### Submitting batch jobs Slurm on ecgate

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#### Outline

- Interactive mode versus Batch mode
- Overview of the Slurm batch system on ecgate
- Batch basic concepts
- Creating a batch job
- Basic job management
- Checking the batch system status
- Accessing the Slurm Accounting database
- Trouble-shooting
- Bonus: migration from LoadLeveler



- When you login, the default shell on ecgate is either the Korn-shell (ksh), Bash or the C-shell (csh).
- To run a script or a program interactively, enter the executable name and any necessary arguments at the system prompt.
- You can also run your job in background so that other commands can be executed at the same time...

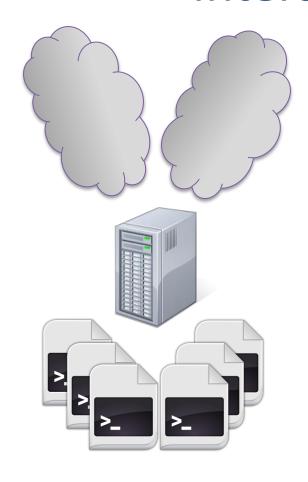
```
$> ./your-program arg1 arg2
$> ./your-program arg1 arg2 &
```

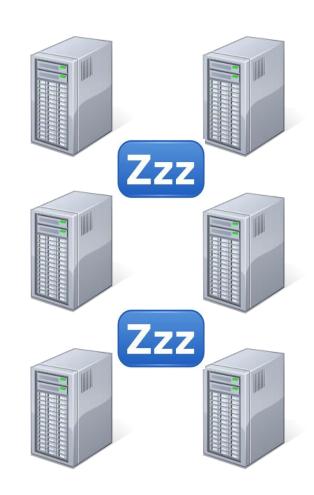


- But... Background is not batch
- The program is still running interactively on the login node
  - You share the node with the rest of the users
- The limits for interactive sessions still apply:
  - CPU time limit of 30 min per process

 Interactive sessions should be limited to development tasks, editing files, compilation or very small tests



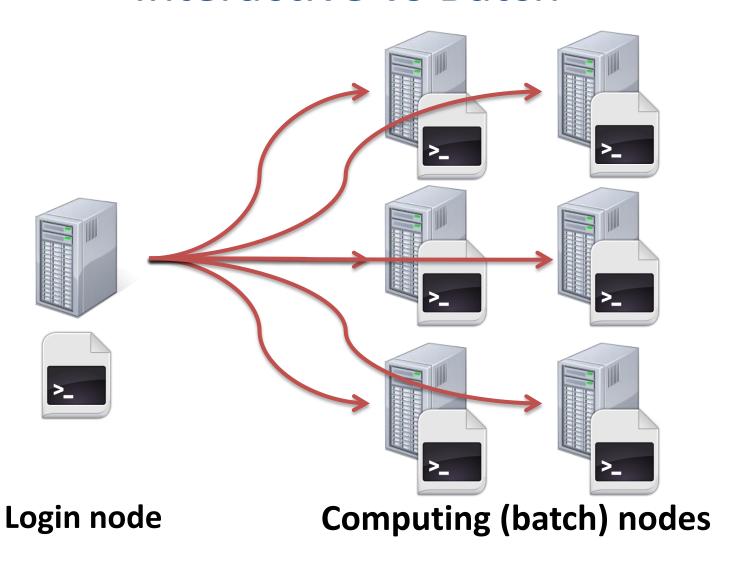




Login node

**Computing (batch) nodes** 





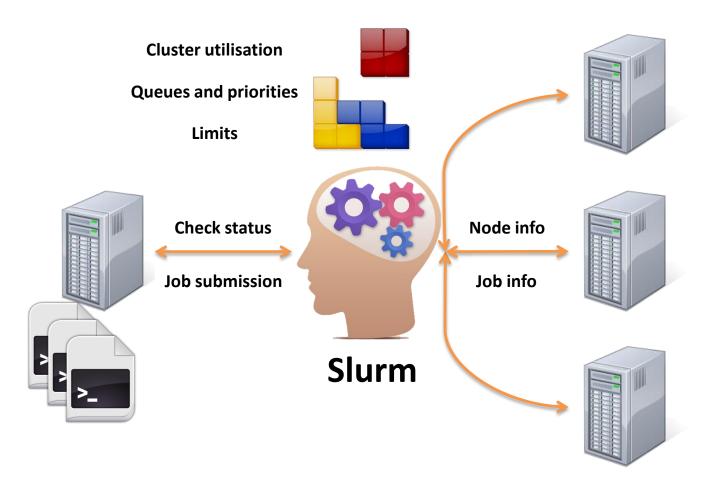


# Batch on ecgate

- We used LoadLeveler in the previous ecgate
- The batch system used on the current is Slurm:
  - Cluster workload manager:
    - Framework to execute and monitor batch work
    - Resource allocation (where?)
    - Scheduling (when?)
- Batch job: shell script that will run unattended, with some special directives describing the job itself



### How does it work?



Login node

**Computing (batch) nodes** 



# Quality of service (queues)

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

QoS	Description	Priority	Wall Time Limit	Total Jobs	User Jobs
express	Suitable for short jobs	400	3 hours	128	16
normal	Suitable for most of the work. This is the default	300	1 day	256	20
long	Suitable for long jobs	200	7 days	32	4

Special queues with the access restricted to meet certain conditions

QoS	Description	Priority	Wall Time Limit	Total Jobs	User Jobs
timecrit1	Automatically set by EcAccess for Time Critical Option 1 jobs	500	8 hours	128	16
timecrit2	Only for jobs belonging to Time Critical Option 2 suites	600	3 hours	96	32

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### Batch job script

```
#!/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 --qos=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
```

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- 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



# 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.	submitting dir
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	qos default
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



# Submitting a job: sbatch

- **sbatch:** Submits a job to the system. Job is configured:
  - including the directives in the job script
  - using the same directives as command line options
- The job to be submitted can be specified:
  - As an argument of sbatch
  - If no script is passed as an argument, sbatch will read the job from standard input

```
$> sbatch hello.sh
Submitted batch job
1250968
$> cat hello-1250968.out
Hello world!
$>
```

 The corresponding job id will be returned if successful, or an error if the job could not be submitted



# Submitting a job from cron

- Slurm jobs take the environment from the submission session
  - Submitting from cron will cause the jobs to run with a very limited environment and will most likely fail
  - Use a crontab line similar to:

```
$> 05 12 * * * $HOME/cronrun sbatch $HOME/cronjob
```

Where the script cronrun is:

```
#!/bin/ksh
# cronrun script
. ~/.profile
  ~/.kshrc
$@
```

```
#!/bin/bash
# cronrun script
. ~/.bash profile
$@
```

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```
#!/bin/csh
# cronrun script
. ~/.login
$@
```

# Checking the queue: squeue

- squeue: displays some information about the jobs currently running or waiting
- By default it shows all jobs from all users, but some filtering options are possible:
  - -u <comma separated list of users>
  - -q <comma separated list of QoSs>
  - -n <comma separated list of job names>
  - -j <comma separated list of job ids>
  - -t <comma separated list of job states>

```
$> squeue -u $USER
  JOBID
              NAME
                      USER
                                  QOS
                                         STATE
                                                    TIME TIMELIMIT NODELIST (REASON)
1250968 helloworld
                                       RUNNING
                                                    0:08
                                                               5:00
                                                                              ecqb07
                              express
                      usxa
```

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# Canceling a job: scancel

scancel: Cancels the specified job(s)

```
$> sbatch hello.sh
Submitted batch job 1250968
$> scancel 1250968
$> scancel 1250968
scancel: error: Kill job error on job id 1250968: Invalid job id
specified
$> sbatch hello.sh
Submitted batch job 1250969
$> scancel -in hello.sh
Cancel job id= 1250969 name=hello.sh partition=batch [y/n]? y
$> sbatch hello.sh
Submitted batch job 1250970
$> scancel -i -v 1250970
scancel: auth plugin for Munge (http://code.google.com/p/munge/) loaded
Cancel job id=1250970 name=hello.sh partition=batch [y/n]? y
scancel: Terminating job 1250970
```

• A job can be cancelled either if it is running or still waiting on the queue

```
slurmd[ecgb07]: *** JOB 1250968 CANCELLED AT 2014-02-28T17:08:29 ***
```



# Canceling a job: scancel options

The most common usage of scancel is:

```
$> scancel <jobid1> <jobid2> <jobid3>
```

Option	Description
-n <jobname></jobname>	Cancel all the jobs with the specified job name
-t <state></state>	Cancel all the jobs that are in the specified state (PENDING/RUNNING)
-q <qos></qos>	Cancel only jobs on the specified QoS
-u \$USER	Cancel ALL the jobs of the current user. Use carefully!
-i	Interactive option: ask for confirmation before cancelling jobs
-v	Verbose option. It will show what is being done

Note: An ordinary user can only cancel their own jobs



# 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/intro/batch_ecgate_practicals.tar.gz
$> cd batch_ecgate_practicals/basic
```

- 1. Have a look at the script "env.sh"
- 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





# Practical 1: Basic job submission

- Can you modify the previous job so it...
  - 1. ... runs in the express QoS, with a wall clock limit of 5 minutes?
  - 2. ... uses the subdirectory work/ as the working directory?
  - 3. ... sends the...
    - a) ... output to the file work/env\_out\_<jobid>.out ?
    - b) ... error to work/env\_out\_<jobid>.err?
  - 4. ... sends you an email when the job starts?
- Try your job after the modifications and check if they are correct
  - You can do the modifications one by one or all at once...



# Why doesn't my job start?

Check the last column of the squeue output for a hint...

```
$> squeue -j 1261265

JOBID NAME USER QOS STATE TIME TIMELIMIT NODELIST(REASON)

1261265 sbatch usxa long PENDING 0:00 7-00:00:00 (QOSResourceLimit)
```

Reason	Description
Priority	There are other jobs with more priority
Resources	No free resources are available
JobUserHeld	The job is held. Release with scontrol release <jobid></jobid>
QOSResourceLimit	You have reached a limit in the number of jobs you can submit to a QoS

- My job is PENDING because of a QOSResourceLimit...
- How do I check my limits?



### Checking limits and general usage: sqos

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

\$> sqos						
QoS	Prio	Max Wall	Total Jobs	User Jobs	Max CPUS	Max Mem
express	400	03:00:00	11 / 128	7 / 12	1	10000 MB
normal	300	1-00:00:00	23 / 128	4 / 12	1	10000 MB
long	200	7-00:00:00	7 / 32	4 / 4	1	10000 MB
large	200	08:00:00	0 / 8	0 / 4	1	10000 MB
timecrit1	500	08:00:00	0 / 96	0 / 16	1	10000 MB

Total: 43 Jobs, 41 RUNNING, 2 PENDING

Account	Def QoS	Running Jobs	Submitted Jobs
*ectrain	normal	15 / 36	17 / 1000

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User trx: 17 Jobs, 15 RUNNING, 2 PENDING



### More details on current jobs and nodes

• scontrol: view and modify Slurm jobs and node configuration

```
$> scontrol show job 24789
JobId=24789 Name=test slurm csh
   UserId=us2(1666) GroupId=qb(3070)
  Priority=3000 Account=ecus QOS=normal
   JobState=COMPLETED Reason=None Dependency=(null)
  Requeue=0 Restarts=0 BatchFlag=1 ExitCode=0:0
  RunTime=00:01:25 TimeLimit=00:10:00 TimeMin=N/A
   SubmitTime=2013-05-09T08:55:34 EliqibleTime=2013-05-09T08:55:34
   StartTime=2013-05-09T08:55:34 EndTime=2013-05-09T08:56:59
  PreemptTime=None SuspendTime=None SecsPreSuspend=0
  Partition=batch AllocNode:Sid=ecgb05:36790
  ReqNodeList=(null) ExcNodeList=(null)
  NodeList=ecab05
  BatchHost=ecqb05
  NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=1 CPUs/Task=1 ReqS:C:T=*:*:*
  MinCPUsNode=1 MinMemoryCPU=1900M MinTmpDiskNode=0
  Features=(null) Gres=(null) Reservation=(null)
   Shared=1 Contiquous=0 Licenses=(null) Network=(null)
  Command=/home/ms/gb/us2/slurm csh.job
  WorkDir=/scratch/ms/gb/us2/csh
  Comment=Output=/scratch/ms/gb/us2/csh/slurm 24789.out; Error=/scratch/ms/gb/us2/csh/slurm 24789.out;
```

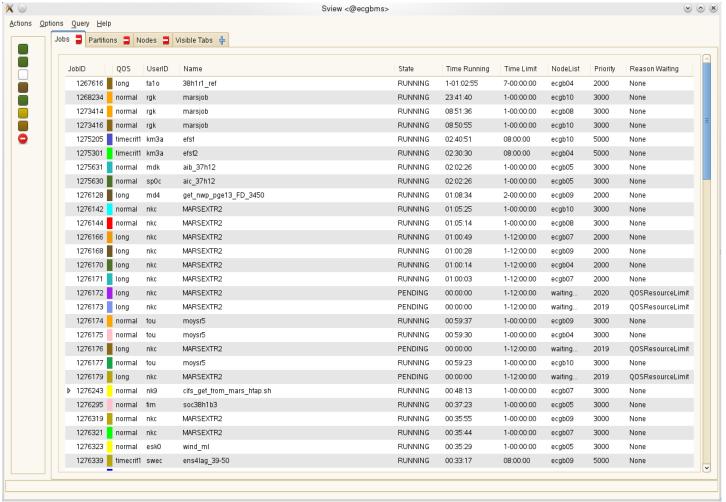
sinfo: View information about node status

```
$> sinfo
PARTITION AVAIL TIMELIMIT NODES STATE NODELIST
batch* up infinite 1 drain ecgb11
batch* up infinite 6 alloc ecgb[04-05,07-10]
test up infinite 1 idle ecgb06
```



### More details on current jobs and nodes

sview: GUI to see the queue and node status



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### Access to the Slurm accounting DB: sacct

• sacct: View present and past job information

JobID	JobName	QOS	State	ExitCode	Elapsed	NodeList
	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:00:13	ecgb04
24805	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:01:10	ecgb04
24806	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:00:47	ecgb04
24807	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:01:32	ecgb04
24808	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:02:19	ecgb04
24809	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:00:45	ecgb04
24972	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:02:35	ecgb04
24973	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:02:35	ecgb04
24974	test.sh	normal	CANCELLED+	0:0	00:01:24	ecgb04
24975	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:02:35	ecgb04
24976	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:00:40	ecgb04
24977	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:02:35	ecgb04
24978	test.sh	normal	COMPLETED	0:0	00:00:40	ecgb04
24979	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:02:33	ecgb04
24981	helloworld	normal	FAILED	1:0	00:00:01	ecgb04
24983	test.sh	normal	CANCELLED+	0:0	00:00:33	ecgb04
24984	test.sh	normal	RUNNING	0:0	00:01:39	ecgb04
24985	test.sh	express	RUNNING	0:0	00:01:23	ecgb04
24986	test.sh	express	RUNNING	0:0	00:01:23	ecgb04
24987	test.sh	long	RUNNING	0:0	00:01:19	ecgb04



#### Access to the Slurm accounting DB: sacct options

• By default, sacct will return information about your jobs that started today

Option	Description	
-j <jobid></jobid>	Show the job with that jobid	
-u <user></user>	Show jobs for the specified user. Use option –a for all users	
-E <endtime></endtime>	Show jobs eligible before that date and time	
-S <starttime></starttime>	Show jobs eligible after that date and time	
-s <statelist></statelist>	Show jobs on the states (comma-separated) given during the time period. Valids states are: CANCELLED, COMPLETED, FAILED, NODE_FAIL, RUNNING, PENDING, TIMEOUT	
-q <qos></qos>	Show jobs only for the gos selected	
-o <outformat></outformat>	Format option. Comma-separated names of fields to display	
-е	Show the different columns to be used for the -o option	
-X	Hide the job step information, showing the allocation only	



### What happened to my job: job\_forensics

• job\_forensics: Custom ECMWF utility to dump forensic information about a job

```
$> job forensics 1261917
DB Information:
_____
Job:
  JobID: 1261917
  JobName: sbatch
  User:trx
 UID: 414
 Group:ectrain
  GID:1400
 Account:ectrain
 OOS:long
 Priority:2000
  Partition:batch
 NCPUS: 32
 NNodes:1
 NodeList:ecgb09
  State: COMPLETED
  Timelimit:7-00:00:00
  Submit:2014-03-01T16:19:06
 Eligible:2014-03-01T16:19:06
  Start:2014-03-01T16:19:06
 End: 2014-03-01T16: 20: 07
 Elapsed:00:01:01
  CPUTime: 00:32:32
  UserCPU:00:00.005
  SystemCPU: 00:00.004
  TotalCPU:00:00.010
  DerivedExitCode:0:0
 ExitCode:0:0
 Output:/home/ectrain/trx/slurm-1261917.out
 Error:/home/ectrain/trx/slurm-1261917.out
```

```
Main step:
  JobID: 1261917, batch
  JobName: batch
  NCPUS:1
  CPUTime: 00:01:01
  AveRSS: 1796K
  MaxRSS:1796K
  MaxRSSNode: ecgb09
  MaxRSSTask: 0
Controller Logs:
[2014-03-01T16:19:06+00:00]
slurm rpc submit batch job JobId=1261917
usec=4494
ecqb09 log (main):
[2014-03-01T16:19:07+00:00] Launching batch job
1261917 for UID 414
[2014-03-01T16:20:07+00:00] [1261917] sending
REQUEST COMPLETE BATCH SCRIPT, error:0
[2014-03-01T16:20:07+00:00] [1261917] done with
job
```



# Practical 2: reviewing past runs

#### How would you...

– retrieve the list of jobs that you ran today?

```
$> sacct ...
```

– retrieve the list of all the jobs that were cancelled today by user trx?

```
$> sacct ...
```

– ask for the submit, start and end times for a job of your choice?

```
$> sacct ...
```

– find out the output an error paths for a job of your choice?

```
$> sacct ...
```





# Practical 3: Fixing broken jobs

\$> cd \$SCRATCH/batch ecgate practicals/broken

What is wrong in job1? Can you fix it?

What is wrong in job2? Can you fix it?

What is wrong in job3? Can you fix it?





# Bonus: Migrating from LoadLeveler

- You can submit a LL job to Slurm, but the LL directives will be ignored!
  - Translation required: manually or using Il2slurm

- Not all the LoadLeveler keywords can be translated.
  - Some manual additions might be required! You may play with the example:

```
$SCRATCH/batch_ecgate_practicals/loadleveler
```



# Migration cheatsheet (I)

User Commands	LoadLeveler	SLURM
Job submission	llsubmit [script]	sbatch [script]
Job cancel	llcancel [job_id]	scancel [job_id]
Job status	llq [ -j job_id]	squeue [job_id]
Queue list	llq	squeue

Environment Variables	LoadLeveler	SLURM
Job ID	\$LOADL_STEP_ID	\$SLURM_JOBID
Working Dir	\$LOADL_STEP_INITDIR	pwd command
Node List	\$LOADL_PROCESSOR_LIST	\$SLURM_JOB_NODELIST



# Migration cheatsheet (II)

Job Configuration	LoadLeveler	SLURM
Script directive	#@	#SBATCH
Job Name	job_name=[name]	job-name=[name]
Queue	class=[queue]	qos=[queue]
Wall Clock Limit	wall_clock_limit=[hh:mm:ss]	time=[min] time=[days-hh:mm:ss]
Std Output File	output=[file]	output=[file]
Std Error File	error=[file]	error=[file]
Working Directory	initialdir=[dir_name]	workdir=[dir_name]
Copy Environment	environment=COPY_ALL	export=[ALL   NONE]export=[variables]
Email Notification	notification=	mail-type=[events]
Email Address	notify_user=[address]	mail-user=[address]



### **Additional Info**

- Ecgate job examples:
  - https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/UDOC/ecgate+Slurm+batch+system
- SLURM website and documentation:
  - <a href="http://www.schedmd.com/">http://www.schedmd.com/</a>
  - http://www.schedmd.com/slurmdocs/documentation.html
  - http://www.schedmd.com/slurmdocs/tutorials.html

# Questions?

