

Submitting batch jobs

SLURM on ECGATE

Solutions to the practicals

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Practical 1: Basic job submission

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

```
$> ssh ecgate  
$> cd $SCRATCH  
$> tar xf ~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

```
$> cat env.sh
#!/bin/bash
# This is an example of a job dumping the SLURM related variables in the environment
[ -z "$SLURM_JOBID" ] && echo "This job should be run in batch!" >&2 && exit 1
echo "Current time is `date`"
echo "This should go to the error file..." >&2
echo "I am job id $SLURM_JOBID"
echo "Going to sleep for a couple of minutes..."
sleep 120
echo "Waking up!"
echo "Current time is `date`"
echo "Bye!"
$> ./env.sh
This job should be run in batch!
$> sbatch env.sh
Submitted batch job 1269989
$> squeue -j 1269989
```

JOBID	NAME	USER	QOS	STATE	TIME	TIMELIMIT	NODELIST (REASON)
1269989	env.sh	trx	normal	RUNNING	0:54	1-00:00:00	ecgb04

```
$> ls
env.sh  slurm-1269989.out  work
```

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...

Practical 1: Basic job submission

```
#!/bin/bash
# This is an example of a job dumping the SLURM related variables in the
environment
#SBATCH --qos=express
#SBATCH --time=5
#Replace trx by your user id
#SBATCH --workdir=/scratch/ectrain/trx/batch_ecgate_practicals/basic/work
#SBATCH --output=env_out_%j.out
#SBATCH --error=env_out_%j.err
#SBATCH --mail-type=BEGIN

[ -z "$SLURM_JOBID" ] && echo "This job should be run in batch!" >&2 && exit 1
echo "Current time is `date`"
echo "This should go to the error file..." >&2
echo "I am job id $SLURM_JOBID"
echo "Going to sleep for a couple of minutes..."
sleep 120
echo "Waking up!"
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```

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 -u trx -s CANCELLED -S 00:00
```

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

```
$> sacct -j 1234567 -o jobid,submit,start,end
```

- find out the output and error paths for a job of your choice?

```
$> sacct -j 1234567 -o jobid,comment%190
```

Practical 3: Fixing broken jobs

- What is wrong in job1? Can you fix it?
 - No shebang specified at the beginning of the files
 - Spaces between directive and value
 - Job name must not contain any space

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=job_1
#SBATCH --output=job1-%J.out
#SBATCH --error=job1-%J.out
#SBATCH --qos=express
#SBATCH --time=00:05:00

# This is the job
echo "I was broken!"
sleep 30
```

Practical 3: Fixing broken jobs

- What is wrong in job2? Can you fix it?
 - The qos name does not exist
 - The time limit is wrongly set to 10 days instead of 10 hours

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=job2
#SBATCH --output=job2-%J.out
#SBATCH --error=job2-%J.out
#SBATCH --qos=normal
#SBATCH --time=10:00

# This is the job
echo "I was broken!"
sleep 30
```


Practical 3: Fixing broken jobs

- What is wrong in job3? Can you fix it?
 - The output directory does not exist. You must create it before submitting
 - Slurm will not expand shell variables in directives. You must replace **\$SCRATCH** with the right value

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=job3
#SBATCH --output=output/job3-%J.out
#SBATCH --error=output/job3-%J.out
#SBATCH --workdir=$SCRATCH/batch_ecgate_practicals/broken
#SBATCH --qos=normal
#SBATCH --time=00:01

# This is the job
echo "I was broken!"
sleep 30
```