Introduction to Linux and High Performance Computing

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Outline of this course

• Computer architecture: laptops/desktops, workstations, servers, cloud and HPC
• Available HPC facilities: getting an account, creating a project
• Connecting to a server, cloud and/or HPC system
• The Linux command line and the Bash shell
• Working with directories and files
• Redirecting standard input, output and error
• Creating, editing and running script files
• Submitting jobs to a HPC cluster, controlling jobs, querying job status

This is your course, so ask questions!
High performance computing (HPC) is the use of large-scale, off-site computers and parallel processing techniques for solving complex computational problems… HPC is typically used for solving advanced problems and performing research activities through computer modelling, simulation and analysis…”

— Intersect Australia
http://www.intersect.org.au/time/supercomputing

Image credit: Oak Ridge National Laboratory Leadership Computing Facility
Computer architecture: desktops, laptops…

Typical standard PC architecture:
• One processor (CPU)
• DRAM memory
• One graphics processor (GPU)
• Storage: hard drive(s), SSD(s)
• Keyboard
• Display screen: LCD
• Network: GbE
• Other peripherals, power supply, cooling
Computer architecture: workstations

Typical workstation architecture:

- One or two processors (CPU)
- DRAM memory (with ECC)
- One or more GPUs
- Storage: hard drives, SSDs
- Keyboard
- Display screen: LCD
- Network: GbE, 10GbE
- Other peripherals, power supply, cooling
Computer architecture: servers

Typical server architecture:

• One to four processors (CPU)
• DRAM memory (with ECC)
• One or more GPUs (optional)
• Storage: hard drives, SSDs
• Network: GbE, 10GbE
• Power supply, cooling
• Access is almost always via network ports using TCP/IP Internet protocols
Computer architecture: cloud servers

Typical cloud server architecture:

- Standard server architecture
- **Hypervisor software** creates the illusion of multiple individual (virtual) servers
- Virtual servers are usually independent, non-cooperating
- Allows for virtual server migration
- Excellent for interactive processes
- Not “bare metal”: run ~10-15% slower than physical hardware
Computer architecture: HPC

Massively Parallel Distributed Computational Clusters

- Many individual cooperating servers (“nodes”): dozens to tens of thousands
- Multiple processors per node: between 8 and 64 cores
- Interconnected by fast networks: 10Gb, 56Gb, 100Gb+
- Fast networks optimised for interprocess communications, often MPI (Message Passing Interface) using InfiniBand or Omni-Path using fat-tree networks
- Almost without exception run Linux, often CentOS 6.x or 7.x
Computer architecture: simple HPC

- Compute nodes 1, 2, …, n
- Internal network switch
- Storage nodes
- Disks
- Head node
- Login node(s)
- Data Mover node(s)
- SSH
Computer architecture: more complex HPC

- Compute nodes 1, 2, …, n
- Head node
- Login nodes
- Data Mover nodes
- Admin node(s)
- Internal network switches (e.g., for MPI, storage)
- SSH
- Storage nodes
- Disks
The Katana cluster: katana.unsw.edu.au

For staff and students at UNSW Sydney:

- 158 × Dell and Lenovo server nodes (various models)
  - Head/login node: katana
  - Compute nodes: kc04b01 to kc12b16, k001 to k103
- 3220 × Intel Xeon processor cores (various models)
  - Two physical processors per node
  - 6–22 × CPU cores per processor
- 29.38 TB of main memory (24–1024 GB per node)
- 1380 TB of storage: 320 × 3–6 TB drives
- Mostly 10Gb Ethernet network interconnect
- Currently uses a “buy-in” scheme: ~$15k per node

https://research.unsw.edu.au/katana
The Raijin cluster: raijin.nci.org.au

For researchers across Australia (national facilities):

- 4644 × Fujitsu Primergy and Lenovo NeXtScale blade server nodes
- 90,800 × Intel Xeon Sandy Bridge, Broadwell and Sky Lake processor cores
- 120 × NVIDIA Tesla K80 and 8 × Tesla P100 GPU coprocessors
- 32 × Intel Xeon Phi processors
- 309 TB of main memory
- 45 PB of storage and growing…
- 56Gb/100Gb Infiniband fat-tree network


Part of the Raijin cluster in Canberra, ACT
Image credit: National Computational Infrastructure
Why learn Linux?

• To use High Performance Computing, you need to know how to use Linux

• Every single Top500 HPC system in the world uses Linux (see https://www.top500.org/). So does almost every other HPC system in the world—as well as cloud, workstations…

Why? “Linux is efficient, well-understood, battle-tested. It works and it’s free.”
— Steve R. Hastings, Why is Linux the preferred OS for supercomputers?

• **Scalable**: from mobile phones to the Sunway TaihuLight HPC system with 10,649,600 processor cores… and everything in-between

• **Free Software / Open Source**: full source code provided with permission to modify and redistribute (you can fix it yourself)

• **Based on the principles of Unix**: in use since 1969, encouraging minimalist, modular, extensible software development
“But Linux is hard!”

- Desktops/laptops with Linux do have nice graphical user interfaces (KDE, Gnome, …)
- HPC systems use the Linux command line

Why? **Scriptable:** the ability to automate tasks


1. Write programs that do one thing and do it well.
2. Write programs to work together.
3. Write programs to handle text streams, because that is a universal interface.

Analogy: Linux provides you with the tools you need to build a house, skyscraper, shack…
Connecting to a HPC system

Use the **Secure Shell** protocol (SSH):

- **Under Linux or Mac OS X:**
  - Open a terminal and type: `ssh username@hostname`
    (for example, `ssh jlg777@raijin.nci.org.au`)

- **Under Windows:**
  - Use **PuTTY** (Start » All Programs » PuTTY » PuTTY), can be downloaded from [https://www.putty.org/](https://www.putty.org/) (or search for “PuTTY download”)
  - Start PuTTY, select Window » Appearance on left-hand side, change the font to **Consolas, Regular**, size **16**
  - Can also use **MobaXterm** ([https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/](https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/)) but check licensing
  - Can also install **Cygwin**: “that Linux feeling on Windows” ([https://www.cygwin.com/](https://www.cygwin.com/))
Connecting to a HPC system

Try it now:

- Start PuTTY (Start » All Programs » PuTTY » PuTTY)
- Specify Host Name as raijin.nci.org.au
- Select Window » Appearance on left-hand side, click Change, change the font to Consolas, Regular, size 16, click OK
- Click Open
- At the “login as:” prompt, enter jxx777 (replace xx, using login provided at registration), press ENTER, then enter the password (nothing will be shown) and press ENTER
- You will get a command line prompt: something like jlg777@raijin1:~ $ 
- To exit, type exit and press ENTER
Typing in commands

• Use the keyboard to enter commands

• Commands consist of:
  – the program name (which command to run)
  – command line arguments (optionally in quotes)
    each of which must be separated by one or more spaces

• Commands and arguments are case-sensitive!

Examples:

  ls /apps — command “ls”, argument “/apps”
  ~jjz561/bin/cmdline arg1 arg2 — command “~jjz561/bin/cmdline”, 2 arguments
  ~jjz561/bin/cmdline arg1 arg2 "arg3 with spaces" — command with 3 args
Command line options

• Many commands (programs) have optional command line options
• By convention, command line options appear as the first argument(s)
• Two forms of options: long options and short-form options
• Long options start with two hyphens, “--”, followed by a word
• Short-form options start with one hyphen, “-”, followed by one letter or digit
• By convention, short-form options can be combined, usually in any order: options in “ls -a -l -F” can be combined as “ls -alF” or “ls -laF” or...
• Most (but not all!) short-form options have a corresponding long option: “ls -a” is the same as “ls --all”, but “ls -l” is “ls --format=long”
• Some options have arguments, some of which may be optional: “tail -n 20 myfile” or “tail --lines=20 myfile”
• Many, many inconsistencies after almost 50 years of Unix history!
Getting help

How to remember all the command line options and parameters to commands? Don’t try!

• For a brief summary of command line options, try “command --help”
• For some (Bash shell built-in) commands, try “help command”
• For a full explanation, try “man command”
• For some commands, try “pinfo command”
• To quit the man or pinfo commands, press “q” (the Q key, no need to press ENTER)
• To search for a keyword in the Unix manual: “man -k keyword”
• Conventions: [] indicate optional arguments, italics indicate replaceable parameters
• Remember, “Google is your friend!” 😊
Some simple commands with help

Try it now:

```
cd ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12  # Change directory to ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12
ls                       # List the contents of the directory
cd src; ls               # Multiple commands on one line, separated by “;”
pwd                      # Comments start with “#”, no need to type them in!
ls --help                 # Over five pages of summary information!
cd --help                 # Does this work?
help cd                   # But this does...
man ls                    # SPACE or PGDN to go to the next page, “q” to quit
pinfo coreutils           # Remember: “q” to quit
ls -a -l                  #+#“-a”: also list files starting with “.”; “-l”: list using a more detailed format
ls -al                    # Combining command line options...
ls --all -l               # Mixing long and short-form options
```
Directories and files: *paths and pathnames*

- Files and directories are organised into a single hierarchical *tree* structure
- The top of the tree is called the *root* directory (*root*), and is denoted as `/` (slash)
- Directories are containers (or folders) for files and directories

**Example:** (partial tree only)
Absolute pathnames

- Any file or directory can be uniquely represented as an absolute pathname:
  - gives the full name of the file or directory
  - starts with the root “/” and lists each directory along the way
  - has a “/” to separate each path (or pathname) component

Example:

Directory `/apps/matlab/R2018a`
Relative pathnames

- When a program (command) is running, it is called a process
- Every process has a *current working directory* or *current directory* (“the directory I am currently in”)
- When you log in, the system sets your current working directory to your *home directory*, something like `/home/z9693022` or `/home/561/jjz561` (highly system dependent)
- Any process can change its current working directory (“cd directory”) at any time
- A *relative pathname* points to a path relative to the current directory
  - does *not* start with “/”
  - path components are still separated with slashes “/”
- Current directory is denoted by “.” (dot)
- The directory above the current one (parent directory) is denoted by “..” (dot-dot)
- Relative pathnames often just contain a filename with no directories (i.e., no slashes “/”)

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Examples of relative pathnames

• Assume current directory is /home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12:

  README → /home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12/README
  src/trader.c → /home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12/src/trader.c
  src/../../README → /home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12/README
  ./README → /home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12/README
Important directories

• Home directory (system dependent): on Raijin, something like /home/561/jjz561

• Binary directories for utility programs:
  – /bin — for essential utilities
  – /usr/bin — for other utilities and some applications
  – /opt/bin or /usr/local/bin — for local utilities and applications
  – /home/num/user/bin — for your own utilities

• On Raijin, scratch directory for temporary files: /short/proj/user

• On Raijin, applications: /apps

• On Raijin, module files: /apps/Modules/modulefiles

Note synonyms: path, pathname, filename
More with pathnames

• To change directories: “cd  dir”
• To change to your home directory: “cd  ~” or “cd” (by itself)
• To get current working directory: “pwd”
• To list files in a directory: “ls”
• In full, using Unix conventions: “ls [options] [pathname ...]”
• Some options for ls:
  – “-a” for all files, including those starting with “.”
  – “-l” (lowercase letter L) for long (detailed) listing
• To show the directory tree structure: “tree”, “tree  -d” (show directories only)
• To view a file page by page: “less  filename”, “q” to quit, “h” for help
Playing with pathnames

Try it now:

```
  cd ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12  # Change directory to ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12
  pwd                      # Should show “/home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12”
  ls                       # List the contents of the directory
  ls -al                   # List the contents of the directory (all files, long format)
  tree -d .                # Show the directory tree structure starting from “.”
  ls -l README             # Look at the listing details for README
  ls -l src/README         # Is it the same as src/README?
  cd src                   # Now change to src subdirectory
  pwd                      # Should show “/home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12/src”
  ls -l README             # Are the details the same as the previous “ls -l” line?
  ls -l ..//README          # And which README are we referring to now?
  cd ..                    # Now change to the parent directory
  pwd                      # Should show “/home/561/jjz561/src/trader-7.12” again
```
The Bourne Again (Bash) shell

• Official manual page entry ("man bash"): Bash is an sh-compatible command language interpreter that executes commands read from the standard input or from a file. Bash also incorporates useful features from the Korn and C shells (ksh and csh).

  Bash is intended to be a conformant implementation of the Shell and Utilities portion of the IEEE POSIX specification (IEEE Standard 1003.1). Bash can be configured to be POSIX-conformant by default.

• Interprets your typed commands and executes them
• Just another Linux program: nothing special about it!
• By default, started by the system when you log in
• You can then start another shell, if you like (e.g., ksh, tcsh, even python)
• You can start a subshell by running “bash”
• To exit a subshell (or the main shell): “exit”
Some features of Bash

• Powerful command line facilities (shortcuts) to make life easier for you:
  – Tab completion (press the TAB key to complete commands and pathnames, TAB TAB to list all possibilities)
  – Command line editing: try ↑ (Up-Arrow) to recall previous commands, CTRL-R (C-R or ^R) to search for previous commands, ← and → to move along current command line

• A full programming and scripting language:
  – Variables and arrays
  – Loops (for; while; until), control statements (if … then … else; case)
  – Functions and coprocesses
  – Text processing ("expansion" and "parameter substitution")
  – Simple arithmetic calculations
  – Input/output redirection (e.g., redirect output to different files)
  – Much, much more! (The man page runs to over 5,900 lines)
File and directory patterns

• The Bash shell *interprets* certain characters in the command line by replacing them with matching pathnames.

• Called *pathname expansion*, *pattern matching*, *wildcards* or *globbing*.

• This globbing is a feature of the Bash shell, *not* the operating system itself.

• At the start of a filename: “~” is replaced with your home directory, “~user” is replaced with the home directory of user *user*.

• For existing pathnames: “*” matches any string, “?” matches any single character, “[abc]” matches any one of the enclosed characters (in this case, “a”, “b” or “c”).

• Glob patterns “*”, “?” and “[...]” only match *existing* pathnames.

• Even for pathnames that do *not* exist: “{alt1,alt2,...}” lists alternatives, “{n..m}” lists all numbers between *n* and *m*, “{n..m..s}” from *n* to *m* in steps of *s*.
  – Technically called *brace expansion*. 
Playing with pathname expansion

Try it now:

```
cd ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12/src
alias z=~jjz561/bin/cmdline          # Make a temporary shortcut "z" to the cmdline script

z arg1 arg2                         # Show how arguments arg1 and arg2 are passed to programs
z arg1 "arg2 with space"            # Bash handles the quoting characters, too
z ~                                  # Show how Bash expands "~"
z ~jjz561                           # ... and for user jjz561’s home directory

z *c                                 # Show how Bash expands "*c": all filenames ending in "c"
z ?????.c                            # ... all filenames six characters long (4 + ".c") ending in ".c"
z M*m                               # ... all filenames starting with "M" and ending with "m"
z [it]*                             # ... all filenames starting with either "i" or "t"
z ../lib/uni*                        # ... all filenames in ../lib starting with "uni"
z ..//*/*.c                         # What does this do?
```
Playing with brace expansion

Try it now:

```bash
cd ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12/src
alias z=~jjz561/bin/cmdline  # Make a temporary shortcut “z” to the cmdline script

ls test-*  # “No such file or directory”
z test-*   # What is passed as argument 1?
z test-{one,two,three}  # What three arguments does Bash expand this to?
z somedir/{one,two,three} # … and this?

z test-{1..100}  # Expand to “test-1”, “test-2”, …, “test-100”
z test-{001..100}  # … with zero-padding
z test-{1..100..3}  # … by steps of three
z test-{100..1..-3}  # … by steps of negative three
```
Naming files and directories

- Linux allows *any* characters in filenames except “/” and the NUL byte.
- You *may* create filenames with “weird” characters in them:
  - spaces and tabs
  - starting with “-”: conflicts with command line options
  - question marks “?”, asterisks “*”, brackets and braces
  - other characters with special meanings: “!”, “$”, “&”, “#”, “"”, etc.
- Just because you *can* does *not* mean you should!
- To match such files: use the glob characters “*” and “?”
- Linux file systems are case-sensitive: README.TXT is different from readme.txt, which is different from Readme.txt and ReadMe.txt!
- File type suffixes (e.g., “.txt”) are optional but recommended
- Filenames starting with “.” are usually hidden from globs and ls output

**Recommendation:** Use “a” to “z”, “A” to “Z”, “0” to “9”, “-”, “_” and “.” only.
Managing directories

• To create a directory: “mkdir dir ...”
• To create intermediate directories as well: “mkdir -p dir ...”
• To remove an empty directory: “rmdir dir ...”

Try it now:

```
  cd; ls               # Change to your home directory and list its contents (should be empty)
  mkdir test1         # Create the directory test1
  cd test1            # ... and change to it
  mkdir sub{1,2,3}    # What does this do?
  mkdir ../test2      # Where is the directory test2 created?
  cd ../test2         # Change to it
  mkdir sub{04..10}   # How to make lots of subdirectories in one go!
  cd ~                # Go back to the home directory
  tree -d             # What does the directory tree structure look like?
```
Managing files

• To output one or more file’s contents: “cat filename ...”
• To view one or more files page by page: “less filename ...”
• To copy one file: “cp source destination”
• To copy one or more files to a directory: “cp filename ... dir”
• To preserve the “last modified” time-stamp: “cp -p”
• To copy recursively: “cp -pr source destination”
• To move one or more files to a different directory: “mv filename ... dir”
• To rename a file or directory: “mv oldname newname”
• To remove files: “rm filename ...”

Recommendation: use “ls filename ...” before rm or mv: what happens if you accidentally type “rm *”? or “rm * .c”? (note the space!)
Managing files and directories

• To copy whole directory trees: “`cp -pr filename ... destination`”

• To copy to and from another Linux or Mac OS X system (e.g., from Raijin to Katana), use Secure Copy: `scp [-p -r] source ... destination`
  – Either source or destination (but not both) can contain a remote system identifier followed by a colon: “`[user@]hostname:`”

  – Powerful command but tricky! Note the trailing “/” on the directory arguments

**Examples:** (remember, don’t type in the examples!)

```
cp -pr ~/jjz561/src/trader-7.12 .
scp -p ~/file1.txt jjz561@raijin.nci.org.au:file2.txt
scp -p john@zap.org.au:src/README .
rsync -vauSH --delete ~/src/ jjz561@raijin.nci.org.au:~/src-unsw/
```
Playing with pathname expansion

Try it now:

```
cd ~; mkdir src; cd src

cp -pr ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12 .  # Copy directories recursively to “.” (current directory)
cd trader-7.12                      # Change to the newly copied directory
cat build-aux/bootstrap            # Display the contents of this file
ls */*.c                            # List all files matching “*/*.c”
rm */*.c                            # … and then remove them!
ls */*.c                            # What happens now?

mv README my-new-filename           # Rename the README file
cp INSTALL new                       # Make a copy of INSTALL and call it “new”
ls -l INSTALL new                    # What is the difference between the listings?
cp -p INSTALL same                   # Copy INSTALL, preserving time-stamps
ls -l INSTALL same                   # Verify the two files have the same date and time
```
Transferring files to the outside world

• To copy files to another Linux or Mac OS X system: use “scp” or “rsync”
  – same as within a HPC/Linux system

• To copy files to and from a Windows machine: use WinSCP (Start » All Programs » WinSCP » WinSCP), FileZilla, or “scp” or “rsync” under Cygwin
  – WinSCP may be downloaded from https://winscp.net/eng/index.php
  – FileZilla may be downloaded from https://filezilla-project.org/
  – both of these programs use a “drag-and-drop” graphical interface
  – the MobaXterm client (https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/) has a built-in Secure Copy interface as well
More Linux commands

- What machine am I on? “hostname”
- What is the date and time? “date”
- Who is logged in? “who”
- But who is user jjz561? “finger [username ...]”
- What is the user name for someone? “finger part-of-name”
- What files contains a particular string? “grep 'pattern' filename ...”
- What is the difference between two files? “diff [-u] file1 file2”
- How do I rename multiple files at once? “rename” or “prename”
- Where is a file named filename? “find dir ... -name filename”
- How big is a file or directory? “du -h [filename ...]”
- How much space is available in a directory? “df -h [dir ...]”
- How much disk quota do I have? “lquota” or (on other systems) “quota” or “quota -s”
  - On Raijin: quota for your home directory is 2.0 GB
Everything is a file

• Every process (running program) can read from or write to any file
  – process must have appropriate read or write permissions!
  – data files, configuration files, pathnames passed on the command line, …
• Three files are automatically opened for each process:
  – standard input (stdin)
  – standard output (stdout)
  – standard error (stderr)

In Unix, everything is a file!

• Keyboard and screen are represented by the file /dev/tty; use CTRL-D to signify the end of input
• Some other special files: /dev/null (an empty file), /dev/zero (an infinite number of binary zeros—will use up your disk quota in a hurry!)
Redirecting input and output

- Standard input, standard output and standard error can be redirected to/from a file or even piped to another program.
- To redirect output to filename, use “>filename”.
- To append output to filename, use “>>filename”.
- To redirect input from filename, use “<filename”.
- To connect the output from one program to the input of another (a pipe), use “program1 | program2”.
- To redirect output to filename and the screen, use “| tee filename”.
- Multiple pipes are allowed: “program1 | program2 | ... | programn”.
- Output of a process can be substituted into a command line: “$(commandline)”.
- Many Unix programs are designed to be used in this way, as filters.
Playing with file redirection

Try it now:

cd ~jjz561/src/trader-7.12

ls > ~/dir-list1  # Redirect the output of ls to ~/dir-list1
cat ~/dir-list1  # Show what is in that file
ls src >> ~/dir-list1  # Append the output of “ls src” to ~/dir-list1
cat ~/dir-list1  # What does the file contain now?
wc -l < ~/dir-list1  # Run “wc -l” (count lines in a file), but use ~/dir-list1 instead
                        #   of /dev/tty (the keyboard), the default stdin file

cat ~/dir-list1 | wc -l  # Use a pipe from cat to wc (output of cat becomes input of wc)

ls -l /bin | grep Oct  # How many files were last modified in October?
ls -l /bin | grep Oct | sort -nk5  # … sorted by the file size (5th field)
Simple scripting

• Shell scripts are just files containing a list of commands to be executed
• First line (“magic identifier”) must be “#!/bin/bash”
• Comments are introduced with “#”
• The script file must be made executable: “chmod a+x filename”

Variables:

• To set a variable, use “varname=value” (no spaces!)
• To use a variable, use “$varname” or “${varname}”
• Variable names start with a letter, may contain letters, numbers and “_”
• Variable names are case-sensitive (as with most things Unix)
Simple scripting, continued

For loops:

```bash
for varname in list ...; do
  process using ${varname}
done
```

Control statements (multiple “elif” allowed; “elif” and “else” clauses are optional):

```bash
if [ comparison ]; then
  # Use literal “[” and “]” characters
  if-true statements
elif [ second-comparison ]; then
  if-second-true statements
else
  if-false statements
fi
```
Simple scripting, continued

While loops:

```
while [ comparison ]; do
  while-true statements
done
```

Until loops:

```
until [ comparison ]; do
  while-false statements
done
```

Examples of comparisons:

- `string1 = string2` — strings `string1` and `string2` are equal
- `number1 -lt number2` — `number1` is less than `number2`
- `file1 -nt file2` — `file1` (e.g., a data file) is newer than `file2` (e.g., output file)

- See the manual page for `test` ("man test") for more information
Simple scripting, continued

Functions:

```
funcname () {
    body of function, parameters are accessed using $1, $2, ...
}
```

– Called using “`funcname arg1 arg2 ...`” within the script

• Many, many other programming features available!
• Read the reference and manual pages: “`pinfo bash`”; “`man bash`”
• Some books:
Editing files under Linux

• Use an editor to edit text files
• Many choices, leading to “religious wars”!
• Some options: GNU Emacs, Vim, Nano
• Nano is very simple to use: “nano filename”
  – CTRL-X to exit (you will be asked to save any changes on the bottom of the screen)
• GNU Emacs and Vim are highly customisable and programmable
  – For example, see the file ~jjz561/.emacs on Raijin
Creating your first script

Try it now:

```bash
mkdir ~/ex1; cd ~/ex1
# Create the ~/ex1 directory and change into it
nano ./script1
# Start the Nano text editor with the file script1
```

Enter the following text:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "I am user $(whoami), running on $(hostname)"
# Print the date and time
echo "Dates and times:"
# Do nothing for 30 seconds
date
# Do it again
sleep 30
date
```

Press CTRL-X to save the file and exit the editor (follow the prompts on the bottom of the screen), then:

```
chmod a+x ./script1
# Make script1 executable
./script1
# Execute the script! (Note the use of "./")
```
A script with loops

Try it now:

- `mkdir ~/ex2; cd ~/ex2` # Create and change to ~/ex2
- `cp -p ~/jjz561/doc/hpc-tutorial/examples/make-matlab-scripts .` # Don’t forget the trailing “.”!
- `less ./make-matlab-scripts` # Examine the `make-matlab-scripts` script
- `./make-matlab-scripts` # Run the `make-matlab-scripts` script

Answer the following questions:

1. What does the `make-matlab-scripts` do?
2. How does it do it?
3. What files are generated by the script? Hint: use the `ls` command
4. What type of files are they? (Data files, programs, input files, …)
Applications on the cluster

• Applications are managed using the *module system*
• On Raijin, applications are stored in */apps*
• On Raijin, module files are stored in */apps/Modules/modulefiles*
• Module files set shell environment variables such as *PATH*
• *PATH* controls where applications are searched (the *search path*)
• To see available applications: “*module avail [application]*”
• To see currently loaded applications: “*module list*”
• To load an application: “*module load application[/version]*”
• To unload an application: “*module unload application[/version]*”
Seeing the applications

Try it now:

```
module avail            # What applications are available?
module list            # What applications are currently loaded?

echo $PATH             # See the current value of the PATH variable
module load matlab/R2018a # Set the PATH to include Matlab R2018a
echo $PATH             # What does PATH look like now?
module unload matlab/R2018a # We don’t want to use Matlab R2018a any more…
echo $PATH             # PATH no longer contains the Matlab directory
```
HPC architecture revisited

- Compute nodes 1, 2, …, n
- Storage nodes
- Disks
- Head node
- Internal network switch
- Login node(s)
- Data Mover node(s)
- SSH

Runs the PBS scheduler

We've been running jobs (scripts, programs) on a login node: a bad idea!
Submitting jobs to the cluster

• To submit a job to the cluster compute nodes:
  – Create a shell script file as per normal
  – Add \#PBS directives as required directly after “#!/bin/bash”
    (These look like shell comments, but are interpreted by the PBS scheduler)
  – Add “cd $PBS_O_WORKDIR” after the \#PBS directives, or use “\#PBS -l wd”
  – Execute “qsub ./scriptfile”
  – Wait for the job to run, checking its status as required

• **Warning:** If you have not submitted a job using qsub (or equivalents such as sbatch on other systems), you are almost certainly running your job on a login node!

• Running jobs on login nodes bypasses the power of the HPC cluster
Common PBS directives

- Some common #PBS directives on Raijin (see https://opus.nci.org.au/ and “man qsub” for full details); many options have reasonable defaults:

  - #PBS -N scriptname — Set a name for the script
  - #PBS -P project — Charge resources from this project
  - #PBS -q queue — Which queue to submit to
  - #PBS -l ncpus=n — Request \( n \) processor cores in total
  - #PBS -l ngpus=n — Request \( n \) GPUs
  - #PBS -l walltime=hh:mm:ss — How much time is required for running the job
  - #PBS -l mem=sizeMB — How much memory is required (in MB)
  - #PBS -l software=licname — Use software licence licname
  - #PBS -M email — Send notifications to the email address
  - #PBS -m abe — What notifications to send by email
  - #PBS -l wd — Run from the same directory as submission
Checking your job status

• Submit your jobs using “qsub”
  – You will be given a job identifier: save this somewhere

• Check job and queue status: “qstat [jobid]”

• Check your project’s usage this quarter: “nci_account [-P project] [-v] [-vv]”

• Many systems have an overall system status page (e.g., using Ganglia)
  – On Raijin, the live status page is http://nci.org.au/user-support/current-job-details/
  – Can also view software licences currently being used:

Try it now: view the Raijin live status page and the Raijin software licence status page
Managing your jobs

• To see jobs belonging to you: “qstat -u $USER”
• To delete a queued job (whether running or not): “qdel jobid ...”
• To modify the resources of a job in the queue: “qalter options jobid ...”
• To move the job to another queue: “qmove newqueue jobid ...”
• To place a job on hold: “qhold jobid ...”
• To release a job currently on hold: “qrls jobid ...”
• To rerun a job (kill it and then restart it): “qrerun jobid ...”
• To show the current standard output (stdout) of a job: “qcat jobid ...”
Your first HPC job!

Try it now:

```bash
mkdir ~/ex3; cd ~/ex3 # Create and change to ~/ex3
cp ../ex1/script1 job1 # Copy script1 into job1
nano ./job1 # Start the Nano text editor with the file job1
```

Enter the following text directly after the “#!/bin/bash” line:

```bash
#PBS -q express
#PBS -M yourEmailAddress
#PBS -m abe
#PBS -l walltime=00:05:00
#PBS -l mem=1GB
#PBS -l ncpus=1
#PBS -l wd
```

Press CTRL-X to save the file and exit the editor (follow the prompts on the bottom of the screen), then:

```bash
qsub ./job1 # Submit the job to the cluster
qstat -u $USER # Check the queue status (you may need to run this more than once)
```
Did my job finish successfully?

• If your job script contains the “#PBS -M email” directive, you will receive an email once your job starts and a second email once it finishes.

• Check `Exit_status` in the second email: it should be zero for a successful job.

Example completion email:

```
PBS Job Id: 549525.r-man2
Job Name: job1
Execution terminated
Exit_status=0
resources_used.cpupercent=0
resources_used.cput=00:00:00
resources_used.mem=0kb
resources_used.ncpus=1
resources_used.vmem=5048kb
resources_used.walltime=00:00:31

— Successful job!
— 31 seconds out of 5 mins requested
```
Where did my output go?

- PBS automatically redirect standard input, standard output and standard error:
  - standard input from /dev/null
  - standard output to script.ojobid
  - standard error to script.ejobid (should be empty for successful runs)

Try it now:
```bash
cd ~/ex3; ls  # What files are present?
less job1.e*  # View the error output (should be empty); remember: “q” to quit
less job1.o*  # View the standard output
```

Answer the following questions:
1. What difference is there between the output of job1 and ../ex1/script1? Hint: “running on ...”
2. What else appears in the standard output file?
3. How could you use this information for future runs of this job?
Running interactive jobs

- **Remember:** Running jobs on login nodes bypasses the power of the HPC cluster
- But running interactively is useful for debugging!
- Solution: Start an *interactive job*
  - Replace the script name with “-I”
  - For programs with a graphical user interface, use “-I -X” if you have an X11 server
  - Specify all **PBS** directives as command line options to “qsub”:
    - `#PBS -P project` → “qsub ... -P project ...”
    - `#PBS -q queuename` → “qsub ... -q queuename ...”
    - `#PBS -l walltime=hh:mm:ss` → “qsub ... -l walltime=hh:mm:ss ...”
    - `#PBS -l mem=sizeMB` → “qsub ... -l mem=sizeMB ...”
    - ...

...
Running interactively

Try it now:

cd ~/ex1
hostname  # Where am I running? raijin1–raijin6 are login nodes
qsub -q express -l walltime=0:10:00 -l mem=4GB -l ncpus=1 -l wd -I
  # Request an interactive job (you may need to wait)

Once a command line prompt appears:

hostname  # Where am I running now? rNNN is a compute node
./script1  # Run ./script1, but now on a compute node
exit       # Finish the interactive job and return to the login node
### The queues on Raijin

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Where to from here?

• Manage your resources wisely: use “nci_account [-P project] [-v] [-vv]”

Try it now:

nci_account # Usage for my (default) project
nci_account -P w47 # A rather large project, usually well used!

• Read the documentation for your HPC system. On Raijin:
Conclusion

You have begun your journey to using Linux and High Performance Computing effectively. Well done!

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