Running Metview in batch

Submitting batch jobs

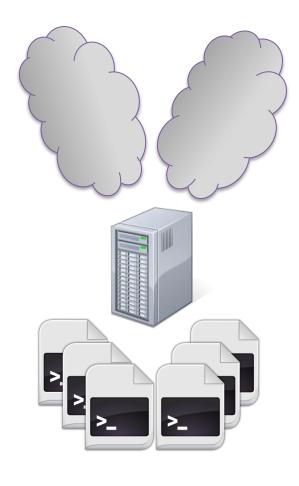
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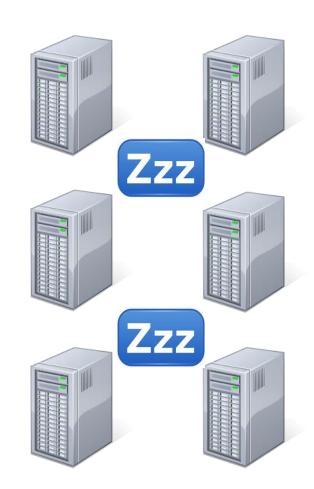
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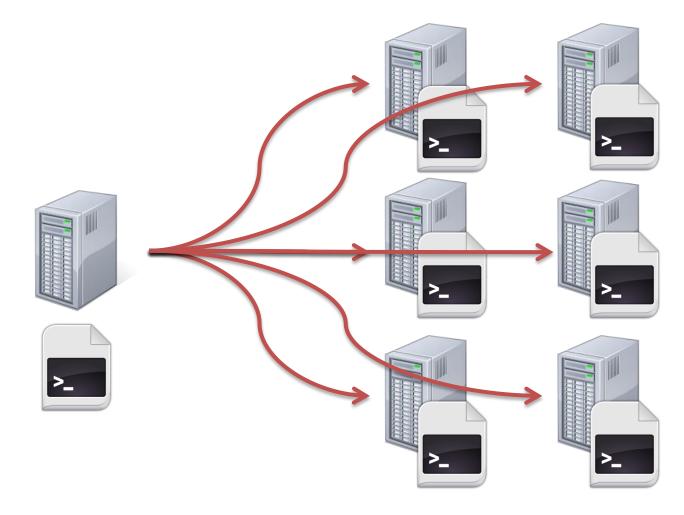




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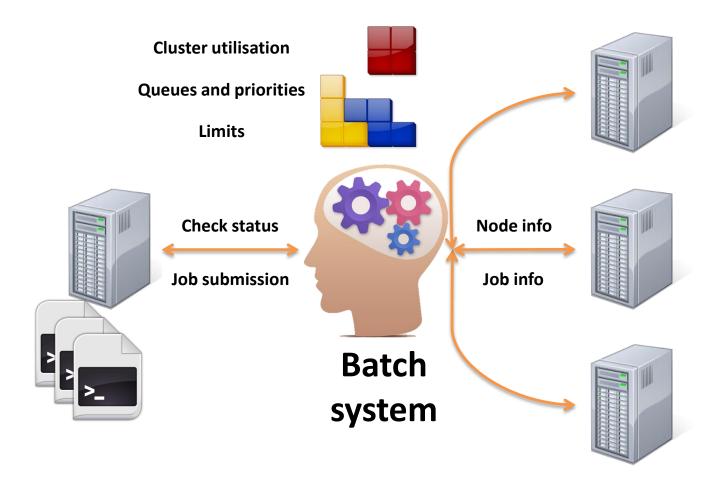


Login node

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How does it work?



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Quality of service (queues)

- In Slurm, QoS (Quality of Service) = queue
- The queues have an associated priority and have certain limits

QoS	Description	Priority	Wall Time Limit	Total Jobs	User Jobs
normal	Suitable for most of the work. This is the default queue	Standard	1 day	256	32
express	Suitable for short jobs	High	3 hours	256	32
long	Suitable for long jobs	Low	7 days	32	4
timecrit1	Automatically set by EcAccess for Time Critical Option 1 jobs. Not accessible directly by the user	Highest	8 hours	128	16



Batch job script

- A job is a shell script
 - bash/ksh/csh
- Directives are shell comments:
 - starting with #SBATCH
 - Lowercase only
 - No spaces in between
 - No variable expansion
- All directives are optional
 - System defaults in place

```
#!/bin/bash
# The job name
#SBATCH --job-name=helloworld
# Set the error and output files
#SBATCH --output=hello-%J.out
#SBATCH --error=hello-%J.out
# Set the initial working directory
#SBATCH --workdir=/scratch/us/usxa
# Choose the queue
#SBATCH -- gos=express
# Wall clock time limit
#SBATCH --time=00:05:00
# Send an email on failure
#SBATCH --mail-type=FAIL
# This is the job
echo "Hello World!"
sleep 30
```



Job directives

Directive	Description	Default
job-name=	A descriptive name for the job	Script name
output=	Path to the file where standard output is redirected. Special placeholders for job id ($\% j$) and the execution node ($\% N$)	slurm-%j.out
error=	Path to the file where standard error is redirected. Special placeholders for job id ($\% j$) and the execution node ($\% N$)	output value
workdir=	Working directory of the job. The output and error files can be defined relative to this directory.	
qos=	Quality of service (queue) where the job is to be submitted	normal*
time=	Wall clock limit of the job (not cpu time limit!) Format: m, m:s, h:m:s, d-h, d-h:m or d-h:m:s	
mail-type=	Notify user by email when certain event types occur. Valid type values are BEGIN, END, FAIL, REQUEUE, and ALL	disabled
mail-user=	Email address to send the email	submit user
hold	Submit the job in held state. It won't run until released with scontrol release <jobid></jobid>	not used



Batch Basic tasks

Submit a job:

```
$> sbatch hello.sh
Submitted batch job 1250968
```

Check the queue / status of the job:

```
$> squeue -u $USER
  JOBID NAME USER QOS STATE TIME TIMELIMIT NODELIST(REASON)
1250968 helloworld usxa express RUNNING 0:08 5:00 ecgb07
```

Cancel a job:

```
$> scancel 1250968
$> cat hello-1250968.out
Hello world!
slurmd[ecgb07]: *** JOB 1250968 CANCELLED AT 2014-02-28T17:08:29 ***
```



Checking limits and general usage: sqos

- sqos: Utility to have an overview of the different QoSs, including usage and limits
 - This utility is ECMWF specific (not part of a standard Slurm installation)

QoS	Prio	Max Wall	Total Jobs	User Jobs	Max CPUS	Max Me
express	400	03:00:00	11 / 256	7 / 32	1	10000 M
normal	300	1-00:00:00	23 / 256	4 / 32	1	10000 M
long	200	7-00:00:00	7 / 32	4 / 4	1	10000 M
large	200	08:00:00	0 / 8	0 / 4	1	10000 M
timecrit1	500	08:00:00	0 / 96	0 / 16	1	10000 M
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Account Def QoS Running Jobs Submitted Jobs
----*ectrain normal 15 / 50 17 / 1000

User trx: 17 Jobs, 15 RUNNING, 2 PENDING



Practical 1: Basic job submission

Practicals must be run on ecgate, so make sure you log in there first!

```
$> ssh ecgate
$> cd $SCRATCH
$> tar xvzf ~trx/mv_data/batch_job.tar.gz
$> cd batch_job/
```

- 1. Have a look at the script "run_metview_plot.job"
- 2. Submit the job and check whether it is running
 - What QoS is it using? What is the time limit of the job?
- 3. Where did the output of the job go? Have a look at the output
- 4. Submit the job again and then once it starts cancel it
- 5. Check the output



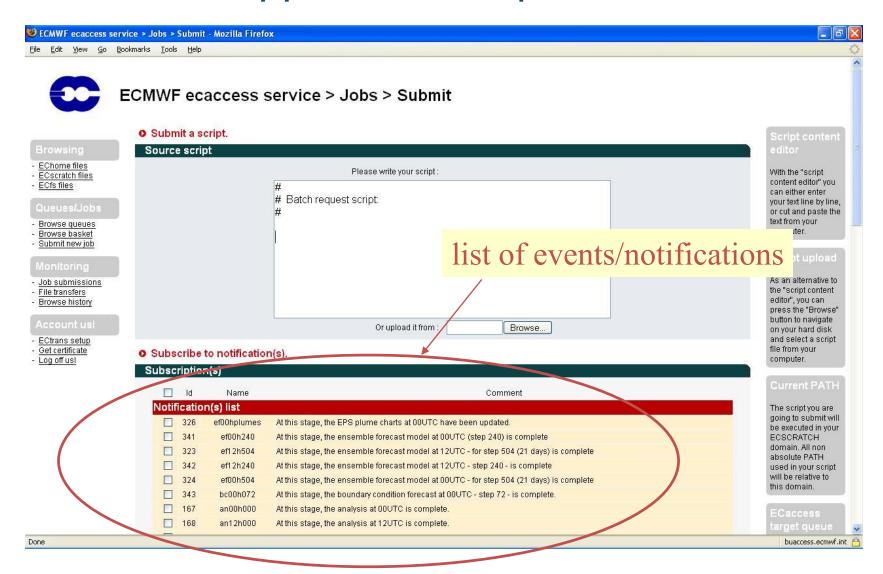


- Enhanced ECaccess batch system
 - Scheduled run of jobs and retry mechanism (in ectrans) were already available in ECaccess.
- New concept of events, also known as notifications, added to ECaccess
 - Events are defined by one user; they can be made publicly available.
 - Event name: "fc12h240"
 - Event description: "at this stage, the 10 day forecast data from the high resolution 12UTC run is available"
 - Users can subscribe their own jobs to "public events"; these jobs will remain in standby mode until ...

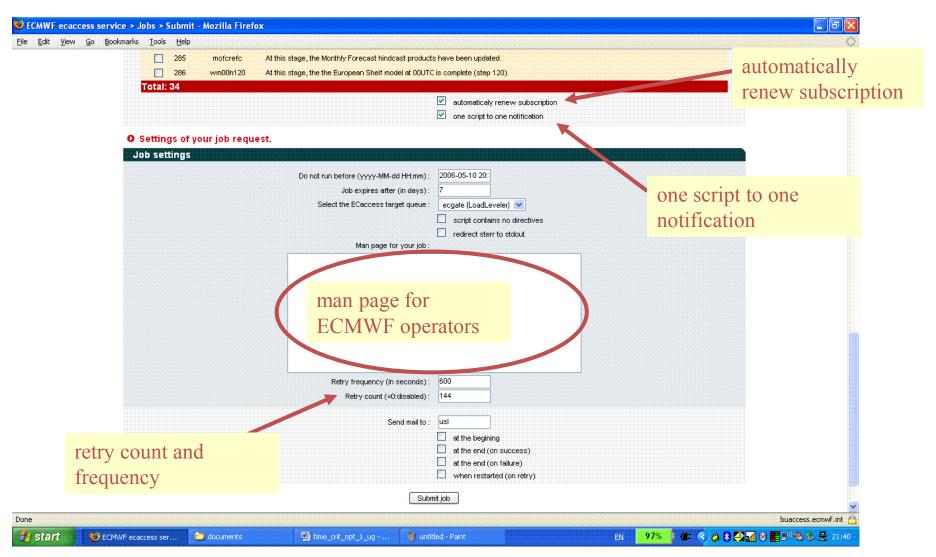


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 - until the event owner sends a notification to an event; ECaccess will then submit the jobs subscribing to that event.
 - Environmental variables can be passed to the jobs when the notification is given to the event, e.g. a date, time, ...
 - Last but not least, soon after the notification of an event, ECaccess will schedule a new version of the jobs subscribing to the event, ready to be submitted at the next notification.
- More than 1300 jobs for about 170 users in ~60 events.











- Command line client:
 - ecaccess-job-submit
 - ecaccess-job-list
 - eaccess-job-delete
 - ecaccess-job-get
 - ecaccess-event-list



Additional Info

- General Batch system and SLURM documentation:
 - https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/UDOC/Batch+Systems
 - https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/UDOC/SLURM
 - https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/UDOC/Slurm+job+script+examples
- ECAccess Documentation
 - https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/ECAC/ECaccess+Home
- SLURM website and documentation:
 - http://www.schedmd.com/
 - http://www.schedmd.com/slurmdocs/documentation.html
 - http://www.schedmd.com/slurmdocs/tutorials.html

Questions?

