxRss,MaxVMSize,Jobname,partition,CPUtime,start,end
```

User	MaxRSS	MaxVMSize	JobName	Partition	CPUtime	Start	End
walterw0	0	143408K	bash	standard	04:00:00	2020-09-19T16:33:56	2020-09-19T20:33:56
	8228K	278608K	extern		04:00:00	2020-09-19T16:33:56	2020-09-19T20:33:56
	205184K	278612K	bash		04:00:30	2020-09-19T16:33:56	2020-09-19T20:34:26
	0	212048K	bash		01:27:45	2020-09-19T19:06:11	2020-09-19T20:33:56
	0	212048K	-account+		00:00:01	2020-09-19T19:25:16	2020-09-19T19:25:17
	0	212048K	-account+		00:00:00	2020-09-19T19:25:25	2020-09-19T19:25:25
	0	278612K	bash		00:00:05	2020-09-19T19:25:33	2020-09-19T19:25:38

. We can check with

`sacct -j <jobID> --format=User,MaxRss,MaxVMSize,Jobname,partition,CPUtime,start,end`

- The `sacct` command lets us view job statistics
  - *MaxRSS* is the memory use
  - *CPUtime* yields the runtime of the job
- Not being overallocated leads to a shorter queuing time and more efficient server usage

# Unanticipated Job Termination

. Why did my job fail?

1. Ran out of memory
  2. Ran out of time
  3. SLURM submit script issue (submit.sh)
  4. Problem with your code (R/Python code issue)
  5. Node failure
- Outside of the node failure you can fix your code or change your requested allocation
    - Email research support ([research.support@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:research.support@chicagobooth.edu)) if you suspect a node failure

# Online Resources

- . User guide for Booth Mercury: <https://hpc-docs.chicagobooth.edu/index.html>
  - FAQ: <https://hpc-docs.chicagobooth.edu/faq.html>
- . SLURM cheat sheet: <https://slurm.schedmd.com/pdfs/summary.pdf>
- . SLURM documentation: <https://slurm.schedmd.com/sbatch.html>
- . Quick Bash Guide: <https://github.com/ldnan/bash-guide>
- . Booth Research Support ([research.support@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:research.support@chicagobooth.edu) or [rsupport@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:rsupport@chicagobooth.edu))

# Questions so far?

# Running Common Programs

. We will walk through setting up some commonly used programs:

1. STATA
2. MATLAB
3. Julia
4. Python
  - Python + Tensorflow
5. R
  - R + C++
  - R + Gurobi
  - R + Knitro

. For the GUI programs, we need to keep the terminal open in our interactive session (also need X11 forwarding set up)

- Interactive command line plots needs X11 forwarding too

. Running other programs uses the same framework (request job → load module(s) → run code)

- Packages are always installed to a *local* library

. We always start from the login node in our walkthrough



# STATA Command Line + GUI

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 2175107 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 2175107 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ module load stata
walterw0@ ~ stata

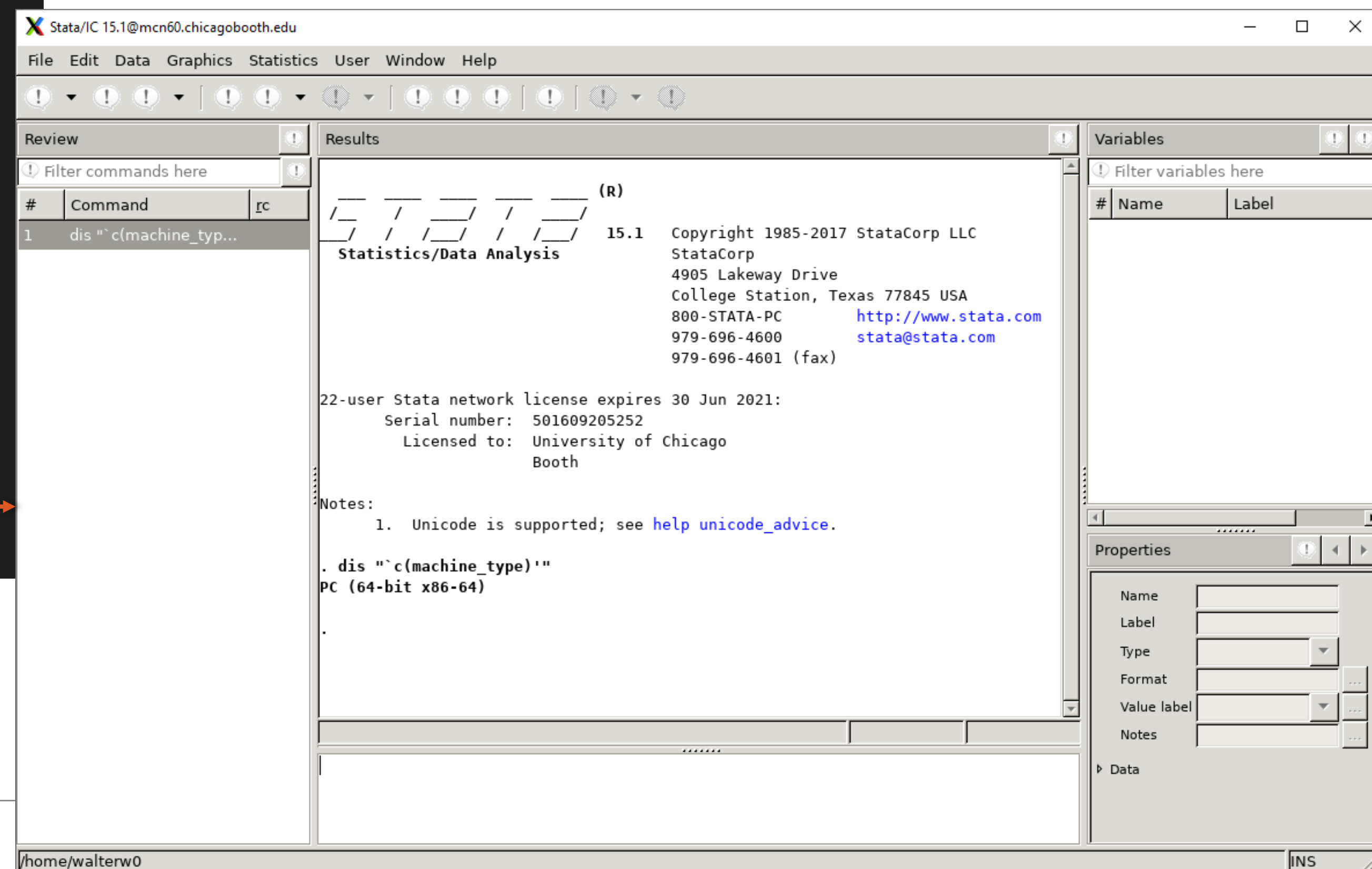
      _ _ _ _ _      (R)
     / / / / /      15.1  Copyright 1985-2017 StataCorp LLC
    / / / / /      Statistics/Data Analysis
    / / / / /      StataCorp
    / / / / /      4905 Lakeway Drive
    / / / / /      College Station, Texas 77845 USA
    / / / / /      800-STATA-PC      http://www.stata.com
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    / / / / /      979-696-4601 (fax)

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Notes:
  1. Unicode is supported; see help unicode_advice.

[1]+  Stopped                  stata
walterw0@ ~ xstata
walterw0@ ~
```

module load stata/17.0 if there is more than one version





# MATLAB Command Line + GUI

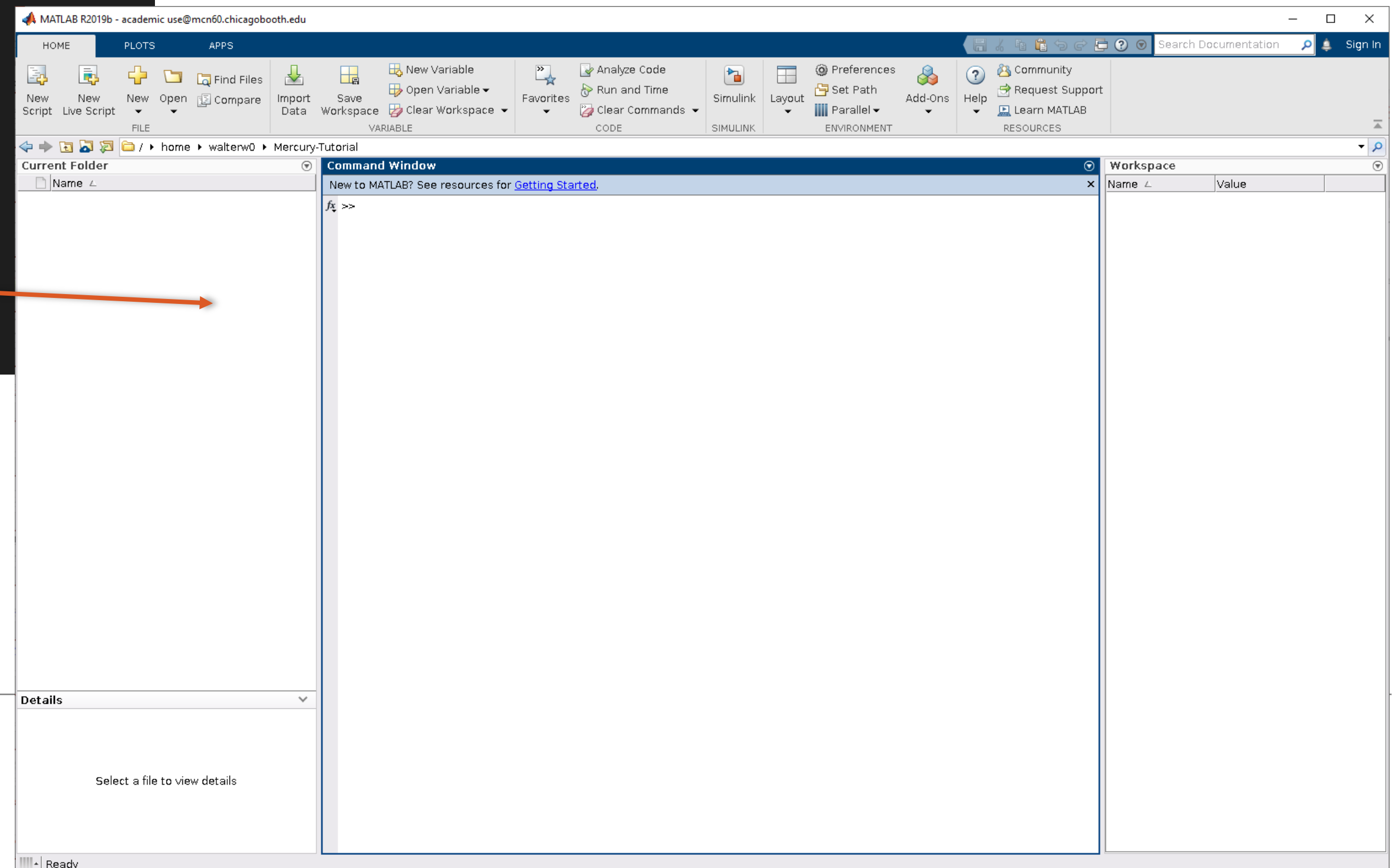
```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 2175110 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 2175110 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ module load matlab
walterw0@ ~ matlab -nodesktop -nosplash
MATLAB is selecting SOFTWARE OPENGGL rendering.
```

```
< M A T L A B (R) >
Copyright 1984-2019 The MathWorks, Inc.
R2019b Update 1 (9.7.0.1216025) 64-bit (glnxa64)
September 26, 2019
```

```
To get started, type doc.
For product information, visit www.mathworks.com.
```

```
>> exit
walterw0@ ~ matlab
MATLAB is selecting SOFTWARE OPENGGL rendering.
```

`module load matlab/R2021b` (to specify version)



# Julia

```
walterw0@ ~$ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 2175111 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 2175111 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~$ module load julia
walterw0@ ~$ julia
```

```
Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org
Type "?" for help, "]?" for Pkg help.

Version 1.1.1 (2019-05-16)
Official https://julialang.org/ release
```

```
julia> █
```

```
module load julia/1.6.6 (to specify version)
```

# Python

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 4631206 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 4631206 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ module load python/booth/3.8/3.8.5
walterw0@ ~ python3
Python 3.8.5 (default, Aug  9 2021, 22:29:49)
[GCC 8.4.1 20200928 (Red Hat 8.4.1-1)] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> █
```

- Different versions of Python

```
walterw0@ ~ module avail
----- /usr/share/Modules/modulefiles -----
dot module-git module-info modules null use.own
----- /etc/modulefiles -----
mpi/openmpi-x86_64
----- /apps/modulefiles/mercury -----
ampl/20201123      cplex/12.10/12.10.0  jags/4.3/4.3.0  knitro/12.1/12.1.1  mpi/mpich/3.0      python/booth/3.6/3.6.12  R/4.0/4.0.2      scala/3.0.0
anaconda/2021.05  gcc/9.2.0           julia/1.0.5     mathematica/12.1.0  mpi/ompi/openmpi-x86_64  python/booth/3.8/3.8.5  sas/9/9.4        stata/15.1
awscli/2.2/2.2.19  gurobi/9.0/9.0.3    julia/1.6.1     matlab/R2019b      postgresql/11/11.5    R/3.6/3.6.2            scala/2.13.6     stata/16.1
walterw0@ ~ █
```



# Python + Tensorflow

```
# request a node with one GPU in interactive mode
mfe01 ~ $ srun --partition=gpu --gres=gpu:1 --pty bash -l

# set the container name
mgpu01 ~ $ container=/apps/containers/tensorflow-gpu/tensorflow-1.13.1-gpu-py35.sif

# Launch the container environment interactively
mgpu01 ~ $ singularity run --nv ${container} bash

# alternatively, run a python script directly and exit container
mgpu01 ~ $ singularity run --nv ${container} python myscript.py
```

- Uses *singularity* as a container
- Also exists a *virtualenv* approach
- Add `--account=phd` to the first line

```
walterw0@ ~ $ srun --account=phd --partition=gpu --gres=gpu:1 --pty bash -l
srun: job 2175345 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 2175345 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ $ container=/apps/containers/tensorflow-gpu/tensorflow-1.13.1-gpu-py35.sif
walterw0@ ~ $ singularity run --nv ${container} bash
WARNING: File mode (700) on /home/walterw0/.singularity/syngp/pgp-secret needs to be 600, fixing that...
WARNING: File mode (700) on /home/walterw0/.singularity/syngp/pgp-public needs to be 600, fixing that...
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
Container was created Thu Nov  7 07:44:37 UTC 2019
Arguments received: bash
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
TensorFlow
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
You are running this container as user with ID 51768 and group 30,
which should map to the ID and group for your user on the Docker host. Great!
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
Singularity> python
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
Python 3.5.2 (default, Nov 12 2018, 13:43:14)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import tensorflow as tf
ERROR: ld.so: object '/usr/lib64/libgomp.so.1' from LD_PRELOAD cannot be preloaded (cannot open shared object file): ignored
.
>>> with tf.Session() as sess:
...     devices = sess.list_devices()
...
2020-09-20 16:48:23.847490: I tensorflow/core/platform/cpu_feature_guard.cc:141] Your CPU supports instructions that this TensorFlow binary was not compiled to use: AVX2 FMA
2020-09-20 16:48:26.577021: I tensorflow/compiler/xla/service/service.cc:150] XLA service 0x5111550 executing computations on platform CUDA. Devices:
2020-09-20 16:48:26.577068: I tensorflow/compiler/xla/service/service.cc:158]   StreamExecutor device (0): Tesla K80, Compute Capability 3.7
2020-09-20 16:48:26.601235: I tensorflow/core/platform/profile_utils/cpu_utils.cc:94] CPU Frequency: 2400115000 Hz
2020-09-20 16:48:26.601469: I tensorflow/compiler/xla/service/service.cc:150] XLA service 0x5233000 executing computations on platform Host. Devices:
2020-09-20 16:48:26.601489: I tensorflow/compiler/xla/service/service.cc:158]   StreamExecutor device (0): <undefined>, <undefined>
2020-09-20 16:48:26.601702: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:1433] Found device 0 with properties:
name: Tesla K80 major: 3 minor: 7 memoryClockRate(GHz): 0.8235
pciBusID: 0000:84:00.0
totalMemory: 11.17GiB freeMemory: 11.11GiB
2020-09-20 16:48:26.601726: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:1512] Adding visible gpu devices: 0
2020-09-20 16:48:26.602922: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:984] Device interconnect StreamExecutor with strength 1 edge matrix:
2020-09-20 16:48:26.602939: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:990]      0
2020-09-20 16:48:26.602962: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:1003] 0:  N
2020-09-20 16:48:26.603062: I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:1115] Created TensorFlow device (/job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/device:GPU:0 with 10812 MB memory) -> physical GPU (device: 0, name: Tesla K80, pci bus id: 0000:84:00.0, compute capability: 3.7)
>>>
```



# R

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 2175347 queued and waiting for resources
module load R
srun: job 2175347 has been allocated resources
module load R
walterw0@ ~ module load R
walterw0@ ~ R

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Type 'q()' to quit R.

> █
```

module load R/4.0/4.0.2 if there is more than one version

- Many different versions of R available

```
walterw0@ ~ module avail
----- /usr/share/Modules/modulefiles -----
dot module-git module-info modules null use.own

----- /etc/modulefiles -----
mpi/openmpi-x86_64

----- /apps/modulefiles/mercury -----
ampl/20201123      gurobi/9.0/9.0.3      mathematica/12.1.0    python/booth/3.6/3.6.12  scala/2.13.6
anaconda/2021.05  jags/4.3/4.3.0        matlab/R2019b         python/booth/3.8/3.8.5  scala/3.0.0
awscli/2.2/2.2.19 julia/1.0.5           mpi/mpich/3.0         R/3.6/3.6.2             stata/15.1
cplex/12.10/12.10.0 julia/1.6.1          mpi/ompi/openmpi-x86_64 R/4.0/4.0.2             stata/16.1
gcc/9.2.0         knitro/12.1/12.1.1    postgresql/11/11.5    sas/9/9.4
walterw0@ ~ █
```

# R + Rcpp

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
walterw0@ ~ module load gcc
walterw0@ ~ module load R
walterw0@ ~ R

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> library(Rcpp)
> █
```

Generally, we want to load the backend first  
– Here it's the C++ compiler gcc

module load gcc/9.2.0  
module load R/4.0/4.0.2

Sample Rcpp Code to run in R  
(Cumulative Sum Function)

```
cppFunction('NumericVector cumsum_sug(NumericVector
x) { return cumsum(x); }')
x <- 1:10
all.equal(cumsum_sug(x), cumsum(x))

## [1] TRUE
```



# R + gurobi

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 4631214 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 4631214 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ module load gurobi/9.0/9.0.3
walterw0@ ~ module load R/3.6/3.6.2
walterw0@ ~ R

R version 3.6.2 (2019-12-12) -- "Dark and Stormy Night"
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Type 'q()' to quit R.

> library(gurobi)
Loading required package: slam
Warning messages:
1: package 'gurobi' was built under R version 4.0.2
2: package 'slam' was built under R version 4.0.2
>
```

Different versions are important for software dependence

- gurobi needs R **v3.6.2** *specifically* to work
- Always load gurobi *first* before R

## Wrong R version (v4.0.2)

```
walterw0@ ~ R

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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> require(gurobi)
Loading required package: gurobi
Loading required package: slam
Error: package or namespace load failed for 'gurobi':
package 'gurobi' was installed before R 4.0.0: please re-install it
>
```

# R + Knitro

```
walterw0@ ~ srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
srun: job 4631217 queued and waiting for resources
srun: job 4631217 has been allocated resources
walterw0@ ~ module load knitro/12.1/12.1.1
walterw0@ ~ module load R/4.0/4.0.2
walterw0@ ~ R

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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> library('KnitroR', lib.loc='/apps/knitro/12.1/12.1.1/knitroR/R-4.0/')
> 
> █
```

Different versions are important for software dependence

- Knitro 12.1 and R v4.0 is needed
- The KnitroR package needs to be loaded by specifying its library location

```
library('KnitroR', lib.loc='/apps/knitro/12.1/12.1.1/knitroR/R-4.0/')
```

Without specifying the library location, it doesn't work

```
> library("KnitroR")
Error in library("KnitroR") : there is no package called 'KnitroR'
> library('KnitroR', lib.loc='/apps/knitro/12.1/12.1.1/knitroR/R-4.0/')
> 
> █
```



# Tip 1: Checking on Jobs

When we have a job running, we can ssh *directly* to compute node to see the job

- Without the extant job you cannot ssh directly
- ssh session terminated when job ends

1. Find the job's node with `squeue`
2. ssh directly to the node
3. View the job(s) using `top` or `htop` 🙄

```
walterw0@ ~
walterw0@ ~ squeue -u walterw0
             JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
             2175369  standard      bash walterw0  R        12:23         1 mcn61

walterw0@ ~ ssh mcn61
X11 forwarding request failed on channel 0
Last login: Sun Sep 20 17:53:50 2020 from 10.135.242.192
walterw0@ ~ top
top - 17:54:07 up 12 days, 3:12, 1 user, load average: 19.06, 17.97, 18.44
Tasks: 1305 total, 6 running, 1299 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 13.1 us, 0.4 sy, 0.0 ni, 86.3 id, 0.0 wa, 0.1 hi, 0.1 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 515189.5 total, 442993.5 free, 65986.4 used, 6209.6 buff/cache
MiB Swap: 4096.0 total, 4067.9 free, 28.1 used. 445958.5 avail Mem

   PID USER      PR  NI   VIRT   RES   SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM     TIME+ COMMAND
 247518 swang24   20   0 2592652 2.3g  18484 R   95.7   0.5   2972:10 R
 247520 swang24   20   0 2592656 2.3g  18772 R   95.7   0.5   2972:29 R
 247519 swang24   20   0 2636940 2.3g  18824 R   91.3   0.5   2971:16 R
1943035 mgandhi0  20   0 7285064 1.2g  266164 S   91.3   0.2  843:34.00 MATLAB
1943039 mgandhi0  20   0 7286092 1.2g  265444 S   87.0   0.2  868:30.48 MATLAB
1943045 mgandhi0  20   0 7288132 1.2g  266592 S   87.0   0.2  873:52.11 MATLAB
1943047 mgandhi0  20   0 7281980 1.2g  265184 S   87.0   0.2  871:55.14 MATLAB
1943051 mgandhi0  20   0 7211332 1.2g  265880 S   87.0   0.2  890:24.21 MATLAB
1943053 mgandhi0  20   0 7285064 1.2g  267508 S   87.0   0.2  875:58.26 MATLAB
1943055 mgandhi0  20   0 7285064 1.2g  265832 S   87.0   0.2  914:53.18 MATLAB
1943057 mgandhi0  20   0 7351628 1.2g  267144 S   87.0   0.2  882:04.76 MATLAB
1943061 mgandhi0  20   0 7211332 1.2g  265228 S   87.0   0.2  921:39.12 MATLAB
1943063 mgandhi0  20   0 7283008 1.2g  264968 S   87.0   0.2  904:43.72 MATLAB
1943065 mgandhi0  20   0 7347516 1.2g  265744 S   87.0   0.2  891:34.44 MATLAB
1943067 mgandhi0  20   0 7357768 1.2g  267532 S   87.0   0.2  865:37.83 MATLAB
2439940 czhang91  20   0    15.3g 15.0g  24656 R   82.6   3.0   23:36.25 python3
2440633 czhang91  20   0    14.2g 14.0g  24852 R   82.6   2.8   19:27.08 python3
2443771 walterw0  20   0    68248 6328   4096 R   17.4   0.0    0:00.08 top
    2600 root      20   0    259172 25008  11904 S    8.7   0.0    0:23.81 sssd_be
1943027 mgandhi0  20   0 7118800 1.1g  247032 S    4.3   0.2    1:52.70 MATLAB
```

# Tip 2: Alias repeated commands

. Every time we want an interactive session, we've run:

```
srun --account=phd --pty bash -l
```

- We can make a shortcut or alias for this by defining a new command **sinteractive**

```
alias sinteractive='srun --account=phd --pty bash -l'
```

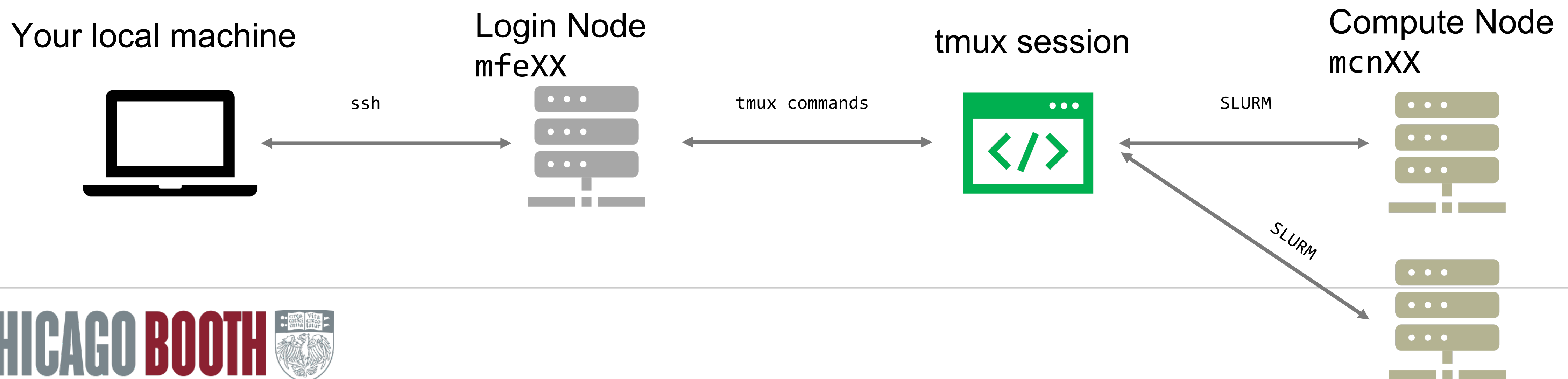
- Use the single quotation mark: `
- We can make this alias permanent by putting it in your `~/.bash_profile` file

```
echo "alias sinteractive='srun --account=phd --pty bash -l'" >> ~/.bash_profile
```

  - This line *permanently* saves the shortcut to your `~/.bash_profile` file
- Can also do this with other commands

# Tip 3: Keep your interactive session running

- tmux and screen are two “window managers” for your terminal
  - Using them on the login node can let you keep an interactive session running even after exiting the terminal (saves your workplace)
  - Requires some start-up cost to learn all the keyboard commands
  - tmux will be on login node mfe01 or mfe02
    - You can ssh between the login nodes, so you will always use the same one



# Questions so far?



# Lab: Bootstrap Standard Errors for OLS

. We want to code up the following program using:

1. Serial job (1 job using 1 core)
2. Parallel job (1 job using 2 cores)
3. Array job (2 jobs using 1 core each)

- Suggested languages for the procedure (R/Python/Julia/MATLAB)
- Use the “guided-lab” folder in the Tutorial as your workspace
- Solutions in R are in the solutions folder
- Use your favorite text editor (vim/emacs/nano) to create/edit the files on the server
  - Alternatively use: [rstudio.chicagobooth.edu](https://rstudio.chicagobooth.edu) or [jupyter.chicagobooth.edu](https://jupyter.chicagobooth.edu)

# Lab: Bootstrap Standard Errors for OLS

. **Goal:** We want to estimate non-parametric Bootstrap standard errors for OLS

- We can then compare them the standard OLS standard errors

. **Setting:**

1. Simulate 50 covariates  $(X_1, \dots, X_{50}) \sim N(0,1)$  and error term  $\epsilon \sim N(0,1)$  iid with 100,000 observations

$$Y = X'\beta + \epsilon$$

2. Define true coefficients  $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{50}) = (1, \dots, 50)$

3. Construct  $Y = X'\beta + \epsilon$

$$Y = [X_1 \quad \dots \quad X_{50}]' \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{50} \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

$$Y = [X_1 \quad \dots \quad X_{50}]' \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

# Lab: Bootstrap Standard Errors for OLS

**Procedure:** We have  $(Y, X_1, \dots, X_{50})$  from the set up as our data with  $P = 50$  covariates and  $N = 100,000$  observations

1. We choose  $B = 1,000$  total bootstrap iterations to run
2. For  $b$  from 1 to  $B$ :
  1. Sample with replacement  $(Y, X_1, \dots, X_{50})$  to get  $(Y^b, X_1^b, \dots, X_{50}^b)$
  2. Run OLS of  $Y^b$  on  $(X_1^b, \dots, X_{50}^b)$  to get estimates  $(\beta_1^b, \dots, \beta_{50}^b)$
  3. Save  $(\beta_1^b, \dots, \beta_{50}^b)$
3. Compute means and standard errors across bootstrap iterations for our bootstrap estimates

$$\hat{\beta}_p^{boot} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \beta_p^b, \quad \forall p \in \{1, \dots, P\}$$

$$se(\hat{\beta}_p^{boot}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{b=1}^B (\beta_p^b - \hat{\beta}_p^{boot})^2}$$

# Lab: Bootstrap Standard Errors for OLS

## Algorithm Pseudocode

### Setup:

1. Set the random seed and the true  $\beta = (1, \dots, 50)$  values
2. Simulate the data  $(X_1, \dots, X_P, \epsilon)$
3. Construct  $Y = X'\beta + \epsilon$  and our data is  $(Y, X_1, \dots, X_P)$

### Procedure:

1. For bootstrap iteration  $b$  in  $1 : B$ 
  - (a) Construct bootstrapped data  $(Y^b, X_1^b, \dots, X_P^b)$  by sampling with replacement
  - (b) Run OLS of  $Y^b$  on  $(X_1^b, \dots, X_P^b)$
  - (c) Save the coefficients  $(\beta_1^b, \dots, \beta_P^b)$
2. Estimate the bootstrap estimates and standard errors for each  $p \in \{1, \dots, P\}$

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### Bootstrap loop

Try coding it up on your local machine and make a guess

Printing the coefficients and standard errors to the console or saving them to a csv file is fine



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## Assignments:

Code these in your favorite language and submit a batch SLURM job

- Write (1) a SLURM batch script and (2) an estimation script for each assignment

### 1. Serial job (1 job using 1 core)

- Just follow the pseudocode

### 2. Parallel job (1 job using 2 cores)

- Bootstrap loop in the estimation script is parallelized (for  $b$  in  $1:B$ )

### 3. Array job (2 jobs using 1 core each)

- Split up the serial job to two sub-jobs (first sub-job for the first 500 bootstrap iterations)
- Use the environment variable (\$SLURM\_ARRAY\_TASK\_ID)

## Hints:

- I. Use 1 GB of memory and 5 minutes of wall time on your batch jobs
- II. Recycle your estimation script from the serial job for the parallel and the array jobs
- III. If you get stuck see the solutions folder (solutions are in R)

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