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The Advanced Research Computing at Hopkins (ARCH) –formerly known as MARCC– is a shared computing facility at Johns Hopkins University that enables research, discovery, and learning, relying on the use and development of advanced computing. See <u>About ARCH</u>.

Rockfish website: https://www.arch.jhu.edu/

Rockfish User Guide: https://www.arch.jhu.edu/access/user-guide/

Help

Note: We will have maintenance on 4/11/2022 to 4/15/2022.

RockFish Web Sites

Read our <u>User Guide</u> web site for how to use our system or look for specific information.

RockFish RT System

Send us your questions at help@rockfish.jhu.edu and include as much information as possible. For example:

- The jobid of the job with problems
- Full path to the batch submission script
- Any specific error messages
- If possible a snapshot with errors

Frequently Asked Questions

We also have a <u>FAQ</u> web page where you could find the answers of your questions which most of the users asked.

High Performance Computing

HPC Terminology
Why Use ARCH

HPC Terminology

Node

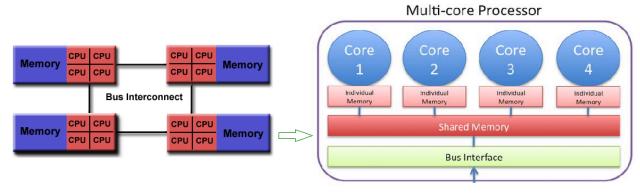
A standalone "computer in a box". Usually comprised of multiple CPUs/processors/cores, memory, network interfaces, etc.

Cluster

A group of nodes networked together so a program can run on them in parallel.

CPU/Processor(Socket)/Core

In the past, a **CPU** (Central Processing Unit) was a singular execution component for a computer. Then, multiple-core CPU is incorporated into a node. It is subdivided into multiple "**cores**" inside processors (or sockets). Each core is a unique execution unit like a CPU in the past. RAM memory between different sockets is connected with a bus interface.



Multicore CPU (NUMA system)

GPU

Short for Graphics Processing Unit. It is a specialized processor with thousands of small CPU cores. It can run multiple processes and perform many pieces of data in parallel. It is useful for machine learning, video editing, and gaming applications.

Task/Process

A **process** or **running process** refers to a set of programmed instructions currently being processed by the computer CPU. A process may be made up of multiple threads of execution that execute instructions concurrently.

Thread

In computer science, a *thread* of execution is the smallest sequence of instructions (from an application) that can be managed independently by a single core.

SSH

Also known as secure shell. It is used to log into a remote machine and execute commands through a cryptographic network protocol.

File System

System for storing many files. A local file system is a file system directly connected to a node, such as a hard drive in a computer (in /tmp). Files saved in a local file system can only be accessed directly through the connected node. A network file system (NFS) is a distributed file system protocol allowing a user on a client computer to access files over a computer network. Files saved in a NFS can be directly accessed through the computers in the network.

Why Use ARCH

A comparison between your pc and our HPCC:

Hardwares

	Laptop/Desktop	Rockfish Clusters	
Number of Nodes	1	693	
Sockets per node	1	2	
Cores per node	4 - 16	48	
Cores total	4, 8, or 16	33,264	
Core Speed	2.7 - 3.5 GHz	3 GHz	
RAM memory	8 - 32GB	189GB or 1.4TB	
File Storage	250GB - 1TB	50GB(Home), 10TB(data), 10TB(Scratch)	
Connection to other computers	Campus ethernet 1 Gbit/sec	c "Infiniband"100 Gbit/sec	
Users	1	~800	
Schedule	On Demand	24/7 via queue	

^{*} Parallel is mostly the key to use ARCH.

Software

You can use various software with different versions installed in HPCC:

- Compilers GNU, intel, CUDA, ...
- Parallel OpenMPI, Intel-MPI, ...
- Bioinformatics BLAST, Trinity, Mothur, Samtools, Trimmomatic, ...
- Libraries MKL, OpenBLAS, HDF5Is , FFTW, ...
- Commercial MATLAB, ABINIT, COMSOL, TotalView, ...

Allocations on Rockfish

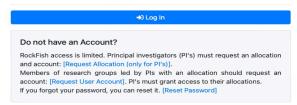
Account and Allocation Management
Computing Allocations

Account and Allocation Management

Allocation and User Account

The <u>Rockfish portal</u> (Coldfront) can be used by PIs and users to manage accounts and allocations. PIs can create projects with a short proposal; request allocations (which must be approved by the advanced computing committee); add or remove users to their allocations; upload publications, grants and other items. All projects must submit periodic reports via the Rockfish portal or to XSEDE. Users can see the <u>video link</u> for how to use Coldfront.

Log In to ColdFront



Account Usage

Rockfish allocations are made in core-hours. The recommended method for estimating your resource needs for an allocation request is to perform benchmark runs. The core-hours used for a job are calculated by multiplying the number of processor cores used by the wall-clock duration in hours.

For example: if you request one core on one node for an hour your allocation will be charged one core-hour. If you request 24 cores on one node, and the job runs for one hour, your account will be charged 24 core-hours. Job accounting is independent of the number of processes actually used on compute nodes. You can request 2 cores for your job for one hour. If you run only one process, your allocation wil still be charged for 2 core-hours.

Charge = Number of cores requested x wall-time.

Note: Each GPU is associated with 12 cores.

• Allocations will be reset on a quarterly basis. The model is "use it or lose it". Unused allocations or part of them will not roll over to the next quarter. Users can use the sbalance command to check their usage:

```
[userid@login01 ~]$ sbalance slurm_account userid
[BALANCE] used/quarter, account: slurm_account 7073.2 / 100000.0 (SU)
[BALANCE] used/quarter, user: userid 4077.6 / 100000.0 (SU)
```

Computing Allocations

MRI-Related Allocations

- Pls who participated in the proposal to NSF should submit a short <u>proposal</u> justifying the request for cpu-cycles and storage.
- Regular cpu-cycles. This allocation will allow the use of the regular/standard compute nodes. The limit is 750,000 core-hours per quarter.
- Large memory cpu-cycles. This allocation will allow the use of large memory nodes.
 Applications and simulations must use more than 192GB of memory. Limit 50,000 core-hours per quarter.
- GPU allocation. This allocation will allow the use of GPU nodes. All scientific applications should make use of the GPUs. Limit 50,000 core-hours.
- Storage (GPFS) allocations. This allocation will assign storage to the group on an annual basis.

Condo-Related Allocations

Deans' Condo allocations

 The Dean's office will offer small/startup faculty members allocations. These allocations WILL follow the MRI-topics and will be part of the annual report to the funding agency.

• Morgan State University allocations

 A subset of allocations will follow a model developed at Morgan State University as a partner for this grant.

• XSEDE allocations

- Follows the process established for XSEDE allocations (XRAC)
- Pls who contribute condos will have an allocation (or additional allocation) equivalent to the size of the condo. For example a one node condo is equivalent to 100,000 core-hours per quarter.
- Condo storage and purchased storage. This allocation is composed of the storage given by default plus the size of the storage purchased. It may cover different file sets.
- New faculty members will have allocations equivalent to the size of the condo in their LOI, or as offered by the Dean's office.
- As of April 15,2022 all "active" Pls using the Bluecrab cluster have a startup allocation on Rockfish (50,000 hours). Use this trial access to benchmark your codes and obtain information to submit a proposal by November 2022.

Please refer to Allocations web site.

Connecting to Rockfish

SSH Client
Access to login Node
Check Storage and Account Allocations

SSH Client

In order to use the Rockfish system robustly by command lines, please have a SSH client and X11 server installed in your computer.

For Windows machines

You can use <u>PuTTY</u> or <u>MobaXterm</u> (Home Edition → Installer edition). MobaXterm provides both a SFTP application for file transfer and a SSH client for command lines with X-Windows (X11 server) system (for graphical user interface (GUI) running on Rockfish login nodes).

For Mac OS machines

You can use Terminal program (installed within MacOS) for your SSH client. (In the taskbar, search for "terminal".) However, for running graphical user interface (GUI) programs on Rockfish login nodes, the X11-server program XQuartz needs to be installed. See XQuartz for download instructions.

Access to login Node

After you have a SSH client in your local computer, please open the application to run ssh commands. In the opened terminal, please type:

```
> ssh -XY userid@login.rockfish.jhu.edu
password:
```

and hit enter, where userid should be your Rockfish account name. Once you establish a connection, SSH will prompt for your password. Please type the password of your Rockfish user account. There will be nothing on your password typing. However, keep finishing your password and hit enter. Once sign into the login node, you should see the welcome messages:

```
Thu Mar 10 09:45:29 2022 from 172.28.3.75
| _ < (_) | (__| <| _| | \__ \ | | |
|_| \_\__/ \__|_|\\_\
[STATUS] loading software modules
[STATUS] modules are Lmod (https://lmod.readthedocs.io/en/latest/)
[STATUS] software is Spack (https://spack.readthedocs.io/en/latest/)
[STATUS] the default modules ("module restore") use GCC 9 and OpenMPI 3.1
[STATUS] you can search available modules with: module spider <name>
[STATUS] you can list available modules with: module avail
[STATUS] loading a compiler, MPI, Python, or R will reveal new packages
[STATUS] and you can check your loaded modules with: module list --terse
[STATUS] to hide this message in the future: touch ~/.no_rf_banner
[STATUS] restoring your default module collection now
Quota and usage information. Updated hourly. Use 'gpfsquota'
Usage for group MyGroup
FS
          Usage
                  Quota Files_Count File_Quota
---
          ---
          5.07T
                        2287948
                                     4194304
data
                  10T
scratch16 1.939T 10T
                        1005210
                                     10240000
scratch4
          4.177T 10T
                        1159700
                                     20480000
[userid@login02 ~]$
```

Now you are on the login node of the Rockfish system. Please be aware: **All users are requested** to abstain from running jobs and conduct minimal tasks on login nodes. Any extended testing should be done using the debug queue or an interactive session. Please see our <u>Policies</u> for more details.

Check Storage and Account Allocations

Right after access to a login node, users should reach their home space (/home/userid). By default, the results of the usage and quota of their file storages are also displayed. Users can also use gpfsquota command to get the results:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ gpfsquota
Quota Usage for group PI-userid
FS
                  Quota
                        Files_Count File_Quota
          Usage
---
          9.475T 10T
                        10789187
data
                                     10240000
scratch16 2.44T
                  10T
                        2086208
                                     10240000
scratch4
          8.641T 10T
                        2355444
                                     20480000
```

There should be four file storage places where you can access, read and write files:

File System Path	Size Quota (default)	File Number Quota (default)	Usage	Back-Up	System Type
/home/userid	50GB	N/A	long term file storage	weekly to an off-site location	NMVe SSD
/data/PI- userid	10TB	10240000	long term file storage	N/A	GPFS (parallel file system)
/scratch16/Pl- userid	10TB	10240000	temporary large file storage	N/A	GPFS (parallel file system 16MB blocksize)
/scratch4/PI- userid	10TB	20480000	temporary small file storage	N/A	GPFS (parallel file system 4MB block size)

where "userid" is the user's account name and PI-userid is the account name of the user's PI. Users can use cd and Is commands to check if they can be accessed.

Users can use **sbalance** command to check the allocation and usage of their job accounts

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ sbalance PI-userid userid
[BALANCE] used/quarter, account: PI-userid 64406.4 / 143750.0 (SU)
[BALANCE] used/quarter, user: userid 9468.7 / 143750.0 (SU)
```

If there is anything wrong with the results of the usage and the allocation, please let us know with a message to Rockfish HELP.

Hardware Resources

Users can use sinfo command below to get the partitions and their compute nodes:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ sinfo -s
PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT
                            NODES(A/I/O/T) NODELIST
a100
            up 3-00:00:00
                                 12/2/3/17 gpu[02-09,13-21]
                                 5/10/7/22 bigmem[01-12,17-26]
bigmem
            up 2-00:00:00
defq*
            up 3-00:00:00
                             492/66/95/653
c[001-332,337-381,383-424,433-499,501-520,522-524,529-576,625-720]
v100
            up 3-00:00:00
                                   0/1/0/1 gpu01
```

Here is the list of compute nodes and their properties:

Partition	Nodes	Processors	Cores	Memor y	Local Disk	GPUs	Job Time Limit & Node List
defq	653	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6248R CPU @ 3.00GHz	48	189 GB	915 GB	N/A	3 days c[001-332,337-381, 383-424,433-499,5 01-520,522-524,52 9-576,625-720]
bigmem	22	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6248R CPU @ 3.00GHz	48	1.47 TB	816 GB	N/A	2 days bigmem[01-12,17- 26]
a100	17	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6248R CPU @ 3.00GHz	48	189 GB	1.4 TB	4*A100	3 days gpu[02-09,13-21]
v100	1	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6248R CPU @ 3.00GHz	48	189 GB	1.4 TB	4*V100	3 days gpu01
Total	693		33,264			68*A100 4*V100	

Data Transfer

SFTP Application
Command Lines
Globus

SFTP Application

Please make sure you use Rockfish data transfer node: rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu for the (remot) host. The following free SFTP applications are available to be installed for file transfer:

MobaXterm

- 1. Download and install MobaXterm (Windows computer only).
- 2. Start the application. Click on Sessions then choose New session. In the pop-out window, click on SFTP and enter the information:
 - Remote host: rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu
 - Username: <your userid>
 - o Port: 22
- 3. Click OK You will be asked for password if it is not saved.
- 4. Once connected, the left column displays files in your local computer, the right column displays files of your Rockfish home.
- 5. You can select the appropriate directories by double clicking through each tree. Files can be dragged and dropped from one column to the other. (By dragging files from the left column to the right, they are uploaded from your local computer to Rockfish. By dragging files from the right column to the left, they are downloaded from Rockfish to your local computer.)

FileZilla

- 1. Download and install <u>FileZilla</u>.
- 2. Start the application. In the top dialog boxes, enter your information for each item:
 - Host: rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu
 - Username: <your userid>
 - Password: <your password>
 - o Port: 22
- 3. Click connect or quickconnect. The first time you use this, you will have to accept the host certificate.
- 4. Once connected, the left column displays files in your local computer, the right column displays files of Rockfish home.
- 5. You can select the appropriate directories by double clicking through each tree. Files can be dragged and dropped from one column to the other. (By dragging files from the left column to the right, you are uploading files to Rockfish from your local computer. By dragging files from the right column to the left, you can download files from Rockfish to your local computer.)

Command Lines

Download Data from Web Sites

Users can use wget or curl command to download data from a website to the Rockfish cluster. Just cd to the directory where you would like the data to be saved and execute the command. For example, by running the command:

```
curl -0 http://www.examplesite.com/examplefile.txt
```

or

```
wget http://www.examplesite.com/examplefile.txt
```

the file examplefile.txt is downloaded to your current directory from the web site: http://www.examplesite.com/.

Copy Files by scp Command

Users can use scp command to copy a file or a directory from/to the Rockfish system to/from a local computer or another cluster. For example, the command

```
scp file-name userid@rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu:/scratch16/PI-id/user-id/
```

copies file-name from the local computer (or the cluster) you are using to the directory /scratch16/PI-id/user-id/ of Rockfish cluster. Since your local computer is not a server, please make sure you always run scp command on a terminal before you log into Rockfish cluster (rather than running scp on a Rockfish login node). To copy a directory, please specify -r option. For example, running the command:

```
scp -r userid@rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu:/data/PI-id/user-id/MyDir ./
```

copies the directory /data/PI-id/user-id/MyDir in the Rockfish system to the current directory of your local computer (or the cluster you are using).

Synchronize Files by rsync Command

With rsync command, you can copy and synchronize your files and directories between two different locations. It can be used for mirroring data and transferring only the differences between the source and the destination. The syntax for rsync command is similar to scp command. To mirror a directory rockfish_dir in Rockfish system to a local directory local_dir, use the command:

```
rsync -ave ssh userid@rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu:rockfish_dir local_dir
```

To mirror a local directory **local_dir** to a directory **rockfish_dir** in Rockfish cluster, just switch their places in the above command line:

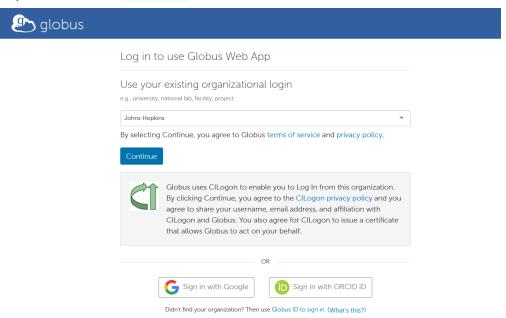
rsync -ave ssh local_dir userid@rfdtn1.rockfish.jhu.edu:rockfish_dir

Again, the command is considered to be used in the terminal of your local computer (or the cluster you are using) before accessing the Rockfish cluster.

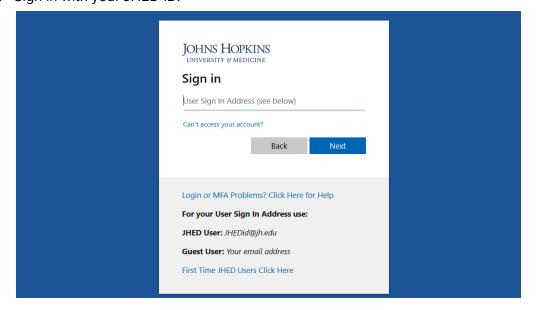
Globus

The best way to transfer large data files to/from the Rockfish cluster is to use <u>Globus</u>. Globus manages all data transfers in the background, and makes sure the process goes through even with interruptions. To use Globus for data transfer, you can follow the steps below.

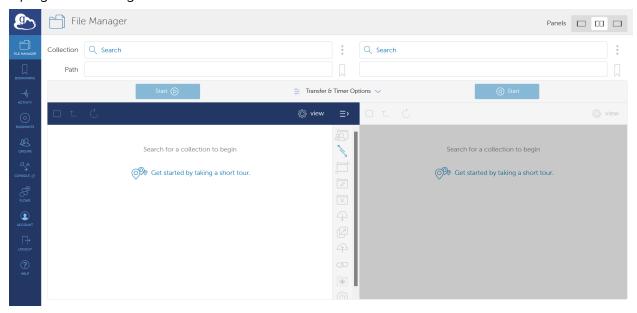
Use a web browser to connect to https://app.globus.org. If this is the first time you use Globus, you will be asked to sign into an organization. Please type and select "Johns Hopkins" then click Continue.



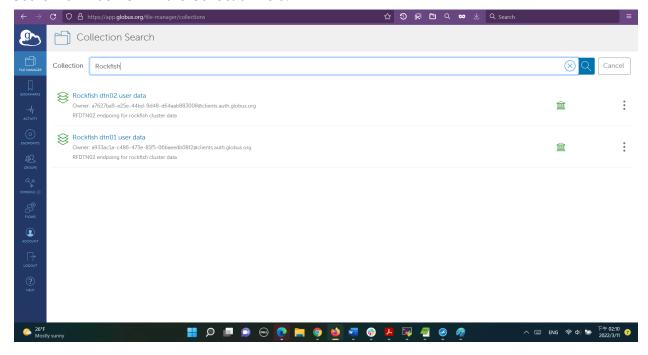
2. Sign in with your JHED ID.



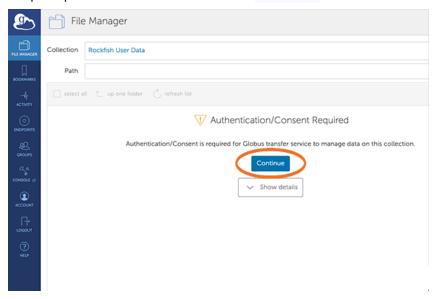
3. After you sign in successfully, you reach the Globus File Manager page. If you only get one column of Collection Search in the screen. You can click in Panels on the top right corner to get two columns.



4. Search for "Rockfish" in the Collection field.



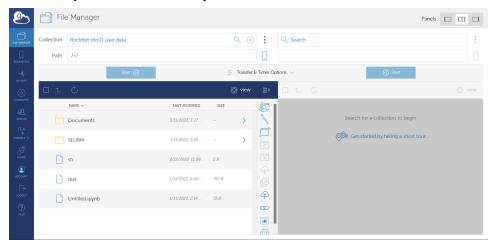
5. Click on Rockfish dtn01 user data. If this is the first time you access the collection, it will prompt for authentication. Click on Continue.



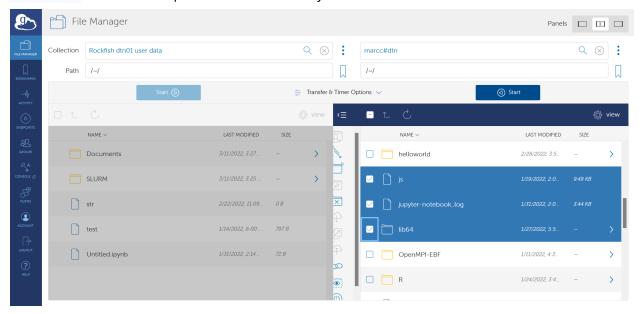
6. Enter your Rockfish username and password.

MyProxy Clie	ent Authorization		
	Welcome to the OAuth for MyProxy Client Authorization Page. The Client below is requesting access to your account. If you approve, please sign in with your username and password.		
	Client Information	Username	userid
	Name: Globus URL: https://www.globus.org	Password	•••••
			Sign In Cancel

7. After that, you access the file system of Rockfish cluster in the left column.



8. In the right column, you can search the endpoint to/from which you wish to transfer data in the Collection field. For example, you can use MARCC data transfer endpoint. Follow from step 3 again and search for "marcc" in the Collection field. After that, click on marcc#dtn and follow step 6 to access the file system of MARCC.



9. To transfer files from one side to another, just select files and/or directories on one side and click on Start button to transfer them to the other side.

If you would like to use Globus to transfer data to/from your local computer, please install the <u>Globus Connect Personal</u>. During the installation, an endpoint is set for your local computer and you can use it in the Collection field to access your local file system.

Module and Software System

LMOD System and Module Commands
Find, List and Load Software
Module hierarchy

LMOD System and Module Commands

There are many software applications installed in Rockfish cluster system. In order to find and use them properly and conveniently, LMOD module system was built in the Rockfish system. Users can simply run the command:

```
[cchan139@login02 ~]$ module -h
Usage: module [options] sub-command [args ...]
... ...
```

to find out how to use the module commands. The following is a list of commonly used module commands.

Common Module Commands

module list	List currently loaded modules.
module spider <software name=""></software>	Find installed software in HPCC system
module load <software name=""></software>	Load an available software module.
module unload <software name=""></software>	Unload a currently loaded software module.
module purge	Unload all loaded modules
module swap <software a=""> <software b=""></software></software>	Unload software A and load software B
module avail	Show currently available software.
module whatis <software name=""></software>	Show a description of the software
module show <software name=""></software>	Show functions and environment settings of a module.
module use <module directory=""></module>	Use modules installed in a directory

ml Commands

ml can be	Description	Examples
module	if a module command is specified behind ml	ml spider, ml show,
module list	if nothing is specified behind ml	ml
module load	if a module name is specified behind ml	ml git, ml matlab
module unload	if a module name with "-" sign is specified	ml -git, ml -matlab

Users can find out more details about m1 commands by running m1 -h on a login node.

Find, List and Load Software

List Loaded Module

Right after you ssh to a Rockfish node, some modules are automatically loaded by default. You can use module list command to see the loaded modules:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module list

Currently Loaded Modules:
   1) gcc/9.3.0   2) openmpi/3.1.6   3) slurm/19.05.7   4) helpers/0.1   5)
git/2.28.0   6) standard/2020.10
```

Once users have a module loaded, its application is ready to be used. For example, gcc command of gcc/9.3.0 and mpirun command of openmpi/3.1.6 can be found by which command:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ which gcc
/data/apps/linux-centos8-cascadelake/gcc-9.2.0/gcc-9.3.0-bnvby67rgbqevwsd26
4rgz44xucnkhpm/bin/gcc
[cchan139@login02 ~]$ which mpirun
/data/apps/linux-centos8-cascadelake/gcc-9.3.0/openmpi-3.1.6-rk3nyoehbq3pke
4zy4hn7unns3ujtutx/bin/mpirun
```

where commands gcc and mpirun are pointed to the places where the applications are installed.

Find Software Module

If you did not find your preferred software loaded, you can use module spider command to look for it first. For example, to look for Python application, just run module spyder python:

and a list of installed python versions is displayed. Before you try to load a version of Python, you might want to find out what needs to be loaded first before you can load it. You can use the same

module spider command with the specified version. For example, to load Python version 3.9.0, use the command module spider python/3.9.0:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module spider python/3.9.0

python: python/3.9.0

You will need to load all module(s) on any one of the lines below before the "python/3.9.0" module is available to load.

gcc/9.3.0

Help:
    The Python programming language.
```

and we found the compiler gcc/9.3.0 needs to be loaded first. Due to module hierarchy used in our module system, before an application can be loaded, the version of its compiler (or maybe its MPI compiler) needs to be loaded first.

Load Modules

Now, we can run the module load command:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module load gcc/9.3.0 python/3.9.0
```

to load both gcc/9.3.0 and python/3.9.0 at the same time. Again, we can use module list and which command to check if they are loaded:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module list

Currently Loaded Modules:
   1) slurm/19.05.7   3) standard/2020.10   5) openmpi/3.1.6   7)
python/3.9.0
   2) helpers/0.1   4) gcc/9.3.0        6) git/2.28.0
[userid@login01 ~]$ which python
/data/apps/linux-centos8-cascadelake/gcc-9.3.0/python-3.9.0-yjjcnpbjcnwubdg
kk4d6qy64twbio233/bin/python
```

As we can see, not only are they loaded but also the python command is pointed to the application directory.

Show Module Functions

The functions of a loaded module are to set up the environment in the running session so the application command can be executed directly and properly. Users can use module show command to find out the settings. For example, after the slurm/19.05.7 module is loaded, we can run

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module show slurm/19.05.7

/data/apps/lmod/linux-centos8-x86_64/Core/slurm/19.05.7:

whatis("Adds Slurm to your environment ")
setenv("CMD_WLM_CLUSTER_NAME", "slurm")
setenv("SLURM_CONF", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/var/etc/slurm/slurm.conf")
prepend_path("PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/bin")
prepend_path("PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/man")
prepend_path("LD_LIBRARY_PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64")
prepend_path("LD_LIBRARY_PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
prepend_path("LIBRARY_PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64")
prepend_path("LIBRARY_PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64")
prepend_path("LIBRARY_PATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
prepend_path("CPATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
prepend_path("CPATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
prepend_path("CPATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
prepend_path("CPATH", "/cm/shared/apps/slurm/current/lib64/slurm")
```

to see the setup of the environment variables during module loading. We can also use the results to find the installed location of the application: /cm/shared/apps/slurm/ and the module file name with the path /data/apps/lmod/linux-centos8-x86_64/Core/slurm/19.05.7.

Module hierarchy

In order to use an application with the linked libraries correctly, the same versions of the compiler and the libraries by which the application was built also need to be loaded. User can see this feature with lists of directly available modules through the module avail command:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module avail
*** RockFish Software ***
Use "module spider <name>" to search all software.
The available software depends on the compiler, MPI,
Python, and R modules you have already loaded.
https://lmod.readthedocs.io/en/latest/010_user.html
----- gcc (9.3) + openmpi (3.1) ------
                hdf5/1.10.7 openfoam-org/7
  boost/1.74.0
                                             py-netcdf4/1.5.3
  fftw/3.3.8 hypre/2.20.0 openmm/7.4.1 remora/1.8.5
   ... ... ...
                     (D)
                          netcdf-fortran/4.5.3 petsc/3.14.0
  gromacs/2020.5
----- gcc (9.3) -----
                  htslib/1.10.2
  aspera-cli/3.7.7
                                  python/3.7.9
  bedtools2/2.27.1 intel-mkl/2020.3.279-tbb
                                            python/3.8.6
                                                          (D)
   ... ... ...
   ... ... ...
           openmpi/3.1.6
                                   (L)
                                        vmd/1.9.4
  gmp/6.1.2
----- external software
  Aspera-Connect/3.9.6 amber/20
                                 gaussview/gv
   ... ... ...
   ... ... ...
  abinit/9.6.2
                   (D)
                          gaussian/16
                                      orca/5.0.2
                                                        (D)
----- core -----
                                                      own/0.1
  anaconda/2020.07
                      helpers/0.1 (L) intel/2020.2
standard/2020.10 (L)
  gcc/9.3.0 (L) intel/2020.1 (D)
                                        slurm/19.05.7 (L)
 Where:
  L: Module is loaded
  D: Default Module
```

As you can see, all of the available modules are separated into 4 parts. Modules under gcc (9.3) + openmpi (3.1) are available since they are compiled by the gcc version 9.3 and OpenMPI version 3.1 and modules under gcc (9.3) are built by the gcc version 9.3 only. The application modules under core and external software can be loaded directly since they only need system libraries. If you try to load a module which is not available, you will get an error message. For examples, loading quantum-espresso module will display the module can not be loaded

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module load quantum-espresso
Lmod has detected the following error: These module(s) or extension(s)
exist but cannot be loaded as
requested: "quantum-espresso"
   Try: "module spider quantum-espresso" to see how to load the module(s).
```

and suggest you to use the module spider command to find out how to load it. This is exactly the way we mentioned in the previous section. The spider command shows the intel compiler intel/2020.2 and intel-mpi compiler intel-mpi/2020.2 also need to be loaded.

By including intel/2020.2 and intel-mpi/2020.2 in the module load command, the quantum-espresso module can be loaded.

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ module load intel/2020.2 intel-mpi/2020.2
quantum-espresso

Lmod is automatically replacing "gcc/9.3.0" with "intel/2020.2".

Lmod is automatically replacing "openmpi/3.1.6" with "intel-mpi/2020.2".
```

```
Due to MODULEPATH changes, the following have been reloaded:
   1) git/2.28.0

[cchan139@login02 ~]$ ml

Currently Loaded Modules:
   1) slurm/19.05.7   3) standard/2020.10   5) intel-mpi/2020.2   7)
quantum-espresso/6.6
   2) helpers/0.1   4) intel/2020.2   6) fftw/3.3.8   8)
git/2.28.0
```

Due to conflict between different compilers, loading intel and intel-mpi modules replaces gcc and openmpi. As shown in the module list (ml) command, quantum-espresso is successfully loaded and both gcc and openmpi are not in the module list.

Parallel Computing Jobs

The simplest way to do work in parallel is to run many jobs independently at a time. However, to perform many operations coherently and concurrently on multiple CPUs in one or multiple nodes, an application needs to be programmed with a parallel model and compiled by certain libraries. For HPC software, three basic parallel models: **Shared Memory**, **Distributed Memory** and **Hybrid Model** are usually used.

Shared Memory with Threads

- It performs some serial work, and then creates a number of threads running by CPU (or GPU) cores concurrently.
- Each thread can have local data, but also, shares the entire resources, including RAM memory of the main program.
- Threads communicate with each other through global memory (RAM). This requires synchronization operations to ensure that no more than one thread is updating the same RAM address at any time.
- Threads can come and go, but the main program remains present to provide the necessary shared resources until the application has completed.

Examples: POSIX Threads, OpenMP, CUDA threads for GPUs

An example of OpenMP resource request:

```
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --cpu-per-task=8 # run 8 threads
```

Distributed Memory with Tasks

- A main program creates a set of tasks (processes) that use their own local memory during computation. Multiple tasks can reside on the same physical machine and/or across an arbitrary number of machines.
- Tasks exchange data through communications by sending and receiving messages through a fast network (e.g. infinite band).
- Data transfer usually requires cooperative operations to be performed by each process.
 For example, a send operation must have a matching receive operation.
- Synchronization operations are also required to prevent race conditions.

Example: Message Passing Interface (MPI)

An example of MPI resource request:

```
#SBATCH --ntasks=8 # mpirun -np 8
#SBATCH --cpu-per-task=1
```

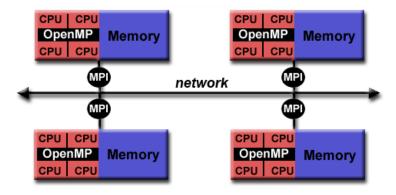
Hybrid Parallel

- A hybrid model combines more than one of the previously described programming models.
- A simple example (OpenMPI) is the combination of the message passing model (MPI) with the threads model (OpenMP).
 - Threads perform computationally intensive kernels with the local RAM in a node
 - Communications between processes on different nodes occurs over the network using MPI
- Works well to the most popular HPC clusters with multi/many-core machines.
- Other example: MPI with CPU-GPU (Graphics Processing Unit)

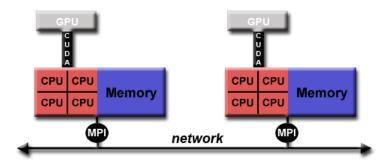
An example of OpenMPI resource request:

```
#SBATCH --ntasks=6 # mpirun -np 6
#SBATCH --cpu-per-task=4 # run 4 threads for each task
```

Hybrid OpenMP-MPI Parallel Model:



Hybrid CUDA-MPI Parallel Model:



Job Management by SLURM

In order to have fair usage of the **shared** cluster, SLURM (Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management) is used to manage users' jobs and computing resources in the Rockfish system. SLURM is an open-source, fault-tolerant, and highly scalable scheduling system. It has been employed by a large number of national and international computing centers. Users can use SLURM commands to submit jobs with resource requests, monitor job status and collect resource usages.

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Request Interactive jobs

It is helpful to run your work and get the response of the commands right away to see if any error is in your workflow. If an interactive job is required for job testing, users can use the interact command to request one. Simply use the command on a login node to display the usage.

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ interact
usage: interact [-n tasks or cores] [-t walltime] [-r reservation] [-p
partition] [-a Account] [-f featurelist] [-h hostname] [-g ngpus]
Starts an interactive job by wrapping the SLURM 'salloc' and 'srun'
commands.
options:
  -n tasks
                  (default: 1)
                  memory in K|M|G|T (if m > max-per-cpu * cpus, more cpus
  -m memory
are requested)
 -t walltime
                  as hh:mm:ss (default: 30:00)
  -r reservation reservation name
                  (default: 'defq')
 -p partition
  -a Account
                  If users needs to use a different account. Default is
primary PI
  -f featurelist SLURM features (e.g., 'haswell'),
                  combined with '&' and '|' (default: none)
  -h hostname
                  only run on the specific node 'hostname'
                  (default: none, use any available node)
                  specify GRES for GPU-based resources
  -g gpus
```

As mentioned in the results, this command is related to 'salloc' and 'srun' commands. We can see how it works by requesting an interactive job:

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ interact -n 1
Tasks: 1
Cores/task: 1
Total cores: 1
Walltime: 30:00
Reservation:
Queue: defq
Command submitted: salloc -J interact -N 1-1 -n 1 --time=30:00 -p defq srun
--pty bash
```

```
salloc: Granted job allocation 3624855
... ...
[userid@c003 ~]$
```

where the real command executed is salloc -J interact -N 1-1 -n 1 --time=30:00 -p defq srun --pty bash In other words, the interact command actually uses the syntax:

```
salloc <Job Options> srun --pty bash
```

to request an interactive job. A list of available job options is mentioned in the next section and we can use them for job submission.

List of Job Options

The following is a list of basic job specifications. To see the complete options, please refer to the SLURM <u>sbatch command page</u>.

Computing Resource Options

Job Options	Description	Examples in Job Script	
-c, cpus-per-task= <nc pus></nc 	Require <i>ncpus</i> number of processors per task	#SBATCH -c 3 (3 cores per node)	
gres= <list></list>	Specifies a comma delimited list of generic consumable resources. The format of each entry on the list is "name[[:type]:count]", where name is that of the consumable resource. To request for GPUs,gres=gpu:3 is an example to request 3 A100 GPUs.	#SBATCHgres=gpu:2 (request 2 GPUs per node)	
mem= <size[units]></size[units]>	Specify the real memory required per node.	#SBATCHmem=2G (M or G bytes)	
mem-per-cpu= <siz e[units]></siz 	Minimum memory required per allocated CPU	#SBATCHmem-per-cpu=2G (M or G bytes)	
-N, nodes= <minnodes[-maxnodes]></minnodes[Request that a minimum of minnodes nodes be allocated to this job. A maximum node count may also be specified with maxnodes. If only one number is specified, this is used as both the minimum and maximum node count.	#SBATCHnodes=2-4 (Request 2 to 4 different nodes)	
-n, ntasks= <number></number>	Request total <i>number</i> of tasks. The default is one task per node, but note that the cpus-per-task option will change this default.	#SBATCH -n 4 (All tasks could be in 1 to 4 different nodes)	

ntasks-per-node=< ntasks> tasks-per-node= <nt asks></nt 	Request that <i>ntasks</i> be invoked on each node. This is related tocpus-per-task=ncpus, but does not require knowledge of the actual number of cpus on each node.	
-p,partition= <partition _names=""></partition>	Request a specific partition for the resource allocation. If not specified, the default behavior is used.	#SBATCH -p a100 #SBATCH -p bigmem
-A, account= <account></account>	Charge resources used by this job to specified account.	#SBATCH -A <account></account>
-t,time= <time></time>	Set a limit on the total run time of the job allocation. The total run time in the form: HH:MM:SS or DD-HH:MM:SS	#SBATCH -t 00:20:00
-w,nodelist= <node name list></node 	Request a specific list of your buy-in nodes. The job will contain <i>all</i> of these hosts and possibly additional hosts as needed to satisfy resource requirements. The list may be specified as a comma-separated list of hosts, a range of hosts, or a filename. The host list will be assumed to be a filename if it contains a "/" character.	#SBATCHnodelist=c001,c004,c011,, #SBATCH -w c[011-015,] #SBATCH -w /home/userid/nodelist
-x,exclude= <node name list></node 	Explicitly exclude certain nodes from the resources granted to the job.	
-J, job-name= <jobnam e></jobnam 	Specify a name for the job allocation.	#SBATCH -J MyJob

Other Job Options

Job Options	Description	Examples in Job Script	
mail-type= <type></type>	Notify user by email when certain event types occur. Valid <i>type</i> values are NONE, BEGIN, END, FAIL, REQUEUE, ALL (equivalent to BEGIN, END, FAIL, REQUEUE, and STAGE_OUT), STAGE_OUT (burst buffer stage out and teardown completed), TIME_LIMIT, TIME_LIMIT_90 (reached 90 percent of time limit), TIME_LIMIT_80 (reached 80 percent of time limit), TIME_LIMIT_50 (reached 50 percent of time limit) and ARRAY_TASKS (send emails for each array task).	#SBATCH mail-type=BEGIN,END	
mail-user= <user></user>	User to receive email notification of state changes as defined bymail-type. The default value is the submitting user.	#SBATCH mail-user=user@msu.edu	
export= <environ ment variables [ALL] NONE></environ 	Identify which environment variables are propagated to the launched application, by default all are propagated. Multiple environment variable names should be comma separated.	#SBATCHexport=EDITOR=/bin/ema cs,ALL	
begin= <time></time>	Submit the batch script to the Slurm controller immediately, like normal, but tell the controller to defer the allocation of the job until the specified time. Time may be of the form <i>HH:MM:SS</i> to run a job at a specific time of day (seconds are optional).	#SBATCHbegin=16:00	

Options Disabled for Interactive Job

Job Options	Description	Examples in Job Script	
-e, error= <filename></filename>	Instruct Slurm to connect the batch script's standard error directly to the file name specified. By default both standard output and standard error are directed to the same file. See -o,output for the default file name.	#SBATCH -e /home/username/myerrorfi le	
-o, output= <filename pattern></filename 	Instruct Slurm to connect the batch script's standard output directly to the file name specified in the "filename pattern". The default file name is "slurm-%j.out", where the "%j" is replaced by the job ID. For job arrays, the default file name is "slurm-%A_%a.out", "%A" is replaced by the job ID and "%a" with the array index.	#SBATCH -o /home/username/output-fil e Need a file name or filename pattern not just a directory.	
-a, array= <indexes></indexes>	Submit a job array, multiple jobs to be executed. The <i>indexes</i> specification identifies what array ID values should be used. Each job has the same job ID (\$SLURM_JOB_ID) but different array ID (\$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID variable). Can use step function with ":" separator. A maximum number of simultaneously running jobs may be specified with "%" separator.	#SBATCH -a 0-15 #SBATCHarray=0,6,16-32 #SBATCHa 0-15:4 (same as #SBATCHa 0,4,8,12) #SBATCHarray=0-15%4 (4 jobs running simultaneously)	

More options can be found on the $\underline{\text{sbatch option}}$ website.

Batch Job Script

To submit a batch job and run it on a compute node, users need to use **sbatch** command with a job script file. The job script is supposed to contain three parts. The first part is the first line of the file which specifies the shell to run the script. By default, bash shell is generally used to run our command lines. The first line should be like

```
#!/bin/bash
```

The second part contains the lines of resource requests and job options. Each of the lines must start with the words #SBATCH so the job scheduler (SLURM) can read and manage the resources. For example, the following SBATCH lines:

```
#SBATCH --job-name=MyTest # Job name (-J MyTest)

#SBATCH --time=4:00:00 # Time limit (-t 4:00:00)

#SBATCH --nodes=1 # Number of nodes (-N 1)

#SBATCH --ntasks=2 # Number of processors (-n 2)

#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=6 # Threads per process (-c 6)

#SBATCH --partition=defq # Used partition (-p defq)

#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=4GB # Define memory per core
```

specify the job name to be MyTest. It can use 2 processes simultaneously (in parallel) on one node in the defq partition with 6 threads in each process. The maximum memory usage is 4GB per CPU and maximum running time is 4 hours.

The third part is the command lines which will be run on the compute nodes when the job starts. The command lines should include all commands of job workflow after logging into a node, such as module loading, environment setting and running application commands. An example of the command lines are

```
module load intel/2020.2 intel-mpi/2020.2
module load quantum-espresso/6.6

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=${SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK}
mpirun -n $SLURM_NTASKS pw.x < scf.in > scf.out
scontrol show job $SLURM_JOBID
```

The first 2 command lines load the necessary modules to run the QuantumESPRESSO software. The export command sets the environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS as the SLURM environment variable \$SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK which is the requested number of CPUs per task. The setting allows the application to run with multiple threads. The mpirun command starts to run the pw.x command in parallel with the number of the processes the same as the SLURM variable \$SLURM_NTASKS set to be the requested number of tasks. The last command will print the job

information to the SLURM output file, where the environment variable \$SLURM_JOBID is set to be the job ID of the job. More SLURM variables can be seen in the <u>SLURM Environment Variables</u> section.

By default, the job standard output and standard error will be sent to the SLURM output file slurm-<JobID>.out in the directory where you run the job submission command. Users can use the -o or -e option to specify a different output or a different error file name with a preferred location. If the -e option is not specified, both messages are sent to the output file. Users can also use the filename pattern to name the file. For example, using the specifications:

```
#SBATCH -o /home/userid/%j/%x.out
#SBATCH -e /home/userid/%j/%x.err
```

will send the output to the file /home/userid/<JobID>/<JobName>.out and the error to the file /home/userid/<JobID>/<JobName>.err, where <JobID> and <JobName> are the ID and name of the job respectively. If there exists a file with the same file name as the output file name, the job output will append to it.

Other Job Options and Usages

As mentioned in the <u>Hardware Resources</u> section, there are 3 partitions: defq, bigmem and a100 for Rockfish compute nodes. Users can use the <u>sinfo</u> command to see them:

```
[cchan139@login02 ~]$ sinfo -s

PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES(A/I/O/T) NODELIST

a100 up 3-00:00:00 8/0/2/10 gpu[01-10]

bigmem up 2-00:00:00 3/7/3/13 bigmem[01-13]

defq* up 3-00:00:00 167/307/22/496

c[001-232,241-280,289-328,337-376,385-424,433-440,625-720]
```

By default, submitted jobs will use the **defq** partition if no partition is specified. If users would like to use large memory nodes or A100 GPUs, they need to get the allocation first and use the partition with the related account. For example, to run jobs on bigmem nodes, put the job options in the job script:

```
#SBATCH --partition=bigmem

#SBATCH -A PI-userid_bigmem
```

Please also make sure the memory request is more than 192GB. To run jobs with A100 GPUs, users can use the options

```
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:4
#SBATCH -p a100
#SBATCH -A PI-userid_gpu
```

where the first line is to request the number of GPUs and the last 2 lines specify the partition and the account options respectively.

More job script examples can be found on the Running Jobs website.

Job Array

If users would like to submit multiple jobs with similar job scripts, use of the job array option could be a good idea. Submission of a job array will use the same job script for all jobs but with a different SLURM environment variable \$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID for each different job. Users can apply the variable on the command lines to create different job runnings. A simple job array example could be as

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ cat ArrayJob.sb
#!/bin/bash

#SBATCH --array=1-5
echo "SLURM job $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID starts on $HOSTNAME"

[userid@login02 ~]$ sbatch ArrayJob.sb
Submitted batch job 516540
```

Submitting this script ArrayJob.sb returns a parent job ID 516540 as \$SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID and generates 5 jobs with job IDs from 516540_1 to 516540_5. Each job has the output file as slurm-516540_\$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID.out and has different output as

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ head slurm-516540_*.out
==> slurm-516540_1.out <==
SLURM job 1 starts on c007
==> slurm-516540_2.out <==
SLURM job 2 starts on c007
==> slurm-516540_3.out <==
SLURM job 3 starts on c007
==> slurm-516540_4.out <==
SLURM job 4 starts on c007
==> slurm-516540_5.out <==
SLURM job 5 starts on c007</pre>
```

Users can also change the output or error file name with the -o or -e options in the job script. The following is the list of the SLURM variables related to the <u>file patterns</u>:

SLURM Variables	File Pattern	Description
SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID	%A	Job array's parent job allocation number
SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID	%a	Job array ID (index) number
SLURM_JOB_ID	%j	Job identifier ID
SLURM_JOB_NAME	%x	Name of the job

Estimating Computing Resources

When users try to set the job options on computing resources, they might have problems estimating how much to request. If users request too much, the job could wait in the queue for a long time to get the available resources. However, if users request too less, the job could over-utilize them and get canceled before it finishes. If you have no experience in job resource usage, it is suggested to request more to make sure it can finish running for the first time. Check the resource usages of the job with the seff command (see Submit and Monitor Jobs section) and adjust the computing resources for the next jobs.

SLURM Environment Variables

The following is a list of SLURM environment variables available for the job script or during an interactive job session. Users are able to get the variable settings by using the command env | grep | SLURM in an interactive job session or in a batch job script.

SLURM Variables	File Pattern	Description
SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK		Number of cpus requested per task. Only set if the cpus-per-task option is specified.
SLURM_JOB_ACCOUNT		Account name associated of the job allocation
SLURM_JOBID SLURM_JOB_ID	%j	The ID of the job allocation
SLURM_JOB_NAME	%x	Name of the job
SLURM_NODELIST SLURM_JOB_NODELIST		List of nodes allocated to the job
SLURM_NNODES SLURM_JOB_NUM_NODES		Total number of different nodes in the job's resource allocation
SLURM_MEM_PER_NODE		Same asmem
SLURM_MEM_PER_CPU		Same asmem-per-cpu
SLURM_NTASKS SLURM_NPROCS		Same as - n,ntasks
SLURM_NTASKS_PER_NODE		Number of tasks requested per node. Only set if the ntasks-per-node option is specified.
SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR		The directory from which sbatch was invoked
SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID	% a	Job array ID (index) number
SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID	% A	Job array's master job ID number

More variables are displayed on the <u>SLURM environment variables</u> website.

Submit and Monitor Jobs

Job Submission

After you have a job script, you can use the **sbatch** command with the file name of the job script to submit the job. For example, the command

```
[userid@login02 MyJob]$ sbatch jobfile
Submitted batch job 3679746
```

submits the script file **jobfile**. If it is submitted successfully, you will see the output with a job ID. Please notice some facts about job submission:

- In case the job script does not specify any job options, users can also specify job options mentioned in the <u>List of Job Options</u> section with sbatch command.
- If there is any option conflict between the specifications in the job script and on the command line, the job scheduler will take the options specified with the sbatch command.
- By default, if the job scheduler is not able to find any job option, the submitted job will use 1 node, 1 task and 1 hour for the job running.
- After a job starts, it will run the command lines and create a SLURM output file in the directory where you execute sbatch command. Please make sure you use the right directory to run sbatch command.

Job Listing and Information

To list all your jobs in the SLURM queue, you can run sqme command:

```
[userid@login02 MyJob]$ sqme
                                                     NAME NODES CPUS
        USER
               ACCOUNT
                              JOBID PARTITION
TIME LIMIT
               TIME NODELIST ST REASON
   userid
                          3679746 defq
                                             node_work
                                                           1
                                                                 1
             mygroup
1:00:00
            0:00
                          PD None
```

The same command is the same as the SLURM job listing command squeue:

```
squeue -u $USER -o '%.12u %.9a %.12i %9P %.10j %.5D %.5C %.10l %.8M %.8N %t
%r '
```

Users can also learn about how to use the command on the squeue website.

More information about a specific job can also be displayed by the **scontrol show job** command:

```
[userid@login02 MyJob]$ scontrol show job 3679746
```

```
JobId=3679746 JobName=node work
   UserId=userid(1495) GroupId=mygroup(1002) MCS_label=N/A
   Priority=2630 Nice=0 Account=mygroup QOS=normal
   JobState=COMPLETED Reason=None Dependency=(null)
   Requeue=1 Restarts=0 BatchFlag=1 Reboot=0 ExitCode=0:0
   RunTime=00:00:01 TimeLimit=01:00:00 TimeMin=N/A
  SubmitTime=2022-03-15T09:36:31 EligibleTime=2022-03-15T09:36:31
  AccrueTime=2022-03-15T09:36:31
  StartTime=2022-03-15T09:36:31 EndTime=2022-03-15T09:36:32 Deadline=N/A
  SuspendTime=None SecsPreSuspend=0 LastSchedEval=2022-03-15T09:36:31
   Partition=defq AllocNode:Sid=login02:2912087
   ReqNodeList=(null) ExcNodeList=(null)
   NodeList=c005
   BatchHost=c005
  NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=1 NumTasks=0 CPUs/Task=1 ReqB:S:C:T=0:0:*:*
  TRES=cpu=1, node=1, billing=1
  Socks/Node=* NtasksPerN:B:S:C=0:0:*:* CoreSpec=*
  MinCPUsNode=1 MinMemoryNode=0 MinTmpDiskNode=0
  Features=(null) DelayBoot=00:00:00
  OverSubscribe=OK Contiguous=0 Licenses=(null) Network=(null)
  Command=./jobfile
  WorkDir=/home/userid/MyJob
  StdErr=/home/userid/MyJob/slurm-3679746.out
  StdIn=/dev/null
  StdOut=/home/userid/MyJob/slurm-3679746.out
   Power=
```

At any time, you would like to cancel jobs in the queue, use scancel command with job IDs behind it. For example, to cancel the job 3679746, run scancel 3685853

and it is canceled.

Job States and Pending Reasons

After a job is submitted, it could be in many different states (ST). The basic job states are these:

• Pending (PD): job is in the queue, waiting to be scheduled.

- Running (R): job has been granted an allocation and in running.
- Completing (CG): job is in the process of completing.
- Held (H): job was submitted, but was put in the held state (held by users or system).
- Timeout (TO): job was terminated for running longer than its wall clock limit.
- Failed (F): job terminated with a non-zero status.
- Node Fail (NF): job terminated after a compute node reported a problem.

More job states can be found on the <u>SLURM JOB STATE</u> web site.

If a job is in the pending state, it could be due to many reasons. Some basic reasons are these:

- Resources The job is waiting for resources to become available.
- Priority The job needs to wait and get higher priority for this partition.
- RegNodeNotAvail Nodes specifically required by the job are not currently available.
- AssociationResourceLimit The job's association has reached some resource limit.
- QOSResourceLimit The job's QOS has reached some resource limit.
- PartitionDown The queue is currently closed to running any new jobs.

Please see more reasons on the **SLURM JOB REASON** web site.

Resource Usages

After a job finishes, users might need to check the resource usages for the next job submission. Since it is no longer in the job queue, sqme or scontrol show job command can not list or display the job information. Users will need to use the sacct command to see a list of finished jobs.

To show the jobs submitted or in running today, you can run sacct -X command:

[userid@logion	n02 MyJob]\$ sac JobName Pa		Account	AllocCPUS	State
3679742 0:0	FastRun	defq	mygroup	1	COMPLETED
3679746 0:0	node_work	defq	mygroup	1	COMPLETED

to get the job list. The -X option will prevent the display of each detailed job step. If users would like to see the jobs over a period of time in the past, the -S option for the start time and -E option

for the end time can be used with the command. For example, to get the jobs running during the days between March 1st, 2022 and March 5th, 2022, the command displays the results:

[userid@login JobID ExitCode	JobName	sacct -X -S Partition	2022-03-01 Account	-E 2022-03 AllocCPUS	-05 State	
3342147 1:0	interact	defq	mygroup	1	FAILED	
3342150	interact	defq	mygroup	1	FAILED	
2:0 3345156	test2	defq	mygroup	16	COMPLETED	
0:0 3345497 0:0	interact	defq	mygroup	1	COMPLETED	

where the date format after -S and -E option is year-month-day. If -E is not specified, the end of time is the current time. More usage about the command can be found on the <u>sacct</u> website.

After you find the job of which you would like to know the resource usages, you can run the **seff** command with the job ID behind it to get the results. For example, to get the resource usage of the job 3345156, you can run

[userid@login02 MyJob]\$ seff 3345156

Job ID: 3345156 Cluster: slurm

User/Group: userid/mygroup State: COMPLETED (exit code 0)

Nodes: 1

Cores per node: 16 CPU Utilized: 00:17:45

CPU Efficiency: 96.81% of 00:18:20 core-walltime

Job Wall-clock time: 00:01:09 Memory Utilized: 28.72 GB

Memory Efficiency: 89.75% of 32.00 GB

to find the CPU, memory and wall-time usages with the efficiencies. The core-walltime with orange background is the CPU time which will be charged to your group account.

Container and Singularity

Some applications are not able to run on the Rockfish cluster due to system conflict. Containers allow developers to package up an application with all of the dependencies so we can use it as an application package in our system. Docker is a popular tool to create, deploy and run application containers. However, due to its root privilege requirement, most HPC systems do not allow users to install and use it. In order to use Docker containers, we have Singularity installed in compute nodes. Singularity is compatible with Docker and able to run its containers.

To use Singularity, users can request an interactive job. After the job starts, **singularity** command can be used directly:

```
[userid@c011 ~]$ which singularity
/usr/bin/singularity
```

To pull a docker container image, users can use the <u>Docker Hub</u> web site to look for it. Once the preferred container is found, use the docker pull address and <u>singularity pull</u> command to download the image file in the current directory. For example, to pull the Docker <u>python container</u> of image file 3.9.6-slim-buster (docker pull python:3.9.6-slim-buster), we can run

and the image file is saved with the name python-3.9.6.sif:

```
[userid@c011 Singularity]$ ls
python-3.9.6.sif
```

To run the image, just use **singularity** run command with the image file name:

```
userid@c011 Singularity]$ singularity run python-3.9.6.sif
Python 3.9.6 (default, Aug 17 2021, 02:38:04)
[GCC 8.3.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```

where, python version 3.9.6 is ready to use inside the container. We can check the container shell and environment with the singularity shell command:

```
[userid@c011 Singularity]$ singularity shell python-3.9.6.sif
Singularity> echo $PATH
/usr/local/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/bin
Singularity> ls /usr/local/bin
2to3 idle idle3.9 pip3 pydoc pydoc3.9 python-config
python3-config python3.9-config
2to3-3.9 idle3 pip pip3.9 pydoc3 python python3
python3.9 wheel
```

If users would like to run other commands installed in the container image, such as 2to3, the singularity exe command can be used:

```
[userid@c011 Singularity]$ singularity exec python-3.9.6.sif 2to3 --help
Usage: 2to3 [options] file|dir ...
Options:
  -h, --help
                    show this help message and exit
 -d, --doctests_only Fix up doctests only
 -j PROCESSES, --processes=PROCESSES
                      Run 2to3 concurrently
  -x NOFIX, --nofix=NOFIX
                      Prevent a transformation from being run
                      List available transformations
 -l, --list-fixes
  -p, --print-function Modify the grammar so that print() is a function
 -e, --exec-function Modify the grammar so that exec() is a function
 -v, --verbose
                      More verbose logging
  --no-diffs
                      Don't show diffs of the refactoring
  -w, --write
                      Write back modified files
 -n, --nobackups
                      Don't write backups for modified files
  -o OUTPUT_DIR, --output-dir=OUTPUT_DIR
                      Put output files in this directory instead of
                      overwriting the input files. Requires -n.
  -W, --write-unchanged-files
                      Also write files even if no changes were required
                      (useful with --output-dir); implies -w.
  --add-suffix=ADD SUFFIX
                      Append this string to all output filenames.
```

To find out more usages of singularity commands, simply run singularity --help command:

```
[cchan139@c011 ~]$ singularity --help
Linux container platform optimized for High Performance Computing (HPC) and
Enterprise Performance Computing (EPC)
Usage:
  singularity [global options...]
Description:
  Singularity containers provide an application virtualization layer
enabling
  mobility of compute via both application and environment portability.
With
  Singularity one is capable of building a root file system that runs on
  other Linux system where Singularity is installed.
Options:
  -c, --config string
                        specify a configuration file (for root or
                        unprivileged installation only) (default
                        "/etc/singularity/singularity.conf")
  -d, --debug
                        print debugging information (highest verbosity)
  -h, --help
                        help for singularity
      --nocolor
                        print without color output (default False)
  -q, --quiet
                        suppress normal output
                        only print errors
  -s, --silent
  -v, --verbose
                        print additional information
                        version for singularity
      --version
Available Commands:
  build
              Build a Singularity image
  cache
              Manage the local cache
  capability Manage Linux capabilities for users and groups
              Manage various singularity configuration (root user only)
  config
  delete
              Deletes requested image from the library
              Run a command within a container
  exec
              Help about any command
  help
              Show metadata for an image
  inspect
  instance
              Manage containers running as services
              Manage OpenPGP keys
  key
              Manage OCI containers
  oci
              Manage Singularity plugins
  plugin
```

```
pull
              Pull an image from a URI
              Upload image to the provided URI
  push
  remote
              Manage singularity remote endpoints, keyservers and
OCI/Docker registry credentials
              Run the user-defined default command within a container
              Show the user-defined help for an image
 run-help
 search
              Search a Container Library for images
              Run a shell within a container
  shell
 sif
              siftool is a program for Singularity Image Format (SIF) file
manipulation
 sign
              Attach digital signature(s) to an image
              Run the user-defined tests within a container
 test
 verify
              Verify cryptographic signatures attached to an image
 version
              Show the version for Singularity
Examples:
 $ singularity help <command> [<subcommand>]
 $ singularity help build
 $ singularity help instance start
For additional help or support, please visit https://www.sylabs.io/docs/
```

Python and Anaconda

There are several python versions installed in the Rockfish cluster. Users can use module spider command to check the installed versions:

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ ml spider python

python:

Versions:
    python/3.7.9
    python/3.8.6
    python/3.9.0
```

Once you have a version of python loaded, you can use **module avail** command to check if any python packages are available to load:

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ module load python/3.8.6
[userid@login03 ~]$ module avail
*** RockFish Software ***
Use "module spider <name>" to search all software.
The available software depends on the compiler, MPI,
Python, and R modules you have already loaded.
https://lmod.readthedocs.io/en/latest/010_user.html
      py-cython/0.29.21
                     py-pip/20.2
                                           py-scipy/1.5.3
  py-joblib/0.14.0
                     py-pybind11/2.5.0
                                           py-setuptools/50.1.0
                    py-scikit-learn/0.23.2
                                           py-threadpoolct1/2.0.0
  py-numpy/1.18.5
```

If more packages are needed, you can also use the pip command to install them. Since users are not able to install packages in the python installed directory, You could use the pip command with --user option to install in the hidden directory ~/.local of your home space. However, as more python packages are installed, It is difficult to meet all of their requirements by one global installation. Users are strongly suggested to create virtual environments and install python packages in a self-contained directory. In this way, different applications can use different virtual environments to avoid their conflict.

Virtual Environment

To create a virtual environment, users can first check the version of the used python and create a directory.

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ module list python

Currently Loaded Modules Matching: python
  1) python/3.8.6
[userid@login03 ~]$ mkdir python3.8
[userid@login03 ~]$ cd python3.8/
[userid@login03 python3.8]$
```

Once enter the directory, users can run the python3 -m venv command to create a virtual environment. For example, to create a virtual environment with a name math-packages, we can use the command:

```
[userid@login03 python3.8]$ python3 -m venv math-packages
[userid@login03 python3.8]$ ls math-packages/
bin include lib lib64 pyvenv.cfg
```

and the environment is created under the math-packages directory. Now we can use the environment by sourcing the script file activate under the bin directory:

```
[userid@login03 python3.8]$ source math-packages/bin/activate
(math-packages) [userid@login03 python3.8]$
```

Once it is activated, the name of the environment (math-packages) is displayed in front of the prompt.

Now, we can install python packages under the environment by the pip install command.

We can also install multiple python packages with your specific versions.

To see all installed python packages in the environment, use the pip freeze command:

```
(math-packages) [cchan139@login03 python3.8]$ pip freeze
mpmath==1.1.0
numpy==1.22.3
sympy==1.4
```

At any time you would like to exit the environment, simply run deactivate command:

```
(math-packages) [cchan139@login03 python3.8]$ deactivate
[cchan139@login03 python3.8]$
```

and the environment name in front of the prompt disappears.

Anaconda

The Rockfish cluster also has versions of anaconda installed. After you load a version of anaconda, you can use conda command to create conda environments and install python packages.

```
[userid@login03 conda]$ module load anaconda
[userid@login03 conda]$ conda -V
conda 4.8.3
```

Users are also suggested to use conda environments for installing and running python packages as mentioned in the python section. To create a conda environment, the conda create command is used. For example, to create a my_conda environment, execute the command with -p option:

```
[userid@login03 conda]$ conda create -p my_env
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done

==> WARNING: A newer version of conda exists. <==
    current version: 4.8.3
    latest version: 4.11.0

Please update conda by running
    $ conda update -n base -c defaults conda

## Package Plan ##
    environment location: /home/userid/conda/my_env

Proceed ([y]/n)? y</pre>
```

After you agree to proceed, the my_env environment is created in my_env directory under the current directory.

```
[cchan139@login03 conda]$ ls
my_env
```

Users can now activate the environment by the **conda activate** command with the directory path:

```
[userid@login03 conda]$ conda activate ./my_env
(/home/userid/conda/my_env) [userid@login03 conda]$
```

As the same as the python virtual environment, the environment name is displayed in front of the prompt. Now, users can search for available conda packages from the Anaconda web site and use the conda install command to install your preferred conda packages under the environment. For example, we can install pip by the command:

```
(/home/userid/conda/my_env) [userid@login03 conda]$ conda install pip
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done
... ...
(/home/userid/conda/my_env) [userid@login03 conda]$ which pip
~/conda/my_env/bin/pip
```

and the pip command becomes available. With the pip package installed, all python packages from PyPI can be installed just as mentioned in the section of python virtual environment.

At any time users would like to quit the environment, simply run conda deactivate command

```
(/home/userid/conda/my_env) [userid@login03 conda]$ conda deactivate
[userid@login03 conda]$
```

and the environment name in front of the prompt disappears.

Install a List of Packages

Some python applications require many python packages as dependencies. We can use a file with a list of them inside and do the installations once. To install multiple packages by the pip command, we can make a text file with the package names and their versions. For example, the installation of a alphafold version requires several python packages and the file requirements.txt displays a list of them

```
(math-packages) [userid@login03 python3.8]$ cat requirements.txt
abs1-py==0.13.0
biopython==1.79
dm-haiku==0.0.4
dm-tree==0.1.6
docker==5.0.0
immutabledict==2.0.0
jax==0.2.14
ml-collections==0.1.0
numpy==1.19.5
pandas==1.3.4
scipy==1.7.0
tensorflow-cpu==2.5.0
```

A simple pip command with -r option installs them all in the environment:

```
(\verb|math-packages|) [userid@login03 python3.8] \$ pip install -r requirements.txt
```

For Anaconda, users can also use a yaml file to create a conda environment and install dependencies all for once. For example, we can create a yaml file as reqs.yaml:

```
[userid@login03 conda]$ cat reqs.yaml
name: conda_list
channels:
- conda-forge
dependencies:
- python=3.7
- matplotlib
- scipy
- numpy
```

Use the conda create command:

```
[userid@login03 conda]$ conda env create -f reqs.yaml
```

The listed dependencies can all be installed under the created conda_list environment.

RStudio

To use RStudio installed in the Rockfish cluster, users can simply run the script r-studio-server.sh on a login node:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ r-studio-server.sh
Creating slurm script: R-Studio-Server.slurm.script
The Advanced Research Computing at Hopkins (ARCH)
SLURM job script for run RStudio into Singularity container
Support: help@rockfish.jhu.edu
Nodes:
               1
Cores/task:
Total cores:
Walltime:
               00-02:00
Queue:
               defq
The R-Studio-Server is ready to run.
 1 - Usage:
         $ sbatch R-Studio-Server.slurm.script
 2 - How to login see login file (after step 1):
         $ cat rstudio-server.job.<SLURM_JOB_ID>.out
 3 - More information about the job (after step 1):
         $ scontrol show jobid <SLURM_JOB_ID>
```

A job script with the filename R-Studio-Server.slurm.script is created in your current directory. To request a job and start a RStudio session interactively, simply follow the output instruction and submit the job script:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ sbatch R-Studio-Server.slurm.script Submitted batch job 3549484
```

and an interactive job with the name rstudio_container_userid is in the queue, which can be listed with sqme command:

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ sqme
    USER ACCOUNT    JOBID PARTITION    NAME NODES CPUS
TIME_LIMIT    TIME NODELIST ST REASON
    userid mygroup    3549484 defq    rstudio_co    1    1
2:00:00    0:21    c278 R None
```

Now, follow the output instruction and see the output file rstudio-server.job.<JOBID>.out for the information of login to R-Studio server:

[userid@login02 ~]\$ cat rstudio-server.job.3549484.out

1. SSH tunnel from your workstation using the following command:

```
ssh -N -L 53609:c278:53609 cchan139@login.rockfish.jhu.edu
```

2. log in to RStudio Server in your web browser using the Rockfish cluster credentials (username and password) at:

```
http://localhost:53609
```

user: userid

password: < ARCH password >

- 3. When done using RStudio Server, terminate the job by:
- a. Exit the RStudio Session ("power" button in the top right corner of the RStudio window)
 - b. Issue the following command on the login node:

```
scancel -f 3549484
```

The first step is to open a new terminal with your ssh client and run the command ssh -N -L 53609:c278:53609 userid@login.rockfish.jhu.edu with your password.

```
> ssh -N -L 53609:c278:53609 userid@login.rockfish.jhu.edu
Password:
```

Once it is logged in, follow the second step. Use your web browser to open the address http://localhost:port-number and input your username and password to sign in. Once you successfully sign in, the RStudio session is started in the web browser.

← → C ① localhost:53609/auth-sign-in?appUri=%2F	
R Studio	
	Sign in to RStudio
	Username:
	userid
	Password:
	Stay signed in when browser closes
	Sign In
	Sign In

If you would like to end the session, follow step 3. Click on the power button on the top right corner and cancel your job.

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ scancel -f 3549484
```

To find out how to request more resources for RStudio session, use the script command r-studio-server.sh with -h option on a login node:

```
?,-h help
                give this help list
   -n nodes
                how many nodes you need (default: 1)
   -c cpus
                number of cpus per task (default: 1)
   -m memory
                memory in K|M|G|T
                                         (default: 4G)
                (if m > max-per-cpu * cpus, more cpus are requested)
                note: that if you ask for more than one CPU has, your
account gets
                charged for the other (idle) CPUs as well
   -t walltime as dd-hh:mm (default: 00-02:00) 2 hours
   -p partition (default: defq)
   -a account
                if users needs to use a different account. Default is
primary PI
                combined with '_' for instance: 'PI-userid'_bigmem
(default: none)
                quality of Service's that jobs are able to run in your
   -q qos
association (default: qos_gpu)
                specify GRES for GPU-based resources (eg: -g 1 )
   -g gpu
   -e email
                notify if finish or fail (default: <userid>@jhu.edu)
```

Jupyter Notebook

To use Jupyter Lab installed in the Rockfish cluster, users can submit a slurm job script to start a job and run Jupyter Lab interactively. If users do not have the script, they can simply run the script jupyterlab.sh on a login node to get one.

```
[userid@login02 ~]$ jupyterlab.sh
The jupyterlab.sh script will create a slurm script for multiple
environments with jupyterlab and #SBATCH with default parameters.
Use jupyterlab.sh --help for more details.
1) Slurm script to run jupyterlab (jupyter_lab.slurm.script)
2) File with login information (Jupyter_lab.job.<JOBID>.login)
3) File related to slurm INPUT ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES and HTTPS server
information (Jupyter_lab.info)
4) Notebook server file (.jupyter/jupyter_notebook_config.py)
5) The jupyter-lab, ipykernal, pip will be installed/updated in:
/home/cchan139/jp_lab
<Ctrl+C> to cancel
Sign in with your Rockfish Login credentials:
         Enter the userid password:
Attempt 1 of 3
?
```

After you enter the password, the job script jupyter_lab.slurm.script is saved in the current directoy.

Submit the job script with sbatch command and wait for the job to start:

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ sbatch ./jupyter_lab.slurm.script
Submitted batch job 3550093
[userid@login03 ~]$ sqme
       USER
              ACCOUNT
                             JOBID PARTITION
                                                   NAME NODES CPUS
              TIME NODELIST ST REASON
TIME LIMIT
                         3550093 defq
                                           Jupyter_la
   userid mygroup
                                                          1
                                                               1
2:00:00
           0:53
                   c005 R None
```

Once it starts, check the output file Jupyter_lab.job.<JOBID>.login in the directory and use cat command to see the 3 steps for how to connect to the Jupyter Lab session.

```
[userid@login03 ~]$ cat Jupyter_lab.job.3550093.login

1. SSH tunnel from your workstation using the following command:
    ssh -N -L 49607:c005:49607 cchan139@login.rockfish.jhu.edu

2. log in to Jupyter Lab in your web browser using the Rockfish cluster credentials (username and password) at:
    http://localhost:49607
    user: cchan139
    password: < ARCH password >

3. When done using Jupyter Lab, terminate the job by:
    a. Exit the Jupyter Lab ("file" button in the top left corner of the Jupyter Lab and the shut down)
    b. Issue the following command on the login node:
    scancel -f 3550093
```

The steps are the same as the steps for connecting to RStudio interactive session mentioned in the previous section. Follow the steps and the session is started with your web browser.

To find out more resource requests for Jupyter Lab job script, simply run the script jupyterlab.sh with -h option and the usage is displayed:

```
number of cpus per task (default: 1)
    -c cpus
                 memory in K|M|G|T
                                         (default: 4G)
    -m memory
                 (if m > max-per-cpu * cpus, more cpus are requested)
                 note: that if you ask for more than one CPU has, your
account gets
                 charged for the other (idle) CPUs as well
    -t walltime as dd-hh:mm (default: 00-02:00)
    -p partition (default: defq)
                if users needs to use a different account. Default is
    -a account
primary PI
                 combined with '_' for instance: 'PI-userid'_bigmem
(default: none)
                quality of Service's that jobs are able to run in your
   -q qos
association (default: qos_gpu)
                 specify GRES for GPU-based resources (eg: -g 1 )
   -g gpu
                 notify if finish or fail (default: <userid>@jhu.edu)
   -e email
```

Help

Note: We will have maintenance on 4/11/2022 to 4/15/2022.

RockFish Web Sites

Read our <u>User Guide</u> web site for how to use our system or look for specific information.

RockFish RT System

Send us your questions at help@rockfish.jhu.edu and include as much information as possible. For example:

- The jobid of the job with problems
- Full path to the batch submission script
- Any specific error messages
- If possible a snapshot with errors

Frequently Asked Questions

We also have a <u>FAQ</u> web page where you could find the answers of your questions which most of the users asked.

Thanks

help@rockfish.jhu.edu



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