



# Slurm Job Scheduling

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# Terra Service Unit Calculations

- For the Terra 64GB memory nodes (56GB available), you are charged Service Units (SUs) based on one of the following values whichever is greater.
  - 1 SU per CPU per hour or 1 SU per 2GB of requested memory per hour

Number of Cores	Total Memory per node (GB)	Hours	SUs charged
1	2	1	1
1	3	1	2
1	56	1	28
28	56	1	28

# Single vs Multi-Core Jobs

- When to use single-core jobs
  - The software being used only supports commands utilizing a single-core
- When to use multi-core jobs
  - If the software supports multiple-cores (--threads, --cpus, ...) then configure the job script and command options to utilize all CPUs on a compute node to get the job done faster unless the software specifically recommends a limited number of cores
    - 28 CPUs per compute node on Terra 64GB memory nodes
    - 56GB of available memory per compute node on Terra 64GB memory nodes
  - Can group multiple single-core commands into a multi-core job using TAMULauncher on one or multiple nodes
- A compute node is one computer unit of an HPC cluster. A cluster can contain a few to thousands of nodes.
  - number of nodes for a job can be specified with the --nodes parameter

# Submitting Slurm Jobs

- Jobs can be submitted using a job script or directly on the command line
- A job script is a text file of Unix commands with #SBATCH parameters
- #SBATCH parameters provide resource configuration request values
  - time, memory, nodes, cpus, output files, ...
- Submit the job using sbatch command with the job script name
  - your job script provides a record of commands used for an analysis
  - `sbatch job_script.sh`
- Submit command on the command line by specifying all necessary parameters
  - must rely on your bash history to see #SBATCH parameters used which is not reliable
  - `sbatch -t 01:00:00 -n 1 -J myjob --mem 2G -o stdout.%j commands.sh`

[slurm.schedmd.com/sbatch.html](http://slurm.schedmd.com/sbatch.html)

# Slurm Job Script Parameters

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00      # request 1 day
#SBATCH --nodes=1             # request 1 node
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1   # request 1 task (command) per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1     # request 1 cpu (core, thread) per task
#SBATCH --mem=2G               # request 2GB total memory per node
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

# load software modules
# run commands
```

- Always include the first three lines exactly as they are
- Slurm job parameters begin with `#SBATCH` and can add comments
- Name the job script whatever you like
  - `run_program_project.sh`
  - `my_job_script.job`
  - `my_job_script.sbatch`
  - `my_job_script.txt`

# Slurm Parameters: nodes, tasks, cpus

- `--nodes`
  - number of nodes to use where a node is one computer unit of many in an HPC cluster
    - `--nodes=1`
  - used for multi-node jobs
    - `--nodes=10`
  - if number of cpus per node is not specified then defaults to 1 cpu
  - use together with `--ntasks-per-node` and `--cpus-per-task`
  - do not use `--nodes` with `--array`
- `--ntasks`
  - a task can be considered a command such as `blastn`, `bwa`, `script.py`, etc.
  - `--ntasks=28` # total tasks across all nodes per job
  - when using `--ntasks` without `--nodes`, the values for `--ntasks-per-node` and `--cpus-per-task` will default to 1 node, 1 task per node and 1 cpu per task
- `--ntasks-per-node`
  - use together with `--cpus-per-task`
  - `--ntasks-per-node=1`
- `--cpus-per-task`
  - number of CPUs (cores, tasks) for each task (command) [`magicblast -num_threads 28`]
  - `--cpus-per-task=28`

# Additional Slurm Parameters

- `--job-name`
  - set the job name, keep it short and concise without spaces
  - `--job-name=myjob`
- `--time`
  - max runtime for job; format: days-hours::minutes::seconds
  - `--time=24:00:00` # max runtime 24 hours
  - `--time=7-00:00:00` # max runtime 7 days
- `--mem`
  - total memory for each node (not for each CPU core as with Ada)
  - `--mem=56G` # request 56GB total memory (max available on 64gb nodes)
- `--partition`
  - specify a partition (queue) to use
  - partition is automatically assigned to short, medium, long and gpu (when using `--gres=gpu`)
  - only need to specify `--partition` parameter to use vnc, xlong, special, knl
  - `--partition=xlong` # select xlong partition
- `--output`
  - save all stdout to a specified file
  - `--output=stdout.%j` # saves stdout to file named stdout.JOBID
- `--error`
  - save all stderr to a specified file
  - `--error=stderr.%j` # saves stderr to a file named stderr.JOBID
  - use just `--output` to save stdout and stderr to the same output file: `--output=output.%j.log`



# Optional Slurm Parameters

- `--gres`
  - used to request 1 or 2 GPUs; automatically assigns `--partition=gpu`
  - `--gres=gpu:1` # request 1 GPU; use :2 for two GPUs
- `--account`
  - specify which HPRC account to use; see your accounts with the `myproject` command
  - `--account=ACCOUNTNUMBER`
  - default account from `myproject` output is used if not specified
- `--mail-user`
  - send email to user
  - `--mail-user=myemail@tamu.edu`
- `--mail-type`
  - send email per job event: BEGIN, END, FAIL, ALL
  - `--mail-type=ALL`
- `--dependency`
  - schedule a job to start after a previous job successfully completes
  - `--dependency=afterok:JOBID`

# Single-Node Jobs

# Single-Node Single-Core Job Scripts

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --mem=2G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b
spades.py -1 s1_R1 -2 s1_R2 -o outdir --threads 1
```

Example 1

1	Total CPUs requested	1
1	CPUs per node	1
2	total requested GB memory	4
1	SUs to start job	2

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --mem=4G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b
spades.py -1 s1_R1 -2 s1_R2 -o outdir --threads 1
```

specify  
number of  
threads to  
match  
SBATCH  
parameters

Example 2

# Slurm Parameter: --ntasks

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE           # do not propagate environment; do not change
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L       # replicate login environment; do not change
#SBATCH --job-name=myjob       # job name
#SBATCH --time=1:00:00        # set the wall clock limit to 1 hour
#SBATCH --ntasks=1            # request 1 task (command) per node
#SBATCH --mem=2G              # request 2GB of memory per node
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j     # create file for stdout
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j     # create file for stderr
```

When only --ntasks is used, the --ntasks-per-node value will be automatically set to match --ntasks and defaults to --cpus-per-task=1

- --ntasks=1
  - NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=1 NumTasks=1 CPUs/Task=1
- --ntasks=28
  - NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=28 NumTasks=28 CPUs/Task=1

# Requesting all CPUs and Available Memory on Terra Compute Nodes

28 cores, 64 GB nodes (256 nodes available)

```
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
```

28 cores, 128 GB memory GPU nodes (48 nodes avail)

```
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:2
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=112G
```

# don't request all CPU or memory unless needed  
so someone else can use the other GPU

68 cores, 96 GB KNL nodes (8 nodes available)

```
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=68
#SBATCH --mem=86G
```

72 cores, 96 GB memory nodes (8 nodes available)

```
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=72
#SBATCH --mem=86G
```

# Single-Node Multi-Core Job Scripts

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=14
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b
spades.py -1 s1_R1 -2 s1_R2 -o outdir --threads 14
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b
spades.py -1 s1_R1 -2 s1_R2 -o outdir --threads 28
```

specify  
number of  
threads to  
match  
SBATCH  
parameters

14	Total CPUs requested	28
14	CPUs per node	28
56	total requested GB memory	56
672	SUs to start job	672

It is best to  
request all  
cores and  
all memory  
if using the  
entire node

# GPU Jobs

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=my_gpu_job
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:1                # request 1 GPU; use :2 for two GPUs
#SBATCH --mem=2G                    # can request max of 112GB on GPU nodes
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

# load required modules
module load intel/2017A
module load CUDA/9.2.148.1

# run your gpu command
my_gpu_command
```

- gpu partition (--partition=gpu) will be automatically applied when using --gres=gpu:n
- 28 SUs will be charged for using GPU nodes whether you specify --ntasks=1 or --ntasks=28
- Do not select all the memory or cores when using 1 GPU so someone else can use the other GPU

# Multi-Node Jobs



# Slurm Parameters: --nodes --ntasks-per-node

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE           # do not propagate environment; do not change
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L       # replicate login environment; do not change
#SBATCH --job-name=myjob       # job name
#SBATCH --time=1:00:00         # set the wall clock limit to 1 hour
#SBATCH --nodes=2              # request 2 nodes
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1    # request 1 task (command) per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28     # request 28 cores per task
#SBATCH --mem=56G              # request 56GB of memory per node
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j     # create file for stdout
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j      # create file for stderr
```

It is easier to scale jobs by using --nodes with --ntasks-per-node instead of with --ntasks.

If you use --nodes with --ntasks, you need to calculate total CPUs for all nodes as the --ntasks value

- --nodes=2 --ntasks-per-node=28
  - NumNodes=2-2 NumCPUs=56 NumTasks=56 CPUs/Task=1 mem=112G
- --nodes=1 --ntasks=28
  - NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=28 NumTasks=28 CPUs/Task=1 mem=56G
- --nodes=2 --ntasks=56
  - NumNodes=2 NumCPUs=56 NumTasks=56 CPUs/Task=1 mem=112G
- **when --nodes is > 1, avoid using --ntasks:** --nodes=2 --ntasks=28
  - will allocate 1 core on one node and 27 cores on a second node

# MPI Multi-Node Multi-Core Job Script: Example 1

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=moose
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=10
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load MOOSE/moose-dev-gcc-mpi
mpirun -np 280 -npernode 28 /path/to/moose-opt -i moose.i
```

280	Total CPUs requested
28	CPUs per node
56	total requested GB memory per node
6720	SUs to start job (nodes * cpus * hours)

# MPI Multi-Node Multi-Core Job Script: Example 2

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=abyss-pe
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=10
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load ABySS/2.0.2-foss-2018a
abyss-pe np=280 j=28 lib='lib1' lib1='sample1_R1 sample1_R2'
```

280	Total CPUs requested
28	CPUs per node
56	total requested GB memory per node
6720	SUs to start job (nodes * cpus * hours)



# TAMULauncher

- [hprc.tamu.edu/wiki/SW:tamulauncher](http://hprc.tamu.edu/wiki/SW:tamulauncher)
- Use when you have hundreds or thousands of commands to run each utilizing a single-core or a few cores
  - tamulauncher keeps track of which commands completed successfully
    - to see the list of completed commands
      - `tamulauncher --status commands_file.txt`
    - if time runs out, then tamulauncher can be restarted and it will know which was the last successfully completed command
  - tamulauncher can only be submitted as a batch job although you can check the --status on the command line from the working directory
- run a single command of your thousands to make sure the command is correct and to get an estimate of resource usage (CPUs, memory, time)
- request all cores and memory on the compute node(s) and configure your commands to use all available cores

# TAMULauncher Multi-Node Single-Core Commands

commands.txt (300 lines for example)

run\_spades\_tamulauncher.sh

```
spades.py -1 s1_R1.fastq.gz -2 s1_R2.fastq.gz -o s1_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s2_R1.fastq.gz -2 s2_R2.fastq.gz -o s2_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s3_R1.fastq.gz -2 s3_R2.fastq.gz -o s3_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s4_R1.fastq.gz -2 s4_R2.fastq.gz -o s4_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s5_R1.fastq.gz -2 s5_R2.fastq.gz -o s5_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s6_R1.fastq.gz -2 s6_R2.fastq.gz -o s6_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s7_R1.fastq.gz -2 s7_R2.fastq.gz -o s7_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s8_R1.fastq.gz -2 s8_R2.fastq.gz -o s8_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s9_R1.fastq.gz -2 s9_R2.fastq.gz -o s9_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s10_R1.fastq.gz -2 s10_R2.fastq.gz -o s10_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s11_R1.fastq.gz -2 s11_R2.fastq.gz -o s11_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s12_R1.fastq.gz -2 s12_R2.fastq.gz -o s12_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s13_R1.fastq.gz -2 s13_R2.fastq.gz -o s13_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s14_R1.fastq.gz -2 s14_R2.fastq.gz -o s14_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s15_R1.fastq.gz -2 s15_R2.fastq.gz -o s15_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s16_R1.fastq.gz -2 s16_R2.fastq.gz -o s16_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s17_R1.fastq.gz -2 s17_R2.fastq.gz -o s17_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s18_R1.fastq.gz -2 s18_R2.fastq.gz -o s18_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s19_R1.fastq.gz -2 s19_R2.fastq.gz -o s19_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s20_R1.fastq.gz -2 s20_R2.fastq.gz -o s20_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s21_R1.fastq.gz -2 s21_R2.fastq.gz -o s21_out --threads 1
spades.py -1 s22_R1.fastq.gz -2 s22_R2.fastq.gz -o s22_out --threads 1
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=10
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=28
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b

tamulauncher commands.txt
```

run 28 spades.py  
commands per  
node with each  
command using  
1 core

- run 28 single-core commands per node; useful when each command requires < 2GB memory
- create a commands file (named whatever you want) to go with the the job script
- load the software module in the job script not the commands file

# TAMU Launcher Multi-Node Multi-Core Commands

commands.txt (300 lines for example)

run\_spades\_tamulauncher.sh

```
spades.py -1 s1_R1.fastq.gz -2 s1_R2.fastq.gz -o s1_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s2_R1.fastq.gz -2 s2_R2.fastq.gz -o s2_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s3_R1.fastq.gz -2 s3_R2.fastq.gz -o s3_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s4_R1.fastq.gz -2 s4_R2.fastq.gz -o s4_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s5_R1.fastq.gz -2 s5_R2.fastq.gz -o s5_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s6_R1.fastq.gz -2 s6_R2.fastq.gz -o s6_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s7_R1.fastq.gz -2 s7_R2.fastq.gz -o s7_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s8_R1.fastq.gz -2 s8_R2.fastq.gz -o s8_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s9_R1.fastq.gz -2 s9_R2.fastq.gz -o s9_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s10_R1.fastq.gz -2 s10_R2.fastq.gz -o s10_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s11_R1.fastq.gz -2 s11_R2.fastq.gz -o s11_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s12_R1.fastq.gz -2 s12_R2.fastq.gz -o s12_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s13_R1.fastq.gz -2 s13_R2.fastq.gz -o s13_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s14_R1.fastq.gz -2 s14_R2.fastq.gz -o s14_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s15_R1.fastq.gz -2 s15_R2.fastq.gz -o s15_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s16_R1.fastq.gz -2 s16_R2.fastq.gz -o s16_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s17_R1.fastq.gz -2 s17_R2.fastq.gz -o s17_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s18_R1.fastq.gz -2 s18_R2.fastq.gz -o s18_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s19_R1.fastq.gz -2 s19_R2.fastq.gz -o s19_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s20_R1.fastq.gz -2 s20_R2.fastq.gz -o s20_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s21_R1.fastq.gz -2 s21_R2.fastq.gz -o s21_out --threads 4
spades.py -1 s22_R1.fastq.gz -2 s22_R2.fastq.gz -o s22_out --threads 4
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=spades
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=10
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=7
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%j

module load SPAdes/3.13.0-foss-2018b

tamulauncher commands.txt
```

run 7 spades.py  
commands per  
node with each  
command using  
4 cores

- useful when each command requires more than 2GB but less than all available memory
- use OMP\_NUM\_THREADS if needed when running fewer commands than available cores
  - add on the line before the tamulauncher command
  - `export OMP_NUM_THREADS=$SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK`

# Making a TAMU Launcher Commands File

## Part 1

Input files are two files per sample and named: s1\_R1.fastq.gz s1\_R2.fastq.gz  
Run this command to create the example files:

```
mkdir seqs && touch seqs/s{1..40}_R{1,2}.fastq.gz
```

Run the following commands to get familiar with useful shell commands for creating and manipulating variables

```
file=seqs/s1_R1.fastq.gz
echo $file
basename $file
sample=$(basename $file)
echo $sample
echo ${sample/_R1.fastq.gz}
echo ${sample/R1/R2}
```

```
# create variable named file
# show contents of variable
# strip off path of variable
# create variable named sample
# show contents of variable
# strip off _R1.fastq.gz
# substitute text R1 with R2
```

# Making a TAMULauncher Commands File

## Part 2

Input files are two files per sample and named: s1\_R1.fastq.gz s1\_R2.fastq.gz

Run the following commands to loop through all R1 files in the reads directory and create the commands.txt  
Use just the R1 files because we only need to capture the sample names once.

```
for file in seqs/*_R1.*gz
do
read1=$file
read2=${read1/_R1/_R2.}
sample=$(basename ${read1/_R1.fastq.gz})
echo spades.py -1 $read1 -2 $read2 -o ${sample}_out --threads 1
done > commands.txt
```

Match as much  
as possible to  
avoid matching  
sample names



# Other Useful Unix Commands

```
 ${variable##*SubStr}      # will drop beginning of variable value up to first occurrence of 'SubStr'  
 ${variable###*SubStr}    # will drop beginning of variable value up to last occurrence of 'SubStr'  
 ${variable%SubStr*}      # will drop part of variable value from last occurrence of 'SubStr' to the end  
 ${variable%%SubStr*}     # will drop part of variable value from first occurrence of 'SubStr' to the end
```

These are useful if the part of the filename for each sample that needs to be removed is not the same.

`s1_S1_R1.fastq.gz`   `s2_S2_R1.fastq.gz`   `s3_S3_R1.fastq.gz`

want to remove this part  
from each file name

Make a new directory and create a new set of files for this exercise.

```
mkdir seqs2  
for i in {1..10}; do touch seqs2/s${i}_S${i}_R{1,2}.fastq.gz; done
```

Unix Command
<code>file=seqs2/s1_S1_R1.fastq.gz</code>
<code>echo \$file</code>
<code>echo \${file%_S*}</code>
<code>basename \${file%_S*}</code>
<code>sample=\$(basename \${file%_S*})</code>
<code>echo \$sample</code>

Output
<code>seqs2/s1_S1_R1.fastq.gz</code>
<code>seqs2/s1</code>
<code>s1</code>
<code>s1</code>

# Slurm Job Array Parameters and Runtime Environment Variables

- Array jobs are good to use when you have multiple samples each of which can utilize an entire compute node running software that supports multiple threads but does not support MPI
  - `--array=0-23` # job array indexes 0-23
  - `--array=1-24` # job array indexes 1-24
  - `--array=1,3,5,7` # job array indexes 1,3,5,7
  - `--array=1-7:2` # job array indexes 1 to 7 with a step size of 2
  - do not use `--nodes` with `--array`
- Use the index value to select which commands to run either from a text file of commands or as part of the input file name or parameter value
  - `$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID` is the array index value
- stdout and stderr files can be saved per index value
  - `--output=stdout-%A_%a`
  - `--error=stderr-%A_%a`
- Limit the number of simultaneously running tasks
  - your job may start quicker running on a max of 5 nodes instead of waiting for 40 available nodes
  - as one job completes another array index is run on the available node
  - `--array=1-40%5` # job array with indexes 1-40; max of 5 running nodes

# Slurm Job Array Example 1

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=bwa_array
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --array=1-40%5      # job array with indexes 1-40; max of 5 running nodes
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%A_%a
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%A_%a

module load BWA/0.7.17-intel-2018b
# get a line from commands.txt file into a variable named command
command=$(sed -n ${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}p commands.txt)
$command
```

- The sed command will print a specified line number from commands.txt based on the `SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID`
- The number of lines in your commands.txt file should be the same as the number of array indexes
- Can use %5 to limit the array to a maximum of 5 nodes used simultaneously so job may start faster
- There are other ways to use `SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID` but this example is useful because it has a file of all commands used in each array index

# Slurm Job Array Example 2

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --export=NONE
#SBATCH --get-user-env=L
#SBATCH --job-name=bwa_array
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --array=1-40           # run all 40 array indexes simultaneously using 40 nodes
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28
#SBATCH --mem=56G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%A_%a
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%A_%a

module load BWA/0.7.17-intel-2018b

bwa mem -M -t 28 -R '@RG\tID:\tLB:pe\tSM:DR34\tPL:ILLUMINA' genome.fasta \
sample_${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}_R1.fastq.gz sample_${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}_R2.fastq.gz \
| samtools view -h -Sb - | samtools sort -o sample_${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID}.out.bam \
-m 2G -@ 1 -T $TMPDIR/tmp4sort${SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID} -
```

- Can use `SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID` if your commands only differ by a number in the file names
- The `SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID` variable will be assigned the array index from 1 to 40 in this example

# Useful Slurm Runtime Environment Variables

- `$TMPDIR`
  - this is a temporary local disk space (~848GB) created at runtime and is deleted when the job completes
  - the directory is mounted on the compute node and files created in `$TMPDIR` do not count against your file and disk quotas
  - `samtools sort -T $TMPDIR/sort`
- `$SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK`
  - returns how many CPU cores were allocated on this node
  - can be used in your command to match requested `#SBATCH cpus`
    - `#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=28`
    - `samtools sort --threads $SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK`
- `$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID`
  - can be used to select or run one of many commands when using a job array
- `$SLURM_JOB_NAME`
  - populated by the `--job-name` parameter
  - `#SBATCH --job-name=bwa_array`
- `$SLURM_JOB_NODELIST`
  - can be used to get the list of nodes assigned at runtime
- `$SLURM_JOBID`
  - can be used to capture `JOBID` at runtime

# Useful Unix Environment Variables

- Type `env` to see all Unix environment variables for your login session
- `$USER`
  - This will be automatically populated with your NetID
    - `echo $USER`
- `$SCRATCH`
  - You can use this to change to your `/scratch/user/netid` directory
    - `cd $SCRATCH`
- `$OMP_NUM_THREADS`
  - useful when software uses OpenMP for multithreading; default is 1
    - `export OMP_NUM_THREADS=28`
- `$PWD`
  - contains the full path of the current working directory

# Monitoring Job Resource Usage

# Submit a Slurm Job

- Submit a job
  - `sbatch my_job_file.sh`
- See status and JOBID of all your submitted jobs
  - `squeue -u $USER`

```
Thu Oct 17 11:32:44 2019
JOBID    PARTITION  NAME      USER      STATE      TIME      TIME_LIMIT  NODES  NODELIST(Reason)
3279434  short,med  bwa       netid      PENDING    0:00      1-00:00:00  1      (Priority)
```

- Cancel (kill) a queued or running job using JOBID
  - `scancel JOBID`
- Get an estimate of when your pending job will start.
  - It is just an estimate based on all currently scheduled jobs running to the maximum specified runtime.
  - Can be useful for queues: gpu, vnc, xlong, special, knl
  - It will usually start before the estimated time.
    - `squeue --start --job JOBID`



# Monitor a Running Job

- See status and JOBID of all your submitted jobs
  - `queue -u $USER`
- See summary of a running job (list node utilization)
  - `lnu JOBID`

JOBID	NAME	USER	PARTITION	NODES	CPUS	STATE	TIME	TIME_LEFT	START_TIME
3276433	bwa	netid	short	1	1	RUNNING	5:33	54:27	2019-10-15T10:52:06

HOSTNAMES	CPU_LOAD	FREE_MEM	MEMORY	CPUS (A/I/O/T)
tnxt-0424	1.64	54407	57344	1/27/0/28

**For the CPUS values:**

- A = Active (in use by running jobs)
- I = Idle (available for jobs)
- O = Offline (unavailable for jobs)
- T = Total

- See CPU and memory usage of all your running jobs
  - `pestat -u $USER`
  - stats for pestat are updated every 3 minutes
  - can use with watch command to run pestat every 2 seconds
    - `watch pestat -u $USER`

Hostname	Partition	Node	Num_CPU	CPUload	Memsize	Freemem	Joblist
		State	Use/Tot		(MB)	(MB)	JobId User
tnxt-0703	xlong	alloc	28 28	16.23*	57344	55506	565849 net
tnxt-0704	xlong	alloc	28 28	19.60*	57344	53408	565849 net
tnxt-0705	xlong	alloc	28 28	19.56*	57344	53408	565849 net
tnxt-0701	xlong	alloc	28 28	27.50	57344	13206	565851 net
tnxt-0709	xlong	alloc	28 28	26.47*	57344	53408	565855 net

Low CPU load utilization highlighted in **Red**  
 Good CPU load utilization highlighted in **Purple**  
 Ideal CPU load utilization displayed in White  
 (Freemem should also be noted)



# Monitor a Running Job

- See lots of info about your running or recently completed (~10 minutes) job
  - `scontrol show job JOBID`
- gpu jobs are charged 28 SUs per job regardless of whether 1 or all CPUs are selected
- can add this command at the end of your job script to capture job info into the stdout file
  - `scontrol show job $SLURM_JOBID`

```
JobId=3279341 JobName=bwa
  UserId=netid(16555) GroupId=netid(16555) MCS_label=N/A
  Priority=93521 Nice=0 Account=122787215270 QOS=normal
  JobState=RUNNING Reason=None Dependency=(null)
  Requeue=1 Restarts=0 BatchFlag=1 Reboot=0 ExitCode=0:0
  RunTime=00:00:10 TimeLimit=01:00:00 TimeMin=N/A
  SubmitTime=2019-10-17T15:33:26 EligibleTime=2019-10-17T15:33:26
  AccrueTime=2019-10-17T15:33:26
  StartTime=2019-10-17T15:33:27 EndTime=2019-10-17T16:33:27 Deadline=N/A
  PreemptTime=None SuspendTime=None SecsPreSuspend=0
  LastSchedEval=2019-10-17T15:33:27
  Partition=short AllocNode:Sid=tlogin-0502:47498
  ReqNodeList=(null) ExcNodeList=(null)
  NodeList=tnxt-0469
  BatchHost=tnxt-0469
  NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=1 NumTasks=1 CPUs/Task=1 ReqB:S:C:T=0:0:*:*
  TRES=cpu=1,mem=56G,node=1,billing=1
  Socks/Node=* NtasksPerN:B:S:C=0:0:*:* CoreSpec=*
  MinCPUsNode=1 MinMemoryNode=56G MinTmpDiskNode=0
  Features=(null) DelayBoot=00:00:00
  OverSubscribe=OK Contiguous=0 Licenses=(null) Network=(null)
  Command=/scratch/user/netid/myjobdir/run_my_job_terra.sh
  WorkDir=/scratch/user/netid/myjobdir/bwa_tamulauncher
  Comment=(from job submit) your job is charged as below
    Project Account: 12278721234
    Account Balance: 199872.875303
    Requested SUs: 28
  StdErr=/scratch/user/netid/myjobdir/stderr.3279341
  StdIn=/dev/null
  StdOut=/scratch/user/netid/myjobdir/stdout.3279341
```

# Monitor a Running Job Array

- List node utilization of a running job
  - `lnu JOBID`
  - `CPU_LOAD` of 28.00 means 100% node utilization
    - all 28 of 28 total cores are at 100% utilization
  - `lnu 3278982`

JOBID	NAME	USER	PARTITION	NODES	CPUS	STATE	TIME	TIME_LEFT	START_TIME
3278982	bwa_array	netid	short,medium,long	5	140	PENDING	0:00	1:00:00	2019-10-17T16:22:00
3279004	bwa_array	netid	short	5	140	RUNNING	0:18	59:42	2019-10-17T12:22:38

HOSTNAMES	CPU_LOAD	FREE_MEM	MEMORY	CPUS (A/I/O/T)
tnxt-0327	27.89	51372	57344	28/0/0/28
tnxt-0467	27.97	48965	57344	28/0/0/28
tnxt-0609	8.83	53920	57344	28/0/0/28
tnxt-0635	0.26	56812	57344	28/0/0/28
tnxt-0711	0.58	58701	57344	28/0/0/28

**For the CPUS values:**  
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T = Total

- this appears to be two jobs because it is a job array
  - `#SBATCH --array=1-5`

# See Completed Job Stats

- See maximum memory used by the job (MaxRSS)
  - `sacct -j JOBID`

User	JobID	JobName	Partition	NodeList	MaxRSS	MaxDiskWrite	State	ExitCode	AllocTRES
netid	3243578	spades_pe	medium	tnxt-0459			COMPLETED	0:0	billing=28,cpu=28,mem=56G,node=1
	3243578.bat+	batch		tnxt-0459	36547764K	26729.78M	COMPLETED	0:0	cpu=28,mem=56G,node=1
	3243578.ext+	extern		tnxt-0459	908K	0	COMPLETED	0:0	billing=28,cpu=28,mem=56G,node=1

36.5 GB max memory used

- There are three lines for this job: 1 job and 2 steps
  - `spades_pe`
  - `batch (JobID.batch)`
  - `extern (JobID.extern)`

# See All Your Terra Job for Current Fiscal Year

- `myproject -j all`
  - ProjectAccount
  - JobID
  - JobArrayIndex
  - SubmitTime
  - StartTime
  - EndTime
  - Walltime
  - TotalSlots
  - UsedSUs
  - Total Jobs
  - Total Usage (SUs)

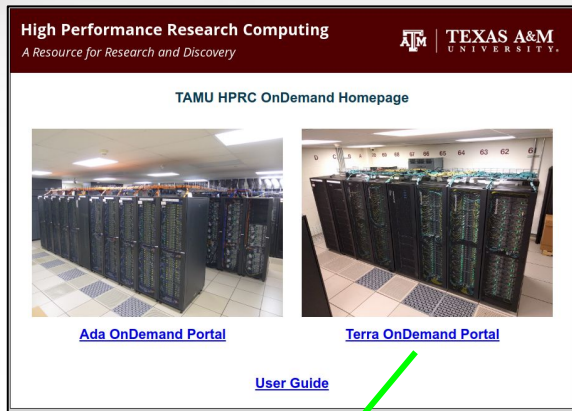
# Debugging Slurm Jobs

- If job was not scheduled, check your HPRC account to see if you have enough SUs
  - `myproject`
- Look for an out of memory error message; could occur in only one index of a job array

```
slurmstepd: error: Exceeded job memory limit at some point.
```

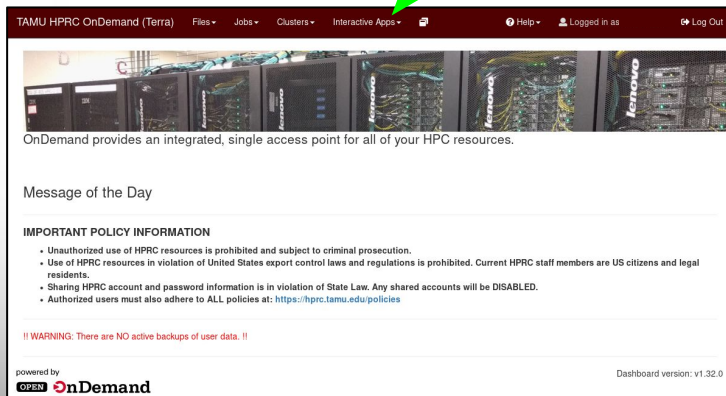
- Make the necessary adjustments to SBATCH memory parameters in your job script and resubmit the job
- If you see an 'Out of disk space' error
  - check your file and disk quotas using the `showquota` command
    - `showquota`
  - reduce the number of files you have generated
    - delete any unnecessary or temporary files
    - create a `.tar.gz` package of completed projects to free up disk space
  - request an increase in file and/or disk quota for your project

# portal.hprc.tamu.edu



The HPRC portal allows users to do the following

- Browse files on the Ada (Curie), Terra filesystem
- Access the Ada, Terra, Curie Unix command line
  - no SUs charged for using command line
  - runs on login node; please limit to 8 cores
- Launch jobs
  - SUs charged when launching jobs
- Compose job scripts
- Launch interactive GUI apps (SUs charged)
  - Ada
    - ANSYS Workbench
    - Abaqus/CAE
    - IGV
    - LS-PREPOST
    - MATLAB
    - ParaView
    - VNC
    - Galaxy
    - JupyterLab
    - Jupyter Notebook
    - RStudio
  - Terra
    - ANSYS Workbench
    - Abaqus/CAE
    - JBrowse
    - LS-PREPOST
    - MATLAB
    - ParaView
    - VNC
    - ImageJ
    - Jupyter Notebook
    - BEAUti, Tracer
    - FigTree
- Monitor and stop running jobs and interactive sessions



# For More HPRC Help...

Website: [hprc.tamu.edu](http://hprc.tamu.edu)  
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Telephone: (979) 845-0219  
Visit us in person: Henderson Hall, Room 114A  
(best to email or call in advance and make an appointment)

## Help us, help you -- we need more info

- Which Cluster
- UserID/NetID
- Job id(s) if any
- Location of your jobfile, input/output files
- Application used if any
- Module(s) loaded if any
- Error messages
- Steps you have taken, so we can reproduce the problem

