



Programming Environment on LONI/LSU HPC Clusters

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Two Major Types of Clusters

- Linux clusters
 - Vendor: Dell
 - OS: Linux (Red hat)
 - Processor: Intel
- AIX clusters
 - Vendor: IBM
 - OS: AIX
 - Processor: IBM



Current deployment status - Dell Linux clusters

	Name	Peak TeraFLOPS/s	Location	Status	Login
LONI	Queen Bee	50.7	ISB	Available	LONI
	Eric	4.7	LSU	Available	LONI
	Oliver	4.7	ULL	Available	LONI
	Louie	4.7	Tulane	Available	LONI
	Poseidon	4.7	UNO	Available	LONI
	Painter	4.7	LaTech	To be deployed	LONI
	???	4.7	Southern	To be deployed	LONI
LSU	Tezpur	15.3	LSU	Available	HPC

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Current deployment status - IBM AIX clusters

	Name	Peak TeraFLOPS/s	Location	Status	Login
LONI	Bluedawg	0.85	LaTech	Available	LONI
	Ducky	0.85	Tulane	Available	LONI
	Zeke	0.85	ULL	Available	LONI
	Neptune	0.85	UNO	Available	LONI
	Lacumba	0.85	Southern	Available	LONI
LSU	Pelican	2.8	LSU	Available	HPC

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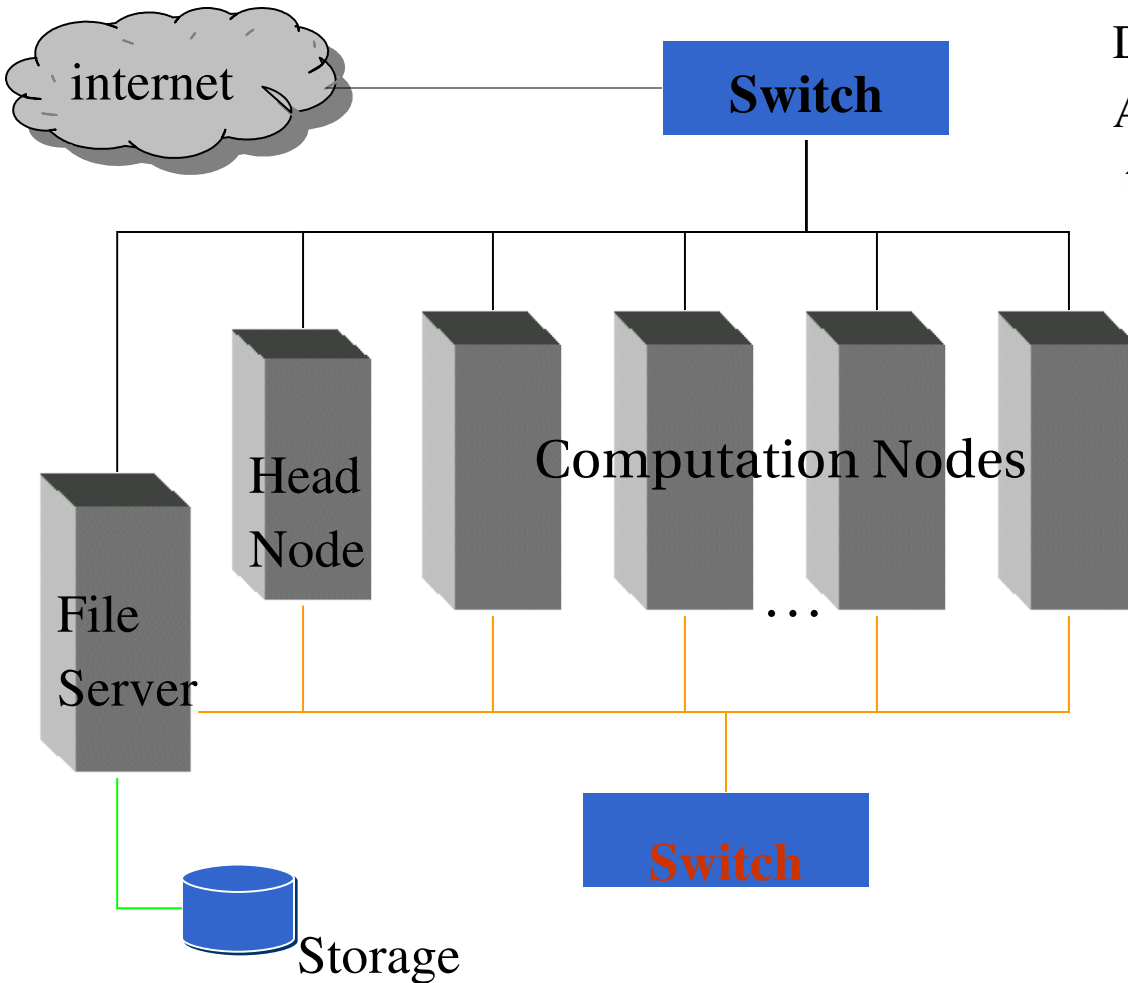
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Generic Cluster Architecture

Definition of **Cluster** (from Wikipedia):
A group of linked computers working together closely



Hardware (Linux)

- Queen Bee
 - 668 nodes with each node having: **8** Intel “Cloverton” Xeons cores @ 2.33 GHz, **8** GB RAM, 36 GB HD
 - 192 TB storage
- Tezpur
 - 360 nodes with each node having: **4** Intel “Woodcrest” Xeons cores @ 2.33 Ghz, **4** GB RAM, 80 GB HD
 - 32 TB storage
- Other LONI Linux clusters
 - 128 nodes with each node having: **4** Intel “Woodcrest” Xeons cores @ 2.33 Ghz, **4** GB RAM, 80 GB HD
 - 9 TB storage



Hardware (AIX)

- Pelican
 - 16 power5+ nodes with each node having: **16** IBM Power5+ processors @ 1.9 GHz, **32** GB RAM
 - 14 power5 nodes with each node having: **8** IBM Power5 processors @ 1.9 GHz, **16** GB RAM
 - 21 TB storage
- LONI AIX clusters
 - 14 power5 nodes with each node having: **8** IBM Power5 processors @ 1.9 GHz, **16** GB RAM
 - 280 GB storage



More on Hardware

- Technical details are usually not of interest to normal users
- A couple of things to keep in mind
 - Max usable amount of memory per node
 - Linux clusters: ~**6** GB for Queen Bee, ~**3** GB for others
 - AIX clusters: ~**26** GB for Power5+ nodes (Pelican), ~**13** GB for others
 - Which ARCHITECTURE to choose when trying to download/install/use software
 - Linux clusters: EM64T, AMD64, X86_64
 - AIX clusters: PowerPC, Power5





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Initial Login

- Log in via ssh
 - example: `ssh <your_user_name>@oliver.loni.org`
- Linux clusters
 - When you first login you'll see something like this:

```
Generating public/private dsa key pair.  
Enter file in which to save the key (/home1/me/.ssh/id_dsa):  
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):  
Enter same passphrase again:  
Your identification has been saved in /home1/me/.ssh/id_dsa.  
Your public key has been saved in /home1/me/.ssh/id_dsa.pub.  
The key fingerprint is:  
b1:d4:d9:b4:90:8b:e1:10:e3:34:2c:75:57:b2:7d:83 me@oliver2.loni.org
```

- What you need to do: press <enter> all the way down
- **Do not enter a phassphrase !!!!!!!!!**





Login Shell

- The default Login shell is bash
- Supported shells: bash, tcsh, ksh, csh & sh
- View your shell by “echo \$SHELL”
- Change your shell at the profile page
 - LONI: allocations.loni.org
 - LSU HPC: accounts.hpc.lsu.edu



File Systems

	Distributed file system	Throughput	File life time	Typically used for
Home	Yes	Low	Unlimited	Code in development, compiled executables
Scratch	Yes	High	30 days	Job input/output
Local Scratch	No		Job duration	Temporary files needed by running jobs

- **Never ever let your job write output to your home directory**
- **The “scratch” space is not for long-term storage**



Disk Quota

Cluster	Home		Scratch		Local scratch
	Access point	Quota	Access point	Quota	Access point
LONI Linux	/home/\$USER	5 GB	/scratch/\$USER	100 GB	/var/scratch
LONI AIX	/home/\$USER	5 GB	/work/default/\$USER	20 GB	/scratch/local
Tezpur	/home/\$USER	5 GB	/scratch/\$USER	NA	/var/scratch
Pelican	/home/\$USER	5 GB	/work/default/\$USER	50 GB	/scratch/local



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Exercise 1: Now it's time to log in

- Log in any cluster
- Check your disk quota
 - Linux clusters: use “`showquota`” command
 - Your scratch directory will be created within an hour of the first login
 - AIX clusters: use “`quota`” command
- Locate the directory
`/home/lyan1/traininglab/environment`
 - There are files that you will need for following exercises



Manage the environment

- Environment variables
 - PATH: where to look for executables
 - LD_LIBRARY_PATH: where to look for shared libraries
 - Other custom environment variables needed by various software
- **SOFTENV** is a software that is used to set up these environment variables on all the clusters
 - More convenient than setting numerous environment variables in `.bashrc` or `.cshrc`



SOFTENV

- Command “softenv” lists all packages that are managed by SOFTENV

```
[lyan1@tezpur2 ~]$ softenv
```

```
...
```

```
These are the macros available:
```

```
* @default
* @globus-4.0          globus client
* @intel-compilers    compiler: 'Intel Compilers', version: Latest.
                      A pointer to the latest installed intel
                      compilers.
```

```
These are the keywords explicitly available:
```

```
+Mesa-6.4.2          No description yet for Mesa-6.4.2.
+R-2.8.0-gcc-3.4.6   application: 'R', version 2.8.0
+ansys-lsdyna-11.0   application: 'ANSYS LS-DYNA', version: 11.0
                      ANSYS LS-DYNA is a premier software package
                      for explicit nonlinear structural
                      simulation with finite element pre- and
                      post-processor. docs =>
                      http://www1.ansys.com/customer/
```

Softenv key

```
...
```



SOFTENV

- Set up the environment variables to use a certain software

- First add the key to `$HOME/.soft`

```
[lyan1@tezipur2 ~]$ cat .soft
#
# This is the .soft file.
# It is used to customize your environment by setting up environment
# variables such as PATH and MANPATH.
# To learn what can be in this file, use 'man softenv'.
+fds
+smv
+matlab-r2007b
```

- Then execute `resoft` at the command line

```
[lyan1@tezipur2 ~]$ resoft
```



SOFTENV

- Command “`soft-dbq`” shows which variables are set by a certain SOFTENV key

```
[lyan1@tezpur2 ~]$ soft-dbq +gcc-4.3.0
```

This is all the information associated with the key or macro +gcc-4.3.0.

```
-----  
Name: +gcc-4.3.0  
Description: GNU gcc compiler, version 4.3.0  
Flags: none  
Groups: none  
Exists on: Linux  
-----
```

On the Linux architecture,
the following will be done to the environment:

The following environment changes will be made:

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH = ${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}:/usr/local/compilers/GNU/gcc-4.3.0/lib64  
PATH = ${PATH}:/usr/local/compilers/GNU/gcc-4.3.0/bin  
-----
```



Exercise 2: Use Softenv

- Find the key for VISIT (a visualization package)
- Check what variables are set through the key
- Set up your environment to use VISIT
- Check if the variables are correctly set by “`which visit`”



Exercise 2: Use Softenv

- Find the key for VISIT (a visualization package)
 - Use `softenv`
 - Or `softenv | grep -i visit` in case that the list is too long
- Check what variables are set through the key
 - Use `soft-dbg +visit`
- Set up your environment to use VISIT
 - Add “`+visit`” to your `.soft` file and `resoft`
- Check if the variables are correctly set by “`which visit`”
 - The output should be the path to the executable `visit`



Compilers

Language	Linux clusters			AIX clusters
	Intel	GNU	PGI	XL compilers
Fortran	lfort	G77	pgf77,pgf95	xlf,xlf_r,xlf90,xlf90_r
C	icc	Gcc	Pgcc	xlc,xlc_r
C++	lcpc	G++	PgCC	xlC,xlC_r

- Usage: `<compiler> <options> <your_code>`
 - Example: `icc -O3 -o myexec mycode.c`
- Some compilers options are **architecture** specific
 - Linux: EM64T, AMD64 or X86_64
 - AIX: power5 or powerpc



Compilers for MPI code

Language	Linux clusters	AIX clusters
Fortran	mpif77,mpif90	mpxlf,mpxlf_r,mpxlf90,mpxlf90_r
C	Mpicc	mpcc,mpcc_r
C++	MpiCC	mpCC,mpCC_r

- Usage: similar to what we have seen
 - Example: `mpif90 -O2 -o myexec mycode.f90`
- On Linux clusters
 - We don't differentiate between different vendors, i.e. We don't have things like `intel_mpicc` and `pg_mpicc`



Compilers for MPI code

Language	Linux clusters	AIX clusters
Fortran	mpif77,mpif90	mpxlf,mpxlf_r,mpxlf90,mpxlf90_r
C	Mpicc	mpcc,mpcc_r
C++	MpiCC	mpCC,mpCC_r

- These MPI compilers are actually **wrappers**
 - They still use the same compilers we've seen on the previous slides
 - They take care of everything we need to run MPI codes
 - What they actually do can be reveal by the `-show` option

```
[lyan1@tezpur2 ~]$ mpicc -show
icc -DUSE_STDARG -DHAVE_STDLIB_H=1 -DHAVE_STRING_H=1 -DHAVE_UNISTD_H=1
-DHAVE_STDARG_H=1 -DUSE_STDARG=1 -DMALLOC_RET_VOID=1 -L
/usr/local/packages/mvapich-1.0-intel10.1/lib -lmpich -L
/usr/local/ofed/lib64 -Wl,-rpath=/usr/local/ofed/lib64 -libverbs -libumad
-lpthread -lpthread -lrt
```



Be careful on Linux clusters...

```
[lyan1@qb2 ~]$ ls -ld /usr/local/packages/mvapich*  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-gcc  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Jan 23 11:35 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-intel10.1  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-intel9.1  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-intel9.1-LM  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Feb 12 10:27 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-pgi6.1  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-0.98-pgi6.1-eric  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Nov 19 10:40 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-1.0beta-intel10.0  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Nov 1 11:57 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-1.0-beta-intel-9.1  
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Jan 24 16:38 /usr/local/packages/mvapich-1.0-intel10.1  
drwxr-xr-x 10 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-0.98-gcc  
drwxr-xr-x 10 root root 4096 Jan 24 16:05 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-0.98-intel10.1  
drwxr-xr-x 10 root root 4096 Oct 18 13:25 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-0.98-intel9.1  
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4096 Nov 9 16:31 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-1.01-intel10.0  
drwxr-xr-x 9 root root 4096 Jan 25 09:54 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-1.0.1-intel10.1  
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4096 Nov 8 13:10 /usr/local/packages/mvapich2-1.01-intel9.1
```

- We have many different versions of MPI compilers
- **So it is extremely important to compile and run you code with the same version of MPI compiler and mpirun!!!**



Application Packages

- Installed under /usr/local/packages
- Most of them are managed by SOFTENV
 - Libraries
 - FFTW, HDF5, NetCDF, PETSc, MKL
 - Chemistry
 - Amber, Gaussian, CPMD, NWChem, NAMD
 - Profiling/debugging tools
 - TAU, Totalview
 - ...
- We will provide tutorials on some of them as part of the LSU HPC training series





Exercise 3: Compile a code

- Serial code
 - Copy `hello.f90` from `/home/lyan1/traininglab/environment`
 - Compile it with a compiler of your choice
 - Run the executable from the command line
- MPI code
 - Copy `hello_mpi.f90` from `/home/lyan1/traininglab/environement`
 - Compile it with a serial compiler and see what happens
 - Compile it with an MPI compiler
 - We will run it later



Exercise 3: Compile a code

- Serial code

- Linux

- `cp /home/lyan1/traininglab/environment/*.f90 .`
 - `icc -o hello_ser hello.f90`
 - `./hello_ser`

- MPI

- AIX

- `cp /home/lyan1/traininglab/environment/*.f90 .`
 - `xlf90_r -o hello_ser hello.f90`
 - `./hello_ser`
 - `mpxlf90_r -o hello hello_mpi.f90`





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Batch Queuing System

- A software suite that schedules job execution on (the computation nodes of) a cluster
 - Linux clusters: Torque/Moab
 - AIX clusters: Loadleveler
- Jobs are scheduled for execution in a number of queues, each of which has different
 - Number of available nodes
 - Max running jobs per user
 - Max run time
 - ...



Queue Characteristics - Queen Bee

Queue	Max Runtime	Total number of available nodes	Max running jobs per user	Max nodes per job	Use
Workq	2 days	530	8	128	Unpreemptable (default)
Checkpt		668		256	Preemptable jobs
Preempt		668	NA		Require permission
Priority		668	NA		Require permission



Queue Characteristics - Other LONI Linux Clusters

Queue	Max Runtime	Total number of available nodes	Max running jobs per user	Max nodes per job	Use
Single	14 days	16	64	1	Single processor jobs
Workq	3 days	64	8	40	Unpreemptable (default)
Checkpt		128		64	Preemptable jobs
Preempt		64	NA		Require permission
Priority		64	NA		Require permission



Queue Characteristics - Tezpur

Queue	Max Runtime	Total number of available nodes	Max running jobs per user	Max nodes per job	Use
Single	3 days	16	64	1	Single processor jobs
Workq		180	8	90	Unpreemptable (default)
Checkpt		344		180	Preemptable jobs
Preempt				NA	Require permission
Priority				NA	Require permission



Queue Characteristics - Pelican

Queue	Max Runtime	Total number of available processors	Max running jobs per user	Max processors per job	Use
SB5L	12 hours	32	8	1	Short single processor jobs
LB5L	14 days	28		1	Long single processor jobs
SP5L	4 hours	368		256	Short parallel jobs
MP5L	7 days	368		128	Medium parallel jobs
LP5L	14 days	368	4	64	Long parallel jobs
Preempt	7 days	80	NA	64	Require permission



Queue Characteristics - LONI AIX Clusters

Queue	Max Runtime	Total number of available nodes	Max running jobs per user	Max nodes per job	Use
Single	14 days	1	8	1	Single processor jobs
Workq	5 days	8		8	Unpreemptable (default)
Checkpt		14		14	Preemptable jobs
Preempt		6	NA	Require permission	
Priority		6	NA	Require permission	



Job management

- Queue querying
 - Check free nodes and processors in each queue
- Job submission
 - Linux clusters: `qsub <job_script>`
 - AIX clusters: `llsubmit <job_script>`
- Job monitoring
 - Check the status of submitted jobs
- Job manipulation
 - Cancel/hold/release jobs



Queue Querying – Linux Clusters

- Command: `qfree`

```
[lyan1@louie2 ~]$ qfree
```

```
PBS total nodes: 128, free: 81, busy: 44, down: 3, use: 34%
```

```
PBS checkpoint nodes: 128, free: 81, busy: 28
```

```
PBS workq nodes: 32, free: 16, busy: 16
```



Queue Querying – AIX Clusters

- Command - llclass

```
lyan1@l2f1n03$ llclass
```

Name	MaxJobCPU d+hh:mm:ss	MaxProcCPU d+hh:mm:ss	Free Slots	Max Slots	Description
interactive	undefined	undefined	8	8	Interactive Parallel jobs running on interactive node
single	unlimited	unlimited	4	8	One node queue (14 days) for serial and up to 8-processor parallel jobs
workq	unlimited	unlimited	51	56	Default queue (5 days), up to 56 processors
priority	unlimited	unlimited	40	40	priority queue reserved for on-demand jobs (5 days), up to 48 processors
preempt	unlimited	unlimited	40	40	preemption queue reserved for on-demand jobs (5 days), up to 48 processors
checkpt	unlimited	unlimited	91	96	queue for checkpointing jobs (5 days), up to 104 processors, Job running on this queue can be preempted for on-demand job



Job submission script – Linux clusters

```
#!/bin/bash
#PBS -l nodes=4:ppn=4
#PBS -l walltime=24:00:00
#PBS -N myjob
#PBS -o pbsout
#PBS -j oe
#PBS -q checkpt
#PBS -A loni_allocation
#PBS -m e
#PBS -M user@lsu.edu

<shell commands>
mpirun -machinefile $PBS_NODEFILE -np 16 <path_of_your_executable>
<shell commands>
```

Number of nodes and processor
Maximum wall time
Job name
Output file name (stdout)
Join stdout and stderr
Submission queue
Account (allocation name)
Send mail when job ends
Send mail to this address



Job submission script – AIX clusters

```
#!/bin/sh
#@ environment = COPY_ALL
#@ job_type = parallel
#@ output = /work/default/username/${jobid}.out
#@ error = /work/default/username/${jobid}.err
#@ notify_user = youremail@domain
#@ notification = error
#@ class = checkpoint
#@ wall_clock_limit = 24:00:00
#@ node_usage = shared
#@ node = 2,2
#@ total_tasks = 16
#@ initialdir = /work/default/username
#@ queue
<shell commands>
/usr/bin/poe <path_of_your_executable>
<shell commands>
```



Job Monitoring – Linux Clusters

- **Command:** `qstat <options> <job_id>`
 - All jobs are displayed if `<job_id>` is omitted
 - Display a full status display: `qstat -f <job_id>`
 - Display in the alternative format: `qstat -a <job_id>`

```
[lyan1@qb2 ~]$ qstat -a
qb2:
```

Job ID	Username	Queue	Jobname	SessID	NDS	TSK	Req'd Memory	Req'd Time	Elap S	Time
2063.qb2	skeasler	checkpt	nh4claa1	22534	12	1	--	48:00	R	00:00
2064.qb2	skeasler	checkpt	nh4claa2	20625	12	1	--	48:00	R	00:00
2065.qb2	skeasler	checkpt	nh4no3hs1	29016	12	1	--	48:00	R	00:00
2079.qb2	ade	checkpt	F3ran_dlv	19851	10	1	--	48:00	R	36:26
2080.qb2	cott	checkpt	D0HR7	23738	32	1	--	48:00	R	36:25
2081.qb2	pakya	workq	blade	24485	20	1	--	48:00	R	36:19
2099.qb2	ade	checkpt	sp10	1531	10	1	--	48:00	R	31:04
2100.qb2	ade	checkpt	F3ran2_dlv	3359	10	1	--	48:00	R	31:00
2106.qb2	ade	checkpt	PLdt4_rani	25354	10	1	--	48:00	R	28:58



Job Monitoring – AIX Clusters

- **Command:** `llq <options> <job_id>`
 - All jobs are displayed if `<job_id>` is omitted
 - Display detailed information: `llq -l <job_id>`
 - Display jobs from a certain user: `llq -u <username>`

```
lyan1@l2f1n03$ llq
```

Id	Owner	Submitted	ST	PRI	Class	Running On
12f1n03.3697.0	collin	1/22 16:59	R	50	single	l2f1n14
12f1n03.3730.0	jheiko	1/28 13:30	R	50	workq	l2f1n10
12f1n03.3726.0	collin	1/26 08:21	R	50	single	l2f1n14
12f1n03.3698.0	collin	1/22 17:00	R	50	single	l2f1n14
12f1n03.3727.0	collin	1/26 08:21	R	50	single	l2f1n14

5 job step(s) in queue, 0 waiting, 0 pending, 5 running, 0 held, 0 preempted



Job Manipulation – Linux Clusters

- To kill a running or queued job (it could take a while to complete)
 - `qdel <job_id>`
 - `qdel -W force <job_id>`
- Put a queued job on hold
 - `qhold <job_id>`
- Resume a held job
 - `qrls <job_id>`



Job Manipulation – AIX Clusters

- Cancel a job
 - `llcancel <job_id>`
- Hold a job
 - `llhold <job_id>`
- Release a job
 - `llhold -r <job_id>`



Exercise 4: Run the MPI “hello world” program

- Run the parallel executable you compiled in Exercise 3 through the batch queuing system
 - On any cluster
 - In any queue
 - Recommended parameters
 - Number of processors: 8
 - Wall clock limit: 10 minutes



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- Run the parallel executable you compiled in Exercise 3 through the batch queuing system
 - On any cluster
 - In any queue
 - Recommended parameters
 - Number of processors: 8
 - Wall clock limit: 10 minutes
 - There are two scripts in the directory where you copied the program from, which can be used as a template
 - Linux: `qsub submit.linux`
 - AIX: `llsubmit submit.aix`





When you have questions

- User's Guide
 - HPC: <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/help>
 - LONI: https://docs.loni.org/wiki/Main_Page
- User Support
 - LONI: sys-help@loni.org
 - HPC: consult@cct.lsu.edu
- Walk-in consulting session at Middleton library
- Live help (AIM, Yahoo Messenger, Google Talk)
 - Add “lsuhpchelp”

