

HPC Introduction

High-performance computing

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Enabler for Life Sciences

What is PDC, what it provides

Projects at PDC

How to access PDC

Jobs and queuing systems

How to use the resources of PDC

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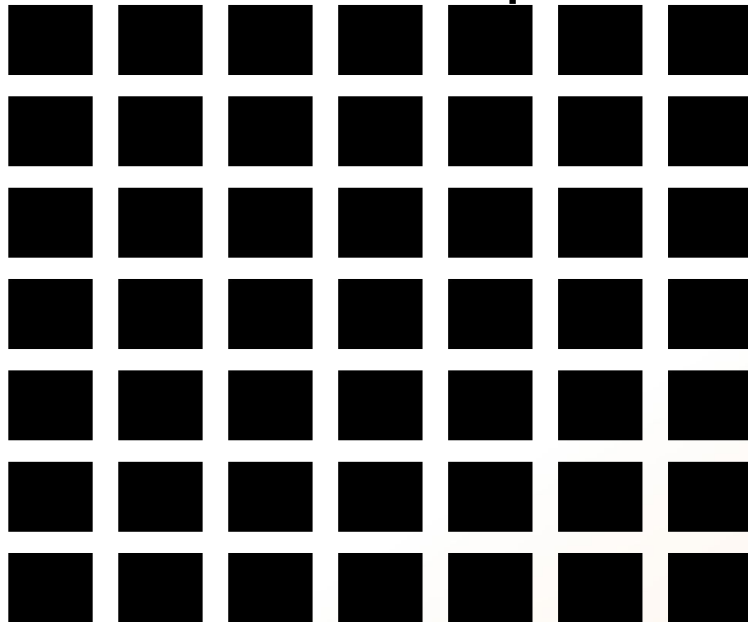
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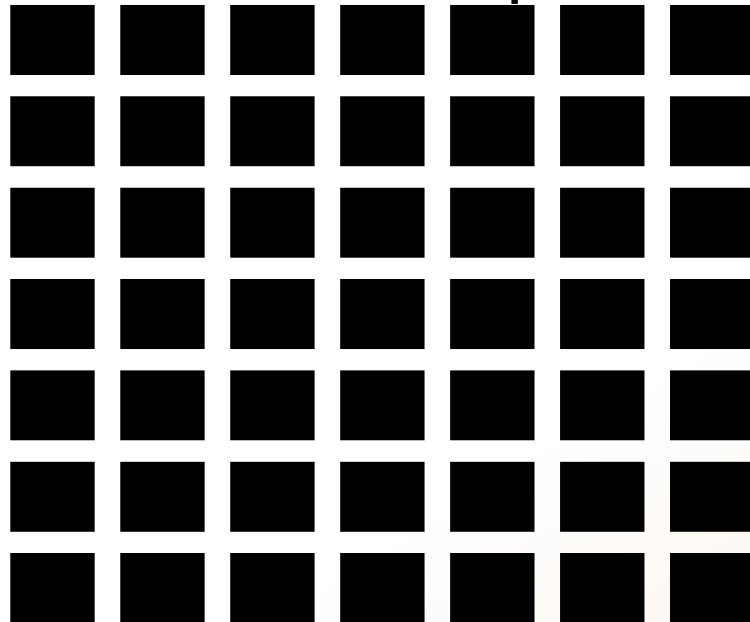
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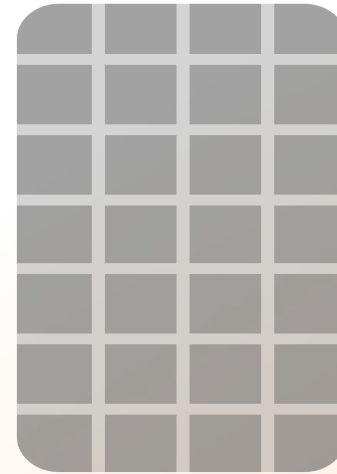
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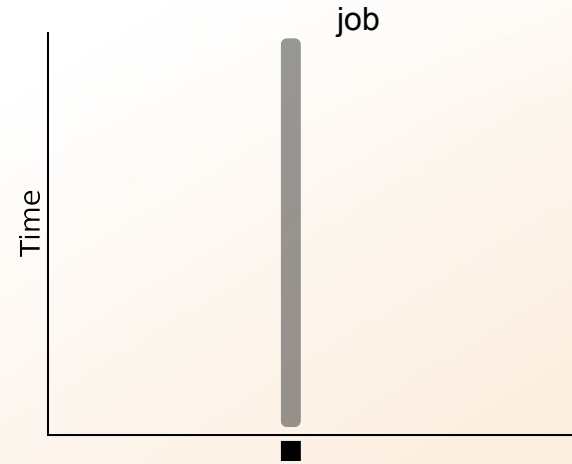


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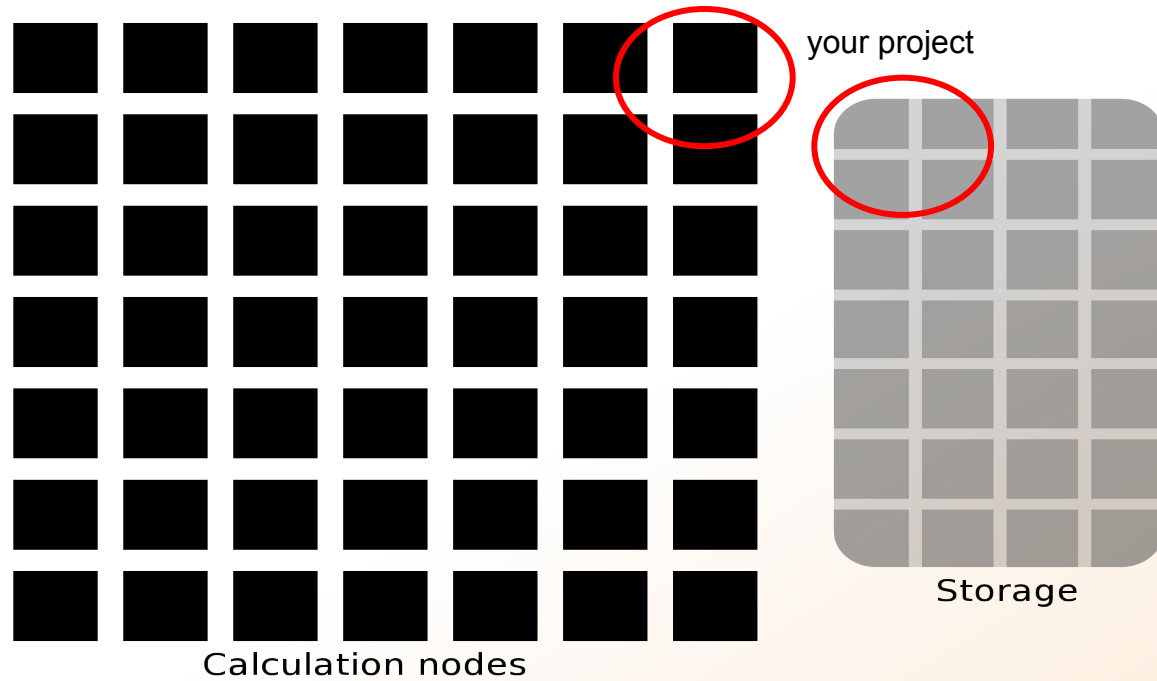
projects

PDC provides its resources via

projects

compute
(core-hours/month)

storage
(GB)



Two separate projects:

NAISS compute:

cluster **Dardel**

2000 - 100 000+ core-hours/month

512 GB storage

NAISS Storage:

storage system **Klemming**

1 - 100+ TB storage



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Rounds

Resources are made available through rounds, in which projects proposals are made. First, you need to select the type of round to use:

<h3>Compute Rounds</h3> <p>Access to general resources for high performance computing.</p> <p>Go to Compute Rounds</p>	<h3>Storage Rounds</h3> <p>Access to storage resources at centres and nation-wide.</p> <p>Go to Storage Rounds</p>
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You can also view all rounds (including closed and decided).

<https://supr.naiss.se/round/>



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Compute Rounds

HPC resources are made available through compute rounds. There are three different sizes of NAISS allocated rounds, as well as local rounds at centres. Select the size of round to use:

NAISS Small Compute

Up to 10 000 core-hours/month.
Continuous evaluation of proposals during the year. To apply, you must be a scientist in Swedish academia, at least at the level of PhD student.

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NAISS Medium Compute

Monthly evaluation of proposals during the year. To apply, you must be a scientist in Swedish academia, at least at the level of assistant professor.

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NAISS Large Compute

Evaluation of proposals twice a year with a peer-review procedure. To apply, you must be a scientist in Swedish academia, at least at the level of assistant professor.

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Centre Local Compute

Local resources that are not allocated via NAISS. Conditions are described per round.

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<https://supr.naiss.se/round/>

NAISS Small Compute 2024

Open for Proposals

To apply, you must be a scientist in Swedish academia, at least at the level of PhD student.

Deadlines and Decisions

Proposals are processed weekly. Note that staff will be on vacation during the summer and proposals submitted in July will be processed at a reduced pace.

This round is open for proposals until 2025-01-01 00:00.

[Create New Proposal for NAISS Small Compute 2024](#)

Resources

Resource	Centre	Upper		Unit	Note
		Limit	Available		
▶ Alvis	C3SE	1 000	80 000	GPU-h/month	<i>The Alvis resource is dedicated for AI/ML research.</i>
▶ Tetralith	NSC	10	1 500	x 1000 core-h/month	
▶ Dardel	PDC	10	1 720	x 1000 core-h/month	
▶ Dardel-GPU	PDC	200	6 160	GPU-h/month	
▶ Rackham	UPPMAX	10	1 500	x 1000 core-h/month	<i>Restrictive policy for NEW projects on Rackham.</i>

Click ▶ above to show more information about the resource.

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Last login: Mon Nov 11 10:19:30 2024 from icm-42-29.bmc.uu.se
```

```
---= Welcome to Dardel! ==---
```

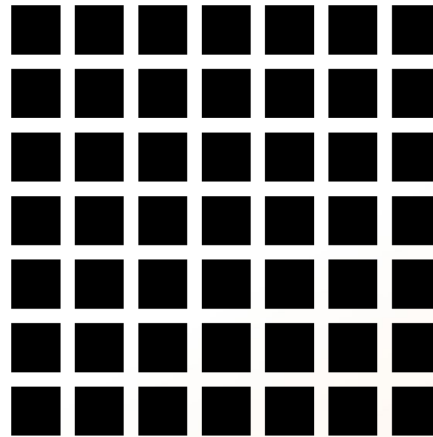
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username@login1 ~ $
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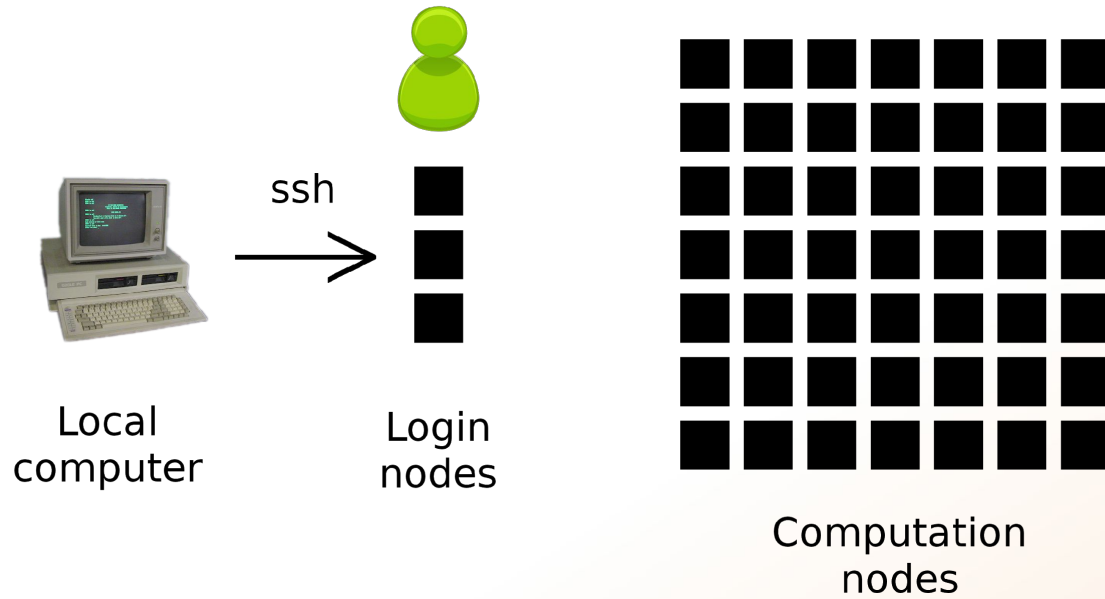

Local
computer



Login
nodes



Computation
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Login nodes

use them to access PDC,
never use them to run **jobs**

Calculation nodes

do your work here - testing and running,
not accessible directly,
SLURM (queueing system) gives you access

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Job (computing)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses, see [Job \(Unix\)](#) and [Job stream](#).

In [computing](#), a **job** is a unit of work or unit of execution (that performs said work). A component of a job (as a unit of work) is called a [task](#) or a *step* (if sequential, as in a [job stream](#)). As a unit of execution, a job may be concretely identified with a single [process](#), which may in turn have subprocesses ([child processes](#); the process corresponding to the job being the [parent process](#)) which perform the tasks or steps that comprise the work of the job; or with a [process group](#); or with an abstract reference to a process or process group, as in [Unix job control](#).

Read/open files

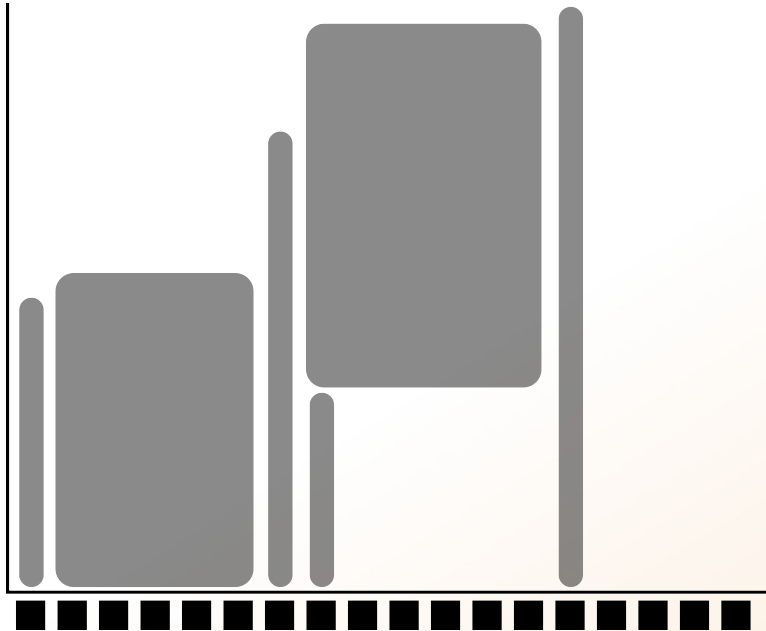
Do something with the data

Print/save output

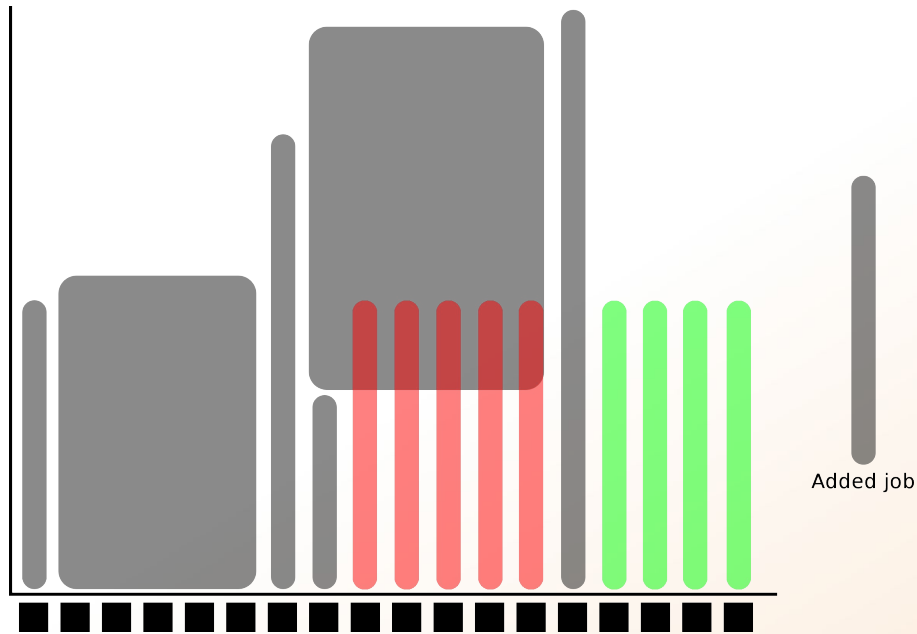
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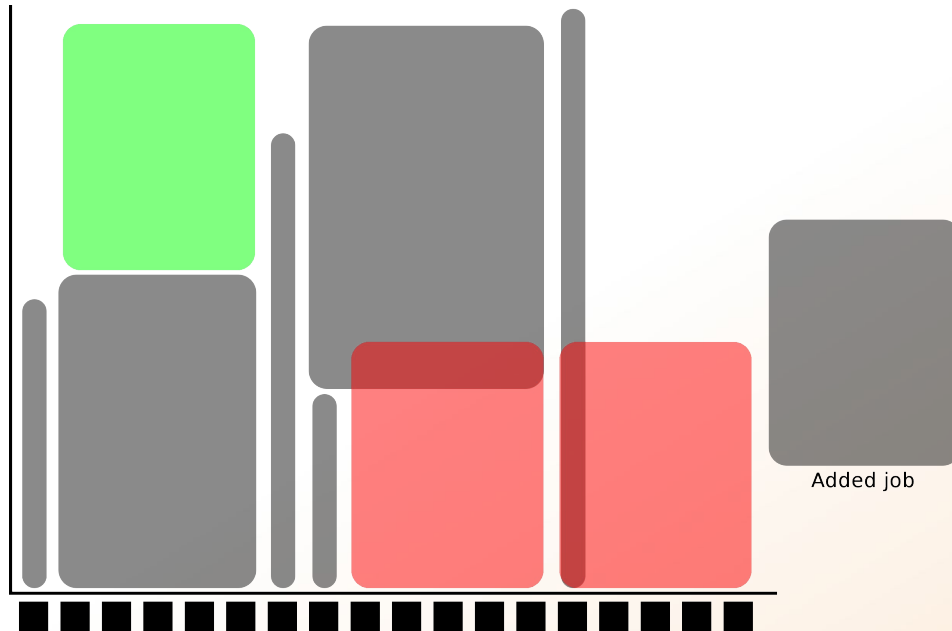
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workload manager
job queue
batch queue
job scheduler

SLURM (Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management)
free and open source

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1) Ask for resource and run jobs manually

For testing, possibly small jobs, specific programs needing user input while running

2) Write a script and submit it to SLURM

Submits an automated job to the job queue, runs when it's your turn

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book a node/core



ssh to the node



run programs

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```
salloc -A naiss2099-99-999 -p shared -c 1 -t 00:05:00
```

salloc - command

mandatory job parameters:

- A** - project ID (who “pays”)
- p** - partition
- c** - number of cores
- t** - time

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-t format - hh:mm:ss
or - dd-hh:mm:ss
default value= 7-00:00:00

jobs killed when time limit reaches - always overestimate ~ 50%

Information about your jobs

```
squeue -u <user>
```

```
username@login1 ~ $ squeue -u username
  JOBID  PARTITION   NAME          USER ST    TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
  5236781  shared interact    username R   20:41     1 nid002582
username@login1 ~ $
```

SSH to a calculation node (from a login node)

```
ssh -Y <node_name>
```

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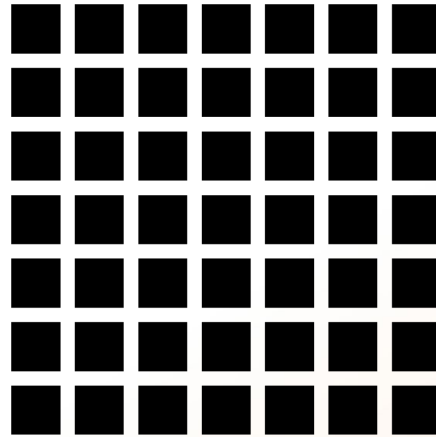
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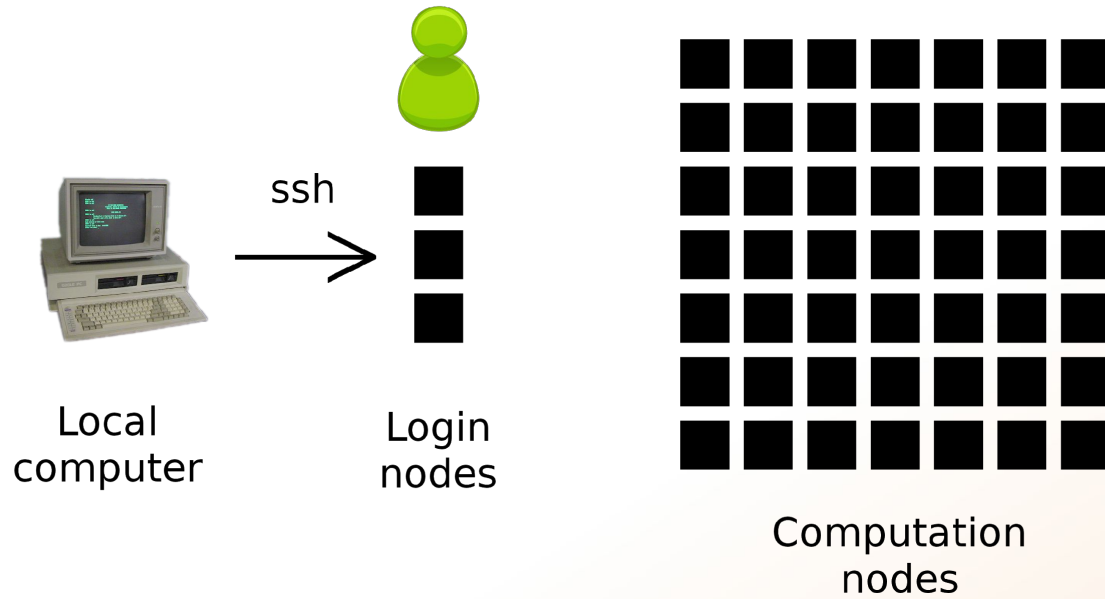
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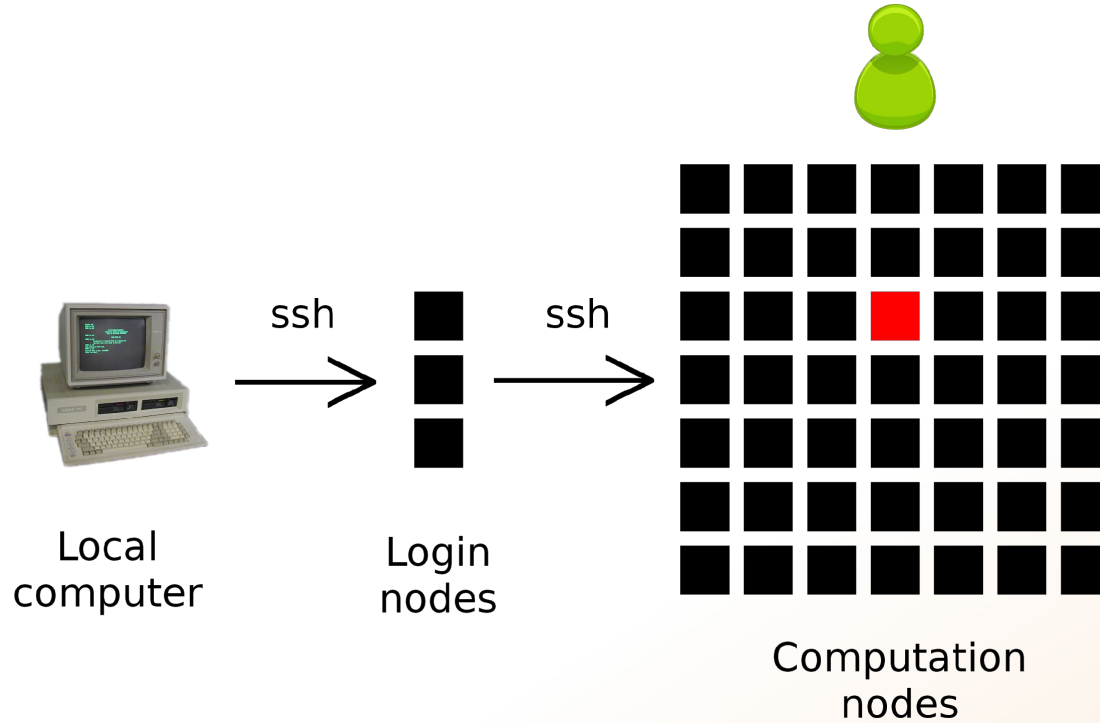


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#SBATCH -p shared
#SBATCH -J sample_001.fq_alignment
#SBATCH -t 7-00:00:00

# load some modules
module load bioinfo-tools bwa

# go to project directory
cd /cfs/klemming/projects/supr/naiss2099-99-999/

# align reads
bwa mem ref/human_reference.fa raw/sample_001.fq | samtools sort -o results/sample_001.aligned.sorted.bam
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module avail

module load <module name>

module unload <module name>

module list

module spider <word>

- Lists all available modules
- Loads the module
- Unloads the module
- Lists loaded modules
- Searches all modules after 'word'

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or

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username@login1 ~ \$ module avail

```
----- /pdc/software/eb/modules/all
  angsd/0.940                                googletest/1.8.1                ncurses/6.4                    (L,D)
  ant/1.10.14                               gperf/3.0.4                   nextflow/24.04.2
  apr/1.7.0                                 gperf/3.1                      (D)  ninja/1.10.2
  argtable/2.13                             groff/1.23.0                  ninja/1.11.0
  autoconf-archive/2022.02.11              gsl/2.3                        ninja/1.11.1
  autoconf/2.69                             gsl/2.7.1                      (D)  ninja/1.12.1                    (D)
  autoconf/2.71                             (D)  guile/2.0.14                  ntcards/1.2.1
  autodiff/0.5.10                           gzip/1.10                      onetbb/2021.5.0
  autodiff/0.6.5                             (D)  gzip/1.12                     opari2/2.0.6
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  automake/1.16.4                           haploeagle/2.4.1              openjpeg/2.5.0
  automake/1.16.5                             (D)  harfbuzz/8.2.2               osmesa/21.3.7
  autotools/20220317                       hdf/4.2.16-2                  ospray/2.4.0
  bamm/2.5.0                                help2man/1.49.2               otf2/2.3
  bamsifter/2.15.0                          hifiasm/0.19.7               otf2/3.0.3                    (D)
  bamtools/2.5.2                            highway/1.2.0                 paml/4.9j
  barrnap/0.9                               hisat2/2.2.1                 pango/1.50.14
  bazel/6.3.1                               htSLib/1.15.1                paraFly/0.1.0
  bbmap/38.61b                              htSLib/1.20                  (L,D) parallel/20230422
  bbmap/39.01                               hwloc/2.6.0                  parasail/2.6.2
  bbmap/39.06                             (D)  hwloc/2.9.0                  patchelf/0.14.5
  bcftools/1.15.1                           hwloc/2.11.1                 (D)  pbbam/1.0.7
  bcftools/1.20                             (D)  icu/69.1                     pbcopper/1.8.0
  bcl2fastq2/2.20.0                         icu/74.1                     (D)  pblat/2.5.1
  bedtools/2.31.0                           imagemagick/7.1.0-32         pcre/8.45
  bifrost/1.0.6.4                           imath/3.1.9                  pcre2/10.40
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 - Modules to be loaded
 - Bash code to perform actions
 - Run a program, or multiple programs

Laboratory time! (again)

https://nbisweden.github.io/workshop-ngsintro/2511/topics/hpc/intro/lab_intro.html