

# HPC User Environment

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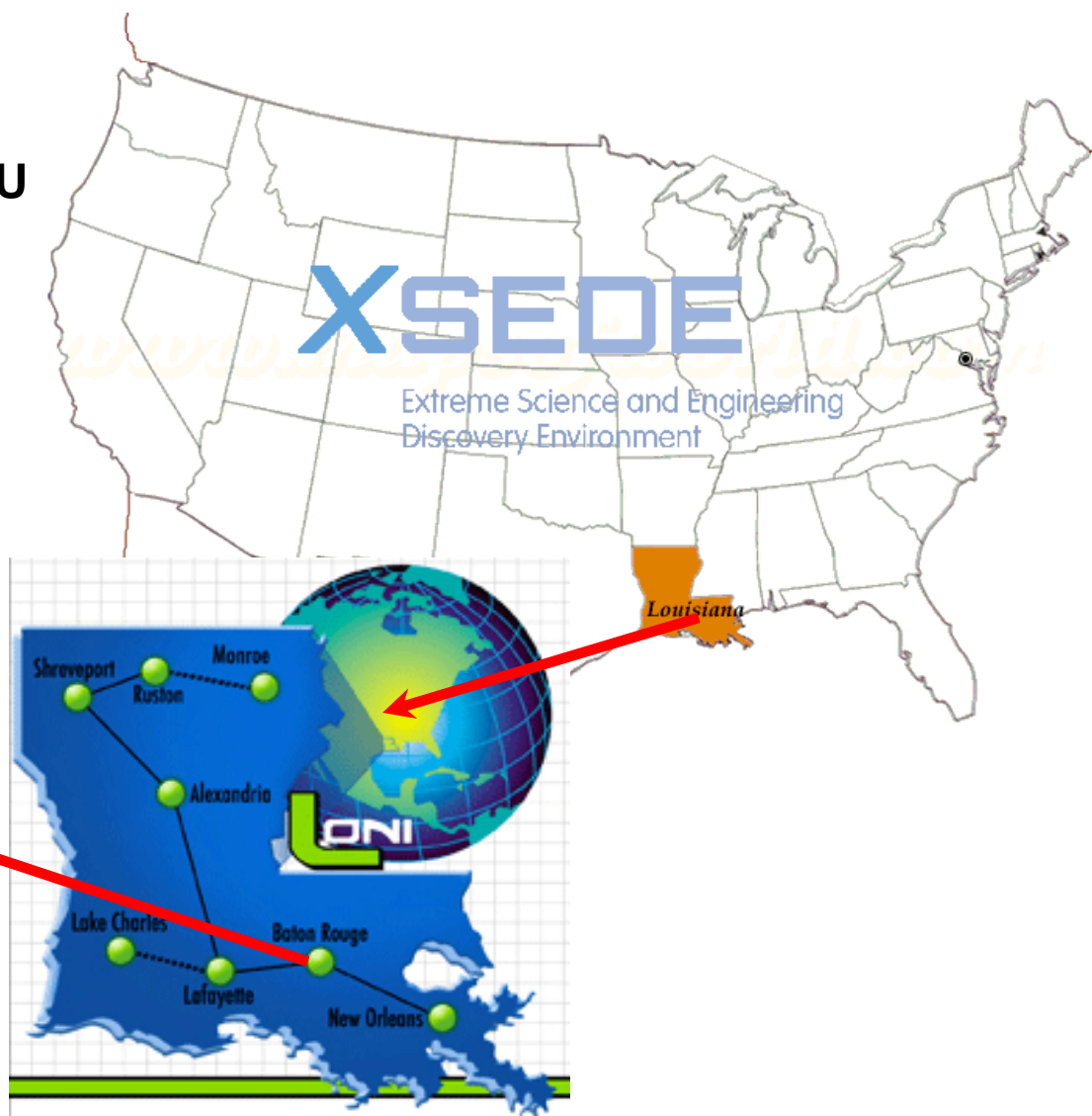
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# Outline

- **Things to be covered in the training**
  - Available HPC resources
    - LONI & LSU HPC
    - Account and allocations
  - HPC software environment
    - How to access HPC & LONI clusters
    - The software management tool softenv
  - Job management basics

# Available Computing Resources

- State wide-LONI
- University wide-HPC@LSU
- Nation wide-XSEDE



# University Level: HPC@LSU

- **University Level: LSU HPC resources available to LSU Faculty and their affiliates.**
- **LONI and LSU HPC administered and supported by HPC@LSU**

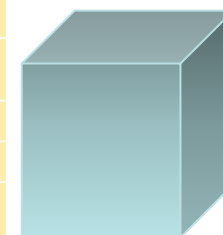


# Available LSU HPC resources

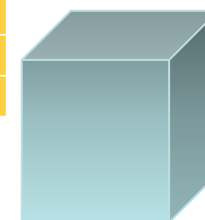
| SuperMike II                                 |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Hostname                                     | mike.hpc.lsu.edu |
| Peak Performance/TFlops                      | 146              |
| Compute nodes                                | 440              |
| Processor/node                               | 2 Octa-core      |
| Processor Speed                              | 2.6GHz           |
| Processor Type                               | Intel Xeon 64bit |
| Nodes with Accelerators                      | 50               |
| Accelerator Type                             | 2 nVidia M2090   |
| OS   | RHEL v6          |
| Vendor                                       | Dell             |
| Memory per node                              | 32/64/256 GB     |
| <a href="#">Detailed Cluster Description</a> |                  |
| <a href="#">User Guide</a>                   |                  |
| <a href="#">Available Software</a>           |                  |

| Philip                                       |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Hostname                                     | philip.hpc.lsu.edu |
| Peak Performance/TFlops                      | 3.469              |
| Compute nodes                                | 37                 |
| Processor/node                               | 2 Quad-Core        |
| Processor Speed                              | 2.93GHz            |
| Processor Type                               | Intel Xeon 64bit   |
| Nodes with Accelerators                      | 2                  |
| Accelerator Type                             | 3 nVidia M2070     |
| OS   | RHEL v5            |
| Vendor                                       | Dell               |
| Memory per node                              | 24/48/96 GB        |
| <a href="#">Detailed Cluster Description</a> |                    |
| <a href="#">User Guide</a>                   |                    |
| <a href="#">Available Software</a>           |                    |

| Pandora                                      |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Hostname                                     | pandora.hpc.lsu.edu |
| Peak Performance/TFlops                      | 6.8                 |
| Compute nodes                                | 8                   |
| Processor/node                               | 32 (4 threads each) |
| Processor Speed                              | 3.3GHz              |
| Processor Type                               | IBM POWER7          |
| Nodes with Accelerators                      | 0                   |
| Accelerator Type                             |                     |
| OS   | AIX v7.1            |
| Vendor                                       | IBM                 |
| Memory per node                              | 128 GB              |
| <a href="#">Detailed Cluster Description</a> |                     |
| <a href="#">User Guide</a>                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Available Software</a>           |                     |



Pandora



Philip

Ref: <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/resources/hpc/index.php#lsuhpc>

# Upcoming HPC Systems - SuperMIC

| SuperMIC                                     |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Hostname                                     | smic.hpc.lsu.edu |
| Peak Performance/TFlops                      | 1000             |
| Compute nodes                                | 360              |
| Processor/node                               | 2 Deca-core      |
| Processor Speed                              | 2.8GHz           |
| Processor Type                               | Intel Xeon 64bit |
| Nodes with Accelerators                      | 360              |
| Accelerator Type                             | Xeon Phi 7120P   |
| OS   | RHEL v6          |
| Vendor                                       |                  |
| Memory per node                              | 64 GB            |
| <a href="#">Detailed Cluster Description</a> |                  |
| <a href="#">User Guide</a>                   |                  |
| <a href="#">Available Software</a>           |                  |

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# State Level - Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI)

- A state-of-the-art fiber optic network that runs throughout Louisiana and connects Louisiana and Mississippi research universities.
- \$40M Optical Network, 10Gb Ethernet over fiber optics.
- \$10M Supercomputers installed at 6 sites.



# LONI-Louisiana Optical Network Initiative

➤ **LONI connects supercomputers at Louisiana's universities:**

- Louisiana State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
- LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport
- Southern University
- Tulane University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of New Orleans



# Available LONI resources

| Eric                         |   | Louie                        |                                | Oliver                       |  | Painter                      |                                   | Poseidon                     |  |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Hostname                     | eric.loni.org                           | Hostname                     | louie.loni.org                 | Hostname                     | oliver.loni.org                                | Hostname                     | painter.loni.org                  | Hostname                     | poseidon.loni.org                      |
| Peak Performance/TFlops      | 9.544                                   | Peak Performance/TFlops      | 4.772                          | Peak Performance/TFlops      | 4.772  | Peak Performance/TFlops      | 4.772                             | Peak Performance/TFlops      | 4.772                                  |
| Compute nodes                | 128                                     | Compute nodes                | 128                            | Compute nodes                | 128  | Compute nodes                | 128                               | Compute nodes                | 128                                    |
| Processor/node               | 2 Quad-Core                             | Processor/node               | 2 Dual-Core                    | Processor/node               | 2 Dual-Core                                    | Processor/node               | 2 Dual-Core                       | Processor/node               | 2 Dual-Core                            |
| Processor Speed              | 2.33GHz                                 | Processor Speed              | 2.33GHz                        | Processor Speed              | 2.33GHz  | Processor Speed              | 2.33GHz                           | Processor Speed              | 2.33GHz                                |
| Processor Type               | Intel Xeon 64bit                        | Processor Type               | Intel Xeon 64bit               | Processor Type               | Intel Xeon 64bit                               | Processor Type               | Intel Xeon 64bit                  | Processor Type               | Intel Xeon 64bit                       |
| Nodes with Accelerators      | 0                                       | Nodes with Accelerators      | 0                              | Nodes with Accelerators      | 0  | Nodes with Accelerators      | 0                                 | Nodes with Accelerators      | 0                                      |
| Accelerator Type             |   | Accelerator Type             |                                | Accelerator Type             |  | Accelerator Type             |                                   | Accelerator Type             |  |
| OS                           | RHEL v4                                 | OS                           | RHEL v4                        | OS                           | RHEL v4  | OS                           | RHEL v4                           | OS                           | RHEL v4                                |
| Vendor                       | Dell                                    | Vendor                       | Dell                           | Vendor                       | Dell   | Vendor                       | Dell                              | Vendor                       | Dell                                   |
| Memory per node              | 8 GB                                    | Memory per node              | 4 GB                           | Memory per node              | 4 GB   | Memory per node              | 4 GB                              | Memory per node              | 4 GB                                   |
| Location                     | Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge | Location                     | Tulane University, New Orleans | Location                     | University of Louisiana – Lafayette, Lafayette | Location                     | Louisiana Tech University, Ruston | Location                     | University of New Orleans, New Orleans |
| Detailed Cluster Description |   | Detailed Cluster Description |                                | Detailed Cluster Description |  | Detailed Cluster Description |                                   | Detailed Cluster Description |  |
| User Guide                   |   | User Guide                   |                                | User Guide                   |  | User Guide                   |                                   | User Guide                   |  |
| Available Software           |   | Available Software           |                                | Available Software           |  | Available Software           |                                   | Available Software           |  |

Ref: <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/resources/hpc/index.php#loni>

# Summary of clusters for LSU and LONI

|      | Name      | Performance (TFLOPS) | Location | Vendor | Architecture |
|------|-----------|----------------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| LONI | Eric      | 9.5                  | LSU      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | Oliver    | 4.8                  | ULL      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | Louie     | 4.8                  | Tulane   | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | Poseidon  | 4.8                  | UNO      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | Painter   | 4.8                  | LaTech   | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
| LSU  | Philip    | 3.5                  | LSU      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | SuperMIC  | 1000                 | LSU      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | SuperMike | 212 (CPU+GPU)        | LSU      | Dell   | Linux x86_64 |
|      | Pandora   | 6.8                  | LSU      | IBM    | Power7       |

# National Level

- **National Level: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (xSEDE)**
  - 5 year, \$121M project supported by NSF
  - Supports 16 supercomputers and high-end visualization and data analysis resources across the country.
  - <https://www.xsede.org/>

# XSEDE

Extreme Science and Engineering  
Discovery Environment

# Account Eligibility-**LONI**

- All faculty and research staff at a [LONI Member Institution](#), as well as students pursuing sponsored research activities at these facilities, are eligible for a LONI account.
- Requests for accounts by research associates not affiliated with a LONI Member Institution will be handled on a case by case basis.
- For prospective LONI Users from a non-LONI Member Institution, you are required to have a faculty or research staff in one of LONI Member Institutions as your Collaborator to sponsor you a LONI account.

# Account Eligibility-*LSU HPC*

- All faculty and research staff at Louisiana State University, as well as students pursuing sponsored research activities at LSU, are eligible for a LSU HPC account.
- For prospective LSU HPC Users from outside LSU, you are required to have a faculty or research staff at LSU as your Collaborator to sponsor you a LSU HPC account.

# LONI & LSU HPC Accounts

- **LSU HPC and LONI systems are two distinct computational resources administered by HPC@LSU.**
- **Having an account on one does not grant the user access to the other.**

# How do I get a **LONI** Account?

- Visit [https://allocations.loni.org/login\\_request.php](https://allocations.loni.org/login_request.php)
- Enter your **INSTITUTIONAL** Email Address and captcha code.
- Check your email and click on the link provided (link is active for 24hrs only)
- Fill the form provided
- For LONI Contact/Collaborator field enter the name of your research advisor/supervisor who must be a Full Time Faculty member at a LONI member institution.
- Click Submit button
- Your account will be activated once we have verified your credentials.

# How do I get a *LSU HPC* Account?

- Visit [https://accounts.hpc.lsu.edu/login\\_request.php](https://accounts.hpc.lsu.edu/login_request.php)
- Enter your **INSTITUTIONAL** Email Address and captcha code.
- Check your email and click on the link provided (link is active for 24hrs only)
- Fill the form provided
- For HPC Contact/Collaborator field enter the name of your research advisor/supervisor who must be a **Full Time** Faculty member at LSU
- Click Submit button
- Your account will be activated once we have verified your credentials



# Allocation

- **An allocation is a block of service unit (SUs) that allow a user to run jobs on a cluster**
  - One SU is one cpu-hour
  - Example
    - 40 SUs will be charged for a job that runs 10 hours on 4 cores
- **LONI & HPC users: All LONI clusters, SuperMikell and SuperMIC jobs need to be charged to valid allocation.**

# Allocation Types

## ➤ **Startup: Allocations upto 50K SUs**

- Can be requested at any time during the year.
- Reviewed and Approved by the LONI Resource Allocation Committee.
- Only two active allocations per PI at any time.

## ➤ **Large: Allocations between 50K - 4M SUs.**

- Reviewed and Approved by the LONI Resource Allocation Committee every Quarter.
- Decision will be made on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year
- Users can have multiple Large Allocations.
- **LSU HPC:** Each request is limited to 3 million SUs, and a PI may have a total of 5 million SUs active at any given time.
- **LONI:** Each requests is limited to 4 million SU, and a PI may have a total of 6M SU active at any given time

# Who can request an Allocation?

- **Only Full Time Faculty member at LONI member institutions can act as Principle Investigators (PI) and request Allocations.**
- **Rule of Thumb: If you can sponsor user accounts, you can request allocations.**
- **Everyone else will need to join an existing allocation of a PI, usually your advisor/supervision or course instructor (if your course requires a LONI account).**

# How to request/join an Allocation

- **Login to your LONI Profile at <https://allocations.loni.org>**
- **Click on "Request Allocation" in the right sidebar.**
- **Click "New Allocation" to request a New Allocation.**
  - Fill out the form provided.
  - All requests require submission of a proposal justifying the use of the resources.
  - Click "Submit Request" button.
- **Click "Join Allocation" to join an existing Allocation.**
  - Search for PI using his/her email address, full name or LONI username
  - Click "Join Projects" button associated with the PI's information.
  - You will be presented with a list of allocations associated with the PI. Click "Join" for the allocation you wish to join.
  - Your PI will receive an email requesting him to confirm adding you to the allocation.
  - Please do not contact the helpdesk to do this.

# Account Management

- **LONI account**
  - <https://allocations.loni.org>
- **LSU HPC account**
  - <https://accounts.hpc.lsu.edu>
- **The default Login shell is bash**
  - Supported Shells: bash, tcsh, ksh, csh, sh
  - Change Login Shell at the profile page

# How do I reset my password?

- **LONI:** Visit [https://allocations.loni.org/user\\_reset.php](https://allocations.loni.org/user_reset.php)
- **LSU HPC:** Visit [https://accounts.hpc.lsu.edu/user\\_reset.php](https://accounts.hpc.lsu.edu/user_reset.php)
- Enter the email address attached to your account and captcha code
- You will receive an email with link to reset your password, link must be used within 24 hours.
- Once you have entered your password, one of the HPC Admins need to approve the password reset.
- The Password approval can take anything from 10 mins to a few hours depending on the schedule of the Admins and also time of day
- You will receive a confirmation email stating that your password reset has been approved.

# Password Security

- **Passwords should be changed as soon as your account is activated for added security.**
- **Password must be at least 12 and at most 32 characters long, must contain three of the four classes of characters:**
  - lowercase letters,
  - uppercase letters,
  - digits, and
  - other special characters (punctuation, spaces, etc.).
- **Do not use a word or phrase from a dictionary,**
- **Do not use a word that can be obviously tied to the user which are less likely to be compromised.**
- **Changing the password on a regular basis also helps to maintain security.**
  - <http://www.thegeekstuff.com/2008/06/the-ultimate-guide-for-creating-strong-passwords/>
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Password\\_policy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Password_policy)

# HPC@LSU User Services

- **Hardware resources**
  - Currently manages 10 clusters
- **Software stack**
  - Communication software
  - Programming support: compilers and libraries
  - Application software
- **Contact user services**
  - Email Help Ticket: [sys-help@loni.org](mailto:sys-help@loni.org)
  - Telephone Help Desk: +1 (225) 578-0900
  - Instant Message: AOL, Yahoo!, Gmail, User name: lsuhpchelp



# General Cluster Architecture

➤ **Login (head) nodes get you access to the cluster.**

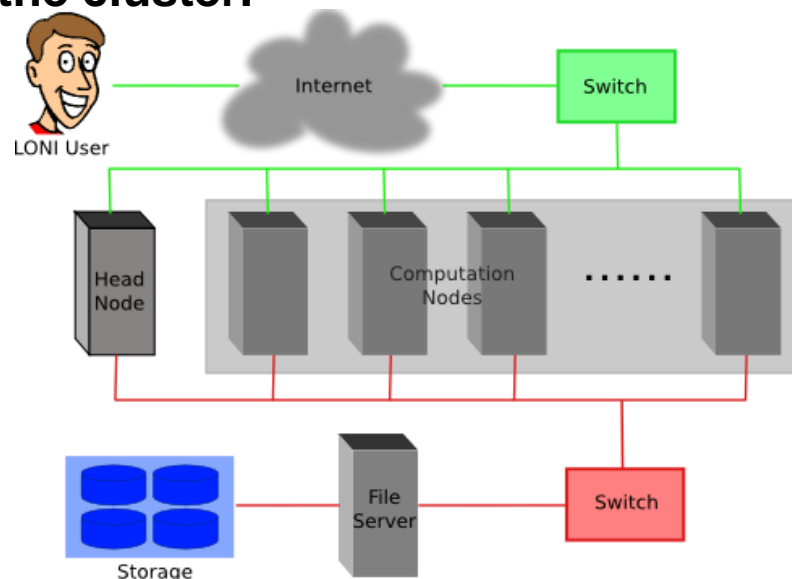
- Individual nodes are not accessible.
- Login via ssh
- Node are not meant to run jobs

➤ **Compute nodes are connected via a**

- network of switches
- QDR switches on SM-II
- Latencies typically few microsecs
- Bandwidth 40Gbps

➤ **Resource managers give access to compute resource**

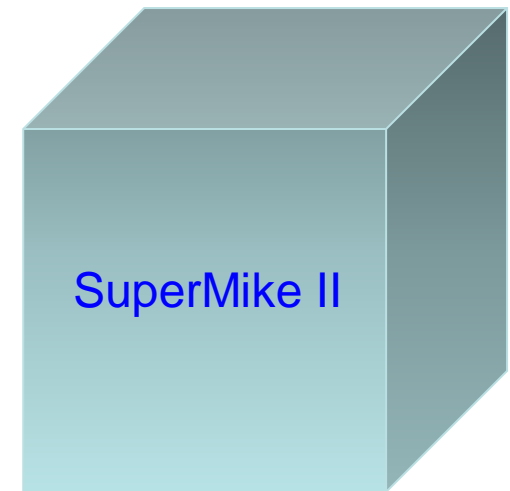
- PBS/loadleveler installed
- Run commands qsub, qstat, qdel



# LSU HPC :What should I use?

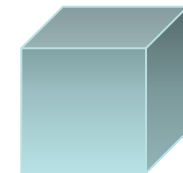
## ➤ Why would you use SuperMike II?

- You need many nodes with more cores
  - 16 cores, 32G / node
- You need special nodes
  - Memory > 200G
  - GPUs on the node
- You need special storage
  - /project



## ➤ Why would you use Pandora?

- You need an AIX cluster/IBM processors
- You need many cores/memory on one node. For threaded non-mpi jobs
  - 128G/node
  - 32 threads@3.3 GHz/ nodes



Pandora

## ➤ Why would you use Philip?

- You need medium memory, fast single core for serial jobs
  - 24-96G, 8 cores @2.93GHz / node
- You need shared storage with SuperMikeII
  - /project not shared with SuperMikeII.



Philip

# LSU HPC :What should I use? *SuperMIC*

## ➤ **360 Compute Nodes**

- Two 2.8GHz 10-Core Ivy Bridge-EP E5-2680 Xeon 64-bit processors
- Two Intel Xeon Phi 7120P Coprocessors
- 64GB DDR3 1866MHz Ram
- 500GB HD
- 56 Gigabit/sec Infiniband network interface

## ➤ **20 Hybrid Compute Nodes**

- Two 2.8GHz 10-Core Ivy Bridge-EP E5-2680 Xeon 64bit Processors
- One Intel Xeon Phi 7120P Coprocessors
- One NVIDIA Tesla K20X 6GB GPU with GPU-Direct Support
- 64GB DDR3 1866MHz Ram
- 500GB HD
- 56 Gigabit/sec Infiniband network interface

## ➤ **Cluster Storage**

- 840TB Lustre High Performance disk
- 5TB NFS-mounted /home disk storage

# Accessing cluster using ssh (Secure Shell)

- **On Unix and Mac**
  - use ssh on a terminal to connect
- **Windows box (ssh client):**
  - Putty
  - MobaXterm
  - Cygwin
- **Host name**
  - LONI: <cluster\_name>.loni.org
    - e.g.: eric.loni.org
  - LSU HPC: <cluster\_name>.hpc.lsu.edu
    - e.g.: mike.hpc.lsu.edu

# Accessing cluster on Linux and Mac

```

fchen14@mike.hpc.lsu.edu:~$ ssh fchen14@mike.hpc.lsu.edu
fchen14@mike.hpc.lsu.edu's password:
Last login: Mon Aug 18 11:26:16 2014 from fchen14-4.lsu.edu
#####
Send questions and comments to the email ticket system at sys-help@loni.org.
#####

SuperMike-II at LSU (Open for general use)

1-Dec-2012

SuperMike-II is a 146 TFlops Peak Performance, 440 node, 16 processor Red Hat
Enterprise Linux 6 cluster from Dell with 2.6 GHz Intel Xeon 64-bit processors
and 32 GB RAM per node. GPUs and additional memory are available on some nodes.
This cluster is for authorized users of the LSU community. Access is restricted
to those who meet the criteria as stated on our website.

1-Feb-2013

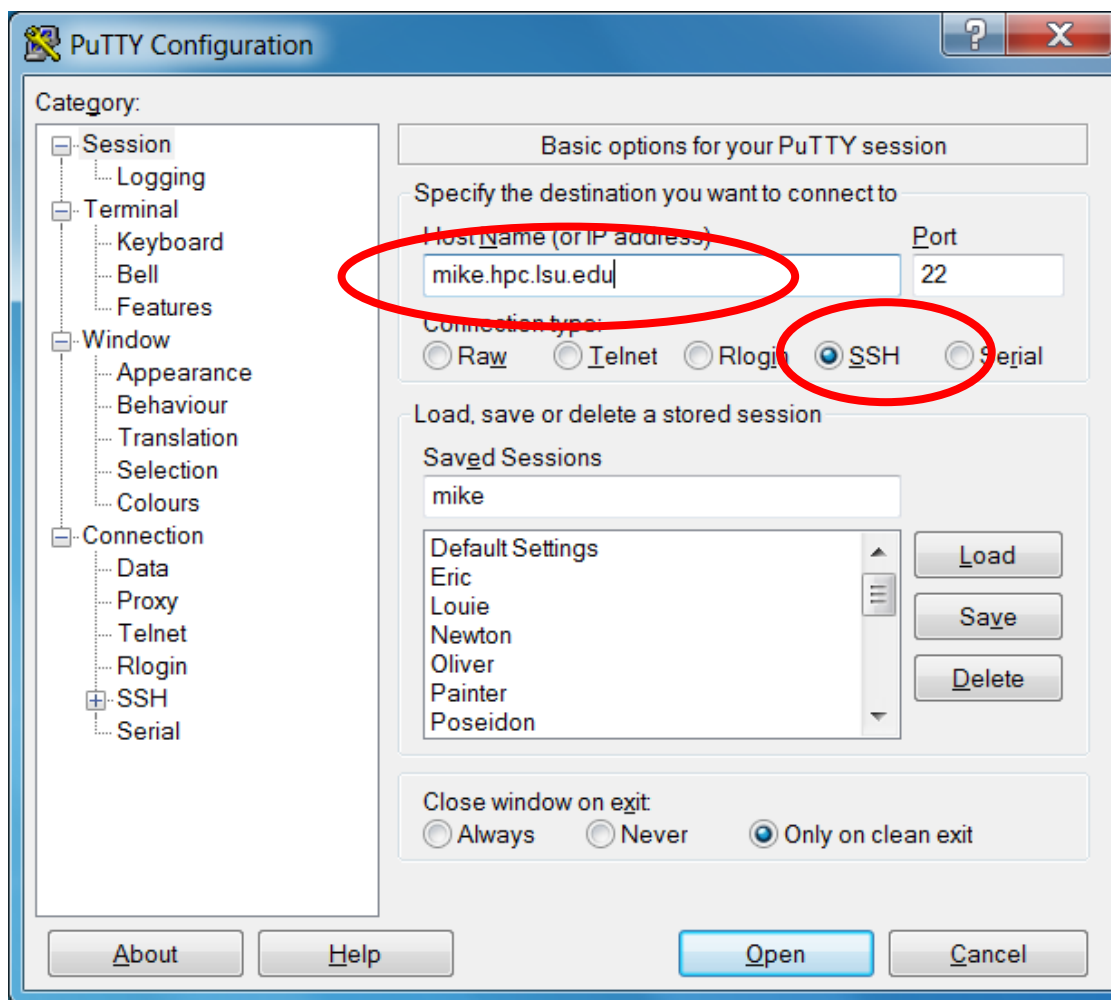
SuperMike-II is open for general use. Please report problems to our email ticke
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system at sys-help@loni.org so that we can address them.

Quotas for the /home volume are enabled at 5 GB. Please do

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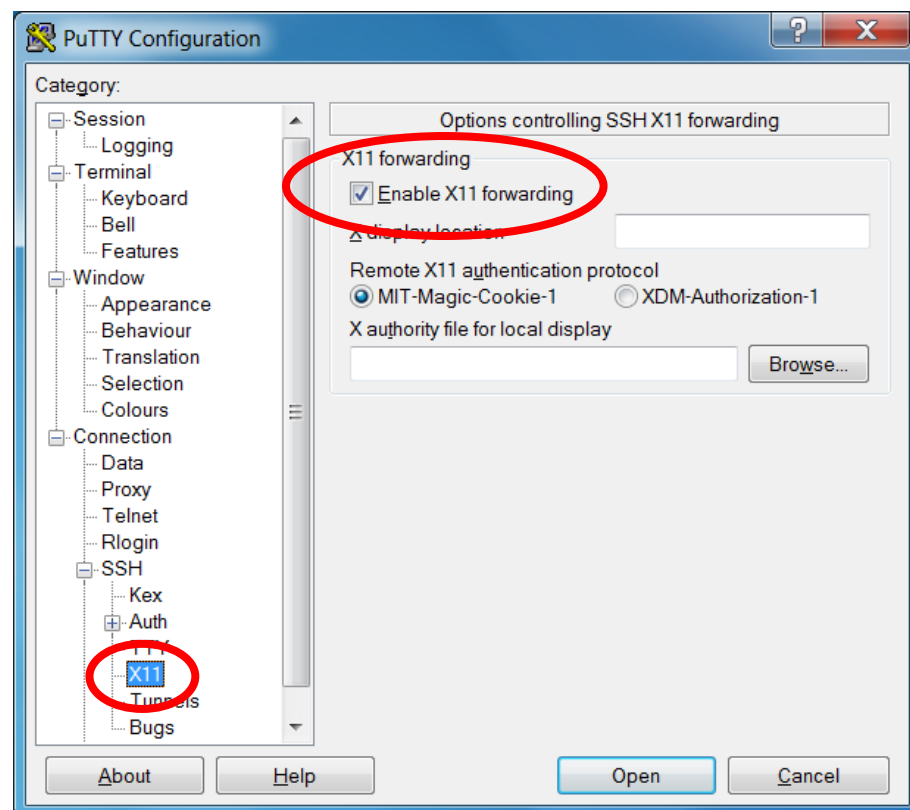
# Accessing cluster on Windows

## ➤ Example use Putty



# Enable X11 forwarding

- **On Linux or Mac, simply pass the -X option to the ssh command line**
  - `ssh -X username@mike.hpc.lsu.edu`
- **On windows using putty**
  - Connection->SSH->X11->Enable X11 forwarding
  - Install X server (e.g. Xming)



# File Systems

|               | Distributed | Throughput | File life time | Best used for                            |
|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Home          | Yes         | Low        | Unlimited      | Code in development, compiled executable |
| Work/Scratch  | Yes         | High       | 30 days        | Job input/output                         |
| Local scratch | No          |            | Job duration   | Temporary files                          |

## ➤ Tips

- Never let your job write output to your home directory
- Do not write temporary files to /tmp
  - Write to the local scratch or work space via /var/scratch
- The work space is not for long-term storage
  - Files are purged periodically
- Use “rmpurge” to delete large amount of files



# Disk Quota

| Cluster       | Home         |       | Work         |        | Local scratch  |
|---------------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|----------------|
|               | Access point | Quota | Access Point | Quota  | Access point   |
| LONI<br>Linux | /home/\$USER | 5 GB  | /work/\$USER | 100 GB | /var/scratch   |
| HPC Linux     |              |       |              | NA     |                |
| HPC AIX       |              |       |              | 50 GB  | /scratch/local |

- **No quota is enforced on the work space on Philip and SuperMikell**
- **On Linux clusters, the work directory is created within an hour after the first login**
- **Check current disk usage**
  - Linux: showquota

# Storage Allocation on /project

- **One can apply for extra disk space on the /project volume if**
  - your research requires some files to remain on the cluster for a fairly long period of time; **and**
  - their size exceeds the quota of the /home
- **The unit is 100 GB**
- **Available on Philip, SuperMikell**
- **Storage allocations are good for 6 months, but can be extended based on the merit of the request**
- **Examples of valid requests**
  - I am doing a 6-month data mining project on a large data set
  - The package I am running requires 10 GB of disk space to install
- **Examples of invalid requests**
  - I do not have time to transfer the data from my scratch space to my local storage and I need a temporary staging area

# File Transfer ( nix/Mac)

## ➤ From/to a Unix/Linux/Mac machine (including between the clusters)

- scp command
  - Syntax: scp <options> <source> <destination>
- rsync command
  - Syntax: rsync <options> <source> <destination>

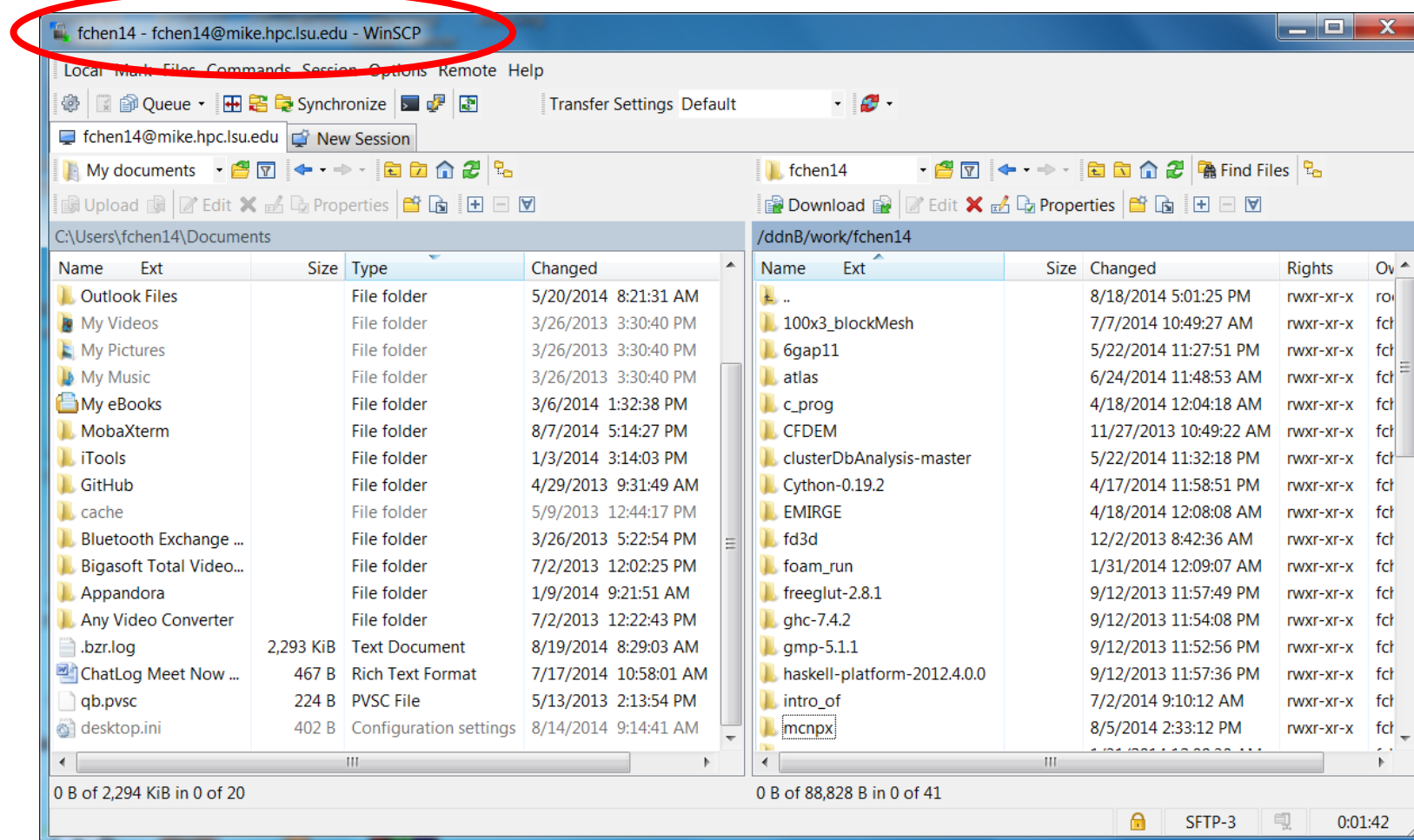
```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ scp
usage: scp [-1246BCpqrsv] [-c cipher] [-F ssh_config] [-i identity_file]
        [-l limit] [-o ssh_option] [-P port] [-S program]
        [[user@]host1:]file1 ... [[user@]host2:]file2
```

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ rsync
rsync version 3.0.6 protocol version 30
Usage: rsync [OPTION]... SRC [SRC]... DEST
or rsync [OPTION]... SRC [SRC]... [USER@]HOST:DEST
or rsync [OPTION]... SRC [SRC]... [USER@]HOST::DEST
or rsync [OPTION]... SRC [SRC]... rsync://[USER@]HOST[:PORT]/DEST
...
```

# File Transfer (Windows)

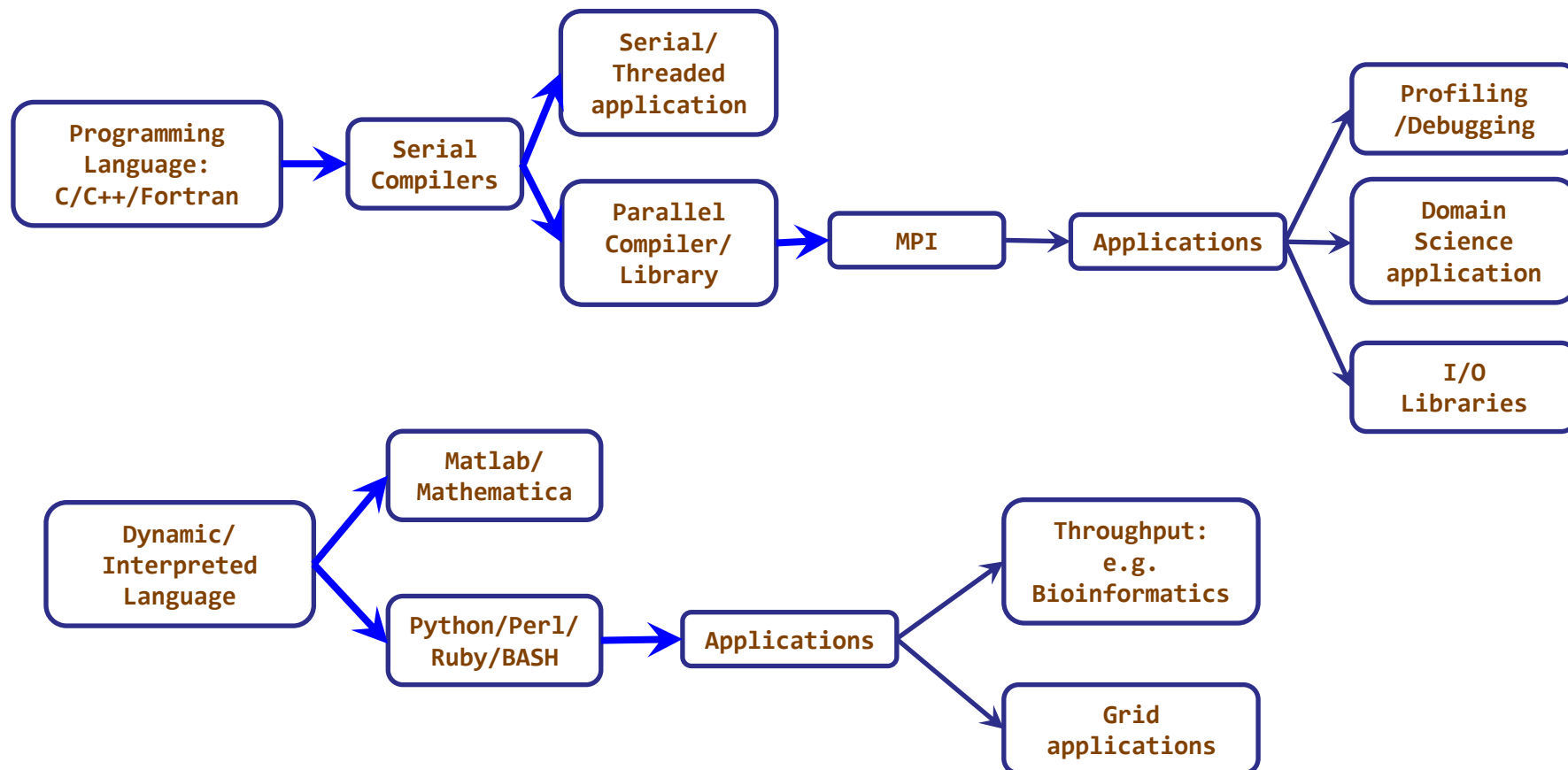
## ➤ From/to a Windows machine

- Use a client that supports the scp protocol (e.g. WinSCP, Filezilla)



# Application Software

➤ We can roughly classify them as:



# Application Software

## ➤ Installed Software

- Mathematical and utility libraries
  - FFTW, HDF5, NetCDF, PETSc...
- Applications
  - Amber, CPMD, NWChem, NAMD, Gromacs, R, LAMMPS...
- Visualization
  - VisIt, VMD, GaussView
- Programming Tools
  - Totalview, DDT, TAU...

## ➤ List of software

- <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/resources/software/index.php>

## ➤ Installed under [/usr/local/packages](#)

## ➤ User requested packages

- Usually installed in user space, unless request by a group of users, in which case it will be installed under [/usr/local/packages](#)

# Software Environment

- **Software management tools**
  - Softenv
    - How to use softenv
    - How to compile programs
  - Module (will be deployed on SuperMIC)

# Using softenv

## ➤ Environment variables

- PATH: where to look for executables
- LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH: where to look for shared libraries
- LD\_INCLUDE\_PATH: where to look for header and include files

## ➤ Other environment variables sometimes needed by various software

- LIBRARY\_PATH, C\_LIBRARY\_PATH
- LDFLAGS, LDLIBS

## ➤ SoftEnv

- a software that helps users set up environment variables properly to use other software package. Much more convenient than setting variables in .bashrc

## ➤ Modules

- another software that helps users set up their environment. Most supercomputing sites have moved onto modules. We are also planning to move to modules with newer machines (SuperMIC and SuperMikell)



# Listing All Packages

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

softenv on SuperMike II  
example

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ softenv
SoftEnv version 1.6.2

The SoftEnv system is used to set up environment variables.  For details,
see 'man softenv-intro'.

This is a list of keys and macros that the SoftEnv system understands.
In this list, the following symbols indicate:
  * This keyword is part of the default environment, which you get by
    putting "@default" in your .soft
  U This keyword is considered generally "useful".
  P This keyword is for "power users", people who want to build their
    own path from scratch.  Not recommended unless you know what you
    are doing.

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These are the macros available:

    @bio-all
  *  @default

These are the keywords explicitly available:

+Intel-12.1.4      @types: Programming/Compiler @name: Intel
                   @version: 12.1.4 @build: Binary
                   installation @internal: @external:
```

softenv key



# Searching A Specific Package

## ➤ Use “-k” option with softenv”:

- softenv -k fftw

These are the keywords explicitly available:

```
+fftw-3.3.2-Intel-13.0.0      @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             3.3.2 @build: Intel-13.0.0 @internal:
                             @external: www.fftw.org @about: A fast,
                             free C FFT library; includes real-complex,
                             multidimensional, and parallel transforms.
+fftw-3.3.3-Intel-13.0.0      @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             3.3.3 @build: Intel-13.0.0 @internal:
                             @external: www.fftw.org @about: A fast,
                             free C FFT library; includes real-complex,
                             multidimensional, and parallel transforms.
+fftw-3.3.3-Intel-13.0.0-openmpi-1.6.2
                             @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             3.3.3 @build: Intel-13.0.0-openmpi-1.6.2
                             @internal: @external: www.fftw.org @about:
                             A fast, free C FFT library; includes real-
                             complex, multidimensional, and parallel
```

## ➤ Or use grep with softenv

- softenv | grep “fftw”

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ softenv | grep fftw
+fftw-3.3.2-Intel-13.0.0      @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             @external: www.fftw.org @about: A fast,
+fftw-3.3.3-Intel-13.0.0      @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             @external: www.fftw.org @about: A fast,
+fftw-3.3.3-Intel-13.0.0-openmpi-1.6.2
                             @types: Library/Math @name: fftw @version:
                             @internal: @external: www.fftw.org @about:
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$
```

# One time change of software environment

- **Set up the environment variables to use a certain software package in the current login session only**
  - Add a package: `soft add <key>`
  - Remove a package: `soft delete <key>`

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ which python
/usr/bin/python
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ soft add +Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ which python
/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/bin/python
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$
```

# Permanent change of software environment

- **Set up the environment variables to use a certain software package**
  - First add the key to ~/.soft
  - Then execute resoft at the command line
  - The environment will be the same next time you log in

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ cat ~/.soft
#+Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6
@default
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ which python
/usr/bin/python
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ vi ~/.soft
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ resoft
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ cat ~/.soft
+Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6
@default
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ which python
/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/bin/python
```

# Querying a SoftEnv key

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

- soft-dbq +Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ soft-dbq +Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6
```

```
This is all the information associated with  
the key or macro +Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6.
```

```
-----  
Name: +Python-2.7.3-gcc-4.4.6
```

```
Description: @types: Programming/Languages @name: Python @version: 2.7.3 @build: gcc-4.4.6 @internal: @external: http://www.python.org @about: Python is a general-purpose, interpreted high-level programming language.
```

```
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_INCLUDE_PATH = ${LD_INCLUDE_PATH}:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/include
```

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH = ${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/lib:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/lib64
```

```
MANPATH = ${MANPATH}:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/man
```

```
PATH = ${PATH}:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/bin:/usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6/sbin
```

```
PYTHONHOME = /usr/local/packages/Python/2.7.3/gcc-4.4.6
```

# Quiz for softenv (1)

- Which mpif90/mpirun will the system use if you just call mpif90/mpirun?
- Which compiler will be used?

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ cat ~/.soft  
+openmpi-1.6.2-gcc-4.7.2  
@default
```

## Quiz for softenv (2)

- Which mpif90/mpirun will the system use if you just call mpirun?

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ cat ~/.soft  
+mvapich2-1.9-Intel-13.0.0  
@default  
+openmpi-1.6.2-gcc-4.7.2
```

## Quiz for softenv (3)

- Which mpif90/mpirun will the system use if you just call mpirun?

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ cat ~/.soft  
PATH += /usr/local/packages/mpich/3.0.2/Intel-13.0.0/bin  
@default  
+openmpi-1.6.2-gcc-4.7.2
```



# Quiz for softenv (4)

- Which version of intel C compiler will be displayed by the commands “icc --version”

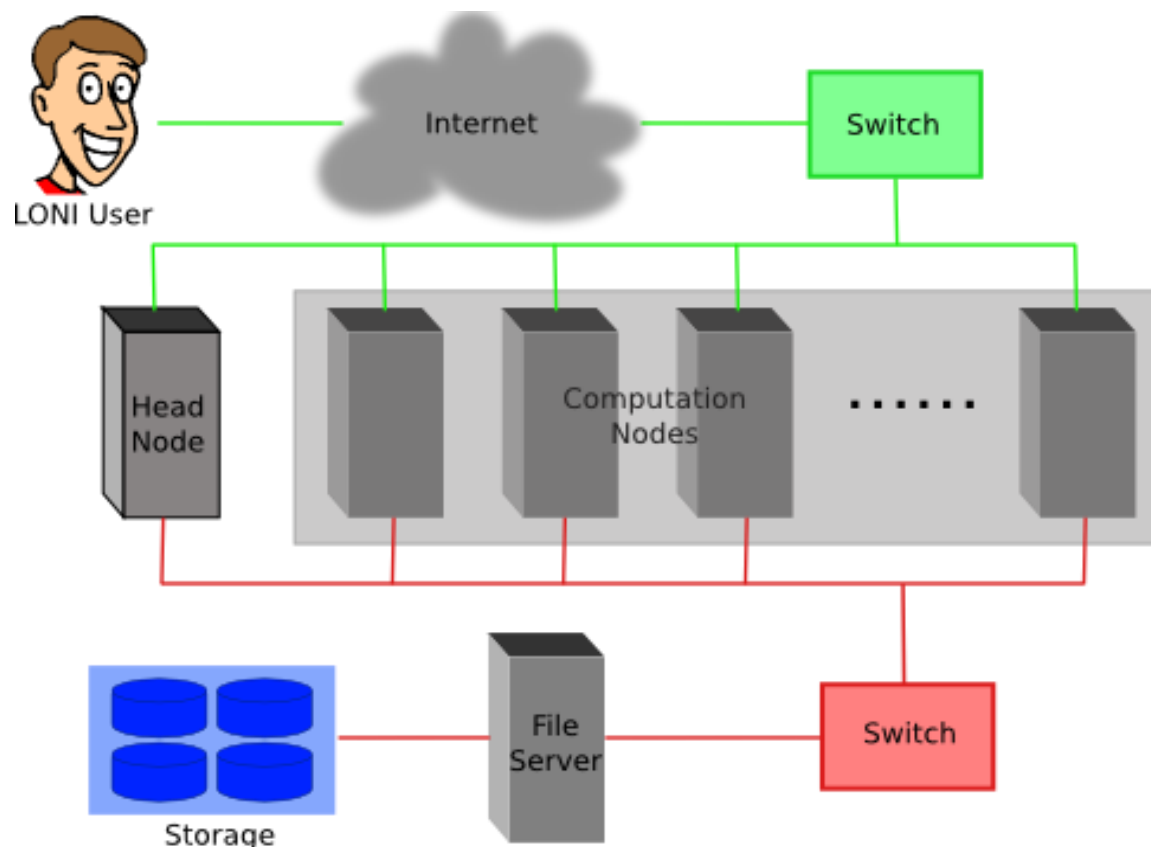
```
[fchen14@mike2 intel64]$ cat ~/.soft
PATH += /usr/local/compilers/Intel/composer_xe_2013.5.192/bin/intel64
LD_LIBRARY_PATH +=
/usr/local/compilers/Intel/composer_xe_2013.5.192/compiler/lib/intel64
LD_INCLUDE_PATH +=
/usr/local/compilers/Intel/composer_xe_2013.5.192/compiler/include/intel
64:/usr/local/compilers/Intel/composer_xe_2013.5.192/compiler/include
+openmpi-1.6.2-Intel-13.0.0
@default
```

# Exercise: Use Softenv

- **Find the key for perl-5.16.3**
  - Check what variables are set through the key
  - Set up your environment to use perl-5.16.3
  
- **Find the key for Python-2.7.3**
  - Check if the variables are correctly set by “which python”
  - Check if you have access to ipython, scipy, numpy, matplotlib

# Cluster Environment

- Multiple compute nodes
- Multiple users
- Each user may have multiple jobs running simultaneously



# Job management

## ➤ Job management basics

- Find appropriate queue
- Understand the queuing system and your requirements and proceed to submit jobs
- Monitor jobs

# Job Queues

- **Nodes are organized into queues. Nodes can be shared.**
- **Each job queue differs in**
  - Number of available nodes
  - Max run time
  - Max running jobs per user
  - Nodes may have special characteristics: GPU's, Large memory, etc.
- **Jobs need to specify resource requirements**
  - Nodes, time, queue
- **Its called a queue for a reason, but jobs don't run on a "First Come First Served" policy**

# Queue Characteristics – LONI clusters

| Machine | Queue   | Max Runtime | # of nodes | Max running jobs per user | Max nodes per job | Use              |
|---------|---------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Eric    | workq   | 3 days      | 128        | 16                        | 24                | Unpreemptable    |
|         | checkpt |             | 128        |                           | 48                | Preemptable      |
|         | single  |             | 1          |                           | 1                 | ppn < =8         |
| Others  | workq   | 3 days      | 128        | 8                         | 48                | Unpreemptable    |
|         | checkpt |             | 96         |                           | 64                | Preemptable      |
|         | single  | 14 days     | 16         | 64                        | 1                 | Single processor |

# Queue Characteristics – LSU Linux clusters

| Machine     | Queue   | Max Runtime | # of nodes | Max running jobs per user | Max nodes per job | Use              |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| SuperMikell | workq   | 3 days      | 128        | 48                        | 128               | Unpreemptable    |
|             | checkpt |             | 96         |                           | 200               | Preemptable      |
|             | bigmem  | 2 days      | 8          |                           | 2                 | Big memory       |
|             | gpu     | 1 day       | 50         |                           | 32                | Job using GPU    |
| Philip      | workq   | 3 days      | 28         | 12                        | 5                 | Unpreemptable    |
|             | checkpt |             | 28         |                           |                   | Preemptable      |
|             | gpu     |             | 2          |                           |                   | Job using GPU    |
|             | bigmem  |             | 5          |                           |                   | Big memory       |
|             | single  | 14 days     | 24         |                           | 1                 | Single processor |

# Queue Characteristics – LSU AIX Clusters

| Machine | Queue       | Max Runtime | # of cores | Max running jobs per user | Max cores per job | Use              |
|---------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Pandora | Interactive | 30 minutes  | 8          | 6                         | 8                 | Unpreemptable    |
|         | Workq       | 3 days      | 224        |                           | 128               | Preemptable      |
|         | Single      | 7 days      | 64         |                           | 32                | Single processor |



# Queue Characteristics

- “qstat -q” will give you more info on the queues

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ qstat -q
```

```
server: mike3
```

| Queue    | Memory | CPU | Time     | Walltime | Node | Run | Que | Lm  | State |
|----------|--------|-----|----------|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| workq    | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | 128      | 31   | 6   | --  | E R |       |
| mwfa     | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | 8        | 3    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| bigmem   | --     | --  | 48:00:00 | 1        | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| lasigma  | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | 28       | 28   | 7   | --  | E R |       |
| bigmemtb | --     | --  | 48:00:00 | 1        | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| priority | --     | --  | 168:00:0 | 128      | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| single   | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | 1        | 62   | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| gpu      | --     | --  | 24:00:00 | 16       | 1    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| preempt  | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | --       | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| checkpt  | --     | --  | 72:00:00 | 128      | 31   | 137 | --  | E R |       |
| admin    | --     | --  | 24:00:00 | --       | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
| scalemp  | --     | --  | 24:00:00 | 1        | 0    | 0   | --  | E R |       |
|          |        |     |          |          |      | 156 | 150 |     |       |

- For a more detailed description use mdiag

# Queue Querying – Linux Clusters

- **Displays information about active, eligible, blocked, and/or recently completed jobs: showq command**
- **Command: qfree**
  - Show the number of free, busy and queued nodes
- **Command: qfree1oni**
  - Equivalent to run qfree on all LONI Linux clusters

```
[fchen14@mike2 ~]$ qfree
PBS total nodes: 474, free: 17, busy: 448 21, down: 9, use: 94
PBS workq nodes: 415, free: 4, busy: 164, queued: 45
PBS checkpoint nodes: 415, free: 4, busy: 242, queued: 453
PBS lasigma nodes: 28, free: 0, busy: 28, queued: 7
PBS single nodes: 10, free: 5 101, busy: 3, queued: 0
PBS mwfa nodes: 8, free: 0, busy: 8, queued: 0
PBS gpu nodes: 51, free: 2, busy: 1, queued: 0
(Highest priority job 230869 on queue checkpoint will start in 5:14:26)
[fchen14@eric2 ~]$ qfree
PBS total nodes: 128, free: 6, busy: 121, down: 1, use: 94
PBS workq nodes: 128, free: 6, busy: 27, queued: 48
PBS checkpoint nodes: 128, free: 6, busy: 87, queued: 40
PBS single nodes: 8, free: 0, busy: 1, queued: 8
```

# Queue Querying - AIX clusters

## ➤ Command: llclass

```
-bash-3.2$ llclass
```

| Name        | MaxJobCPU<br>d+hh:mm:ss | MaxProcCPU<br>d+hh:mm:ss | Free<br>Slots | Max<br>Slots | Description   |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| interactive | unlimited               | unlimited                | 8             | 8            | Queue for interactive jobs; maximum runtime of 30 minutes.        |
| workq       | unlimited               | unlimited                | 32            | 224          | Standard queue for job submissions; maximum runtime of 3 days.    |
| cheme       | unlimited               | unlimited                | 32            | 96           | Queue for Chemical Engineering; maximum runtime of 3 days.        |
| single      | unlimited               | unlimited                | 32            | 64           | Queue for single-node job submissions; maximum runtime of 3 days. |

-----

"Free Slots" values of the classes "workq", "cheme", "single" are constrained by the MAX\_STARTERS limit(s).

# Two Job Types

## ➤ Interactive job

- Set up an interactive environment on compute nodes for users
  - Advantage: can run programs interactively
  - Disadvantage: must be present when the job starts
- Purpose: testing and debugging
  - Do not run on the head node!!!
  - Try not to run interactive jobs with large core count, which is a waste of resources)

## ➤ Batch job

- Executed without user intervention using a job script
  - Advantage: the system takes care of everything
  - Disadvantage: can only execute one sequence of commands which cannot be changed after submission
- Purpose: production run

# Submitting Jobs on Linux Clusters

## ➤ Interactive job example:

```
qsub -I -V \  
      -l walltime=<hh:mm:ss>,nodes=<num_nodes>:ppn=<num_cores> \  
      -A <Allocation> \  
      -q <queue name>
```

## ➤ Add -X to enable X11 forwarding

## ➤ Batch Job example:

```
qsub job_script
```

# PBS Job Script – Serial Job

```
#!/bin/bash
#PBS -l nodes=1:ppn=1      # Number of nodes and processor
#PBS -l walltime=24:00:00  # Maximum wall time
#PBS -N myjob              # Job name
#PBS -o <file name>        # File name for standard output
#PBS -e <file name>        # File name for standard error
#PBS -q single             # The only queue that accepts serial jobs
#PBS -A <lioni_allocation> # Allocation name
#PBS -m e                  # Send mail when job ends
#PBS -M <email address>    # Send mail to this address

<shell commands>
<path_to_executable> <options>
<shell commands>
```

# PBS Job Script – Parallel Job

```
#!/bin/bash
#PBS -l nodes=4:ppn=4           #Number of nodes and processors per node
#PBS -l walltime=24:00:00       #Maximum wall time
#PBS -N myjob                   #Job name
#PBS -o <file name>             #File name for standard output
#PBS -e <file name>             #File name for standard error
#PBS -q checkpt                 #Queue name
#PBS -A <allocation_if_needed>  #Allocation name
#PBS -m e                       #Send mail when job ends
#PBS -M <email address>         #Send mail to this address

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

# Job Monitoring - Linux Clusters

- **Check details on your job using qstat**
  - \$ qstat -f jobid : For details on your job
  - \$ qstat -n -u \$USER : For quick look at nodes assigned to you
  - \$ qdel jobid : To delete job
- **Check approximate start time using showstart**
  - \$ showstart jobid
- **Check details of your job using checkjob**
  - \$ checkjob jobid
- **Check health of your job using qshow**
  - \$ qshow -j jobid
- **Pay close attention to the load and the memory consumed by your job!**



# LoadLeveler Job Script - Parallel

```
#!/bin/sh
#@ job_type= parallel           Job type
#@ output = /work/default/username/${jobid}.out Standard output
#@ error = /work/default/username/${jobid}.err Standard error
#@ notify_user= youremail@domain Notification
#@ notification = error        Notify on error
#@ class = checkpoint          Queue
#@ wall_clock_limit= 24:00:00  Wall clock time
#@ node_usage= shared node usage
#@ node = 2                    # of nodes
#@ total_tasks= 16             # of processors
#@ requirements = (Arch == "POWER7") # Job requirement
#@ environment = COPY_ALL      Environment
#@ queue

<shell commands>
poe<path_to_executable> <options>
<shell commands>
```

# LoadLeveler Job Script - Serial

```
#!/bin/sh
#@ job_type= serial           Job type
#@ output = /work/default/username/${jobid}.out Standard output
#@ error = /work/default/username/${jobid}.err Standard error
#@ notify_user= youremail@domain Notification
#@ notification = error       Notify on error
#@ class = single             Queue
#@ wall_clock_limit= 24:00:00 Wall clock time
#@ requirements = (Arch == "POWER5") Job requirement
#@ environment = COPY_ALL     Environment
#@ queue
```

<shell commands>

poe <path\_to\_executable> <options>

<shell commands>

# Submitting Jobs - AIX clusters

- **Submit jobs using llsubmit**  
`llsubmit jobscript : submit job`  
`llcancel jobid : delete job`
- **Check job status using llq and cluster status using llstatus**

# Job Monitoring - AIX Clusters

- **Command: showllstatus.py**
  - Show job status and nodes running on
- **Command: llq <options> <job\_id>**
  - All jobs are displayed if <job\_id> is omitted
  - Display detailed information: `llq -l <job_id>`
  - Check the estimated start time: `llq -s <job_id>`
  - Show jobs from a specific user: `llq -u <username>`

```
-bash-3.2$ llq
```

| Id               | Owner   | Submitted | ST  | PRI | Class | Running On |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|------------|
| -----            | -----   | -----     | --- | --- | ----- | -----      |
| pandora1.19106.0 | mainak  | 9/1 23:41 | R   | 50  | workq | pandora008 |
| pandora1.19108.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 14:58 | R   | 50  | workq | pandora005 |
| pandora1.19109.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 15:08 | R   | 50  | workq | pandora007 |
| pandora1.19110.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 15:33 | R   | 50  | workq | pandora002 |
| pandora1.19111.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 15:44 | R   | 50  | workq | pandora004 |
| pandora1.19112.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 15:58 | I   | 50  | workq |            |
| pandora1.19113.0 | ghoshbd | 9/2 16:10 | I   | 50  | workq |            |
| pandora1.19114.0 | mainak  | 9/4 08:16 | I   | 50  | workq |            |

```
8 job step(s) in queue, 3 waiting, 0 pending, 5 running, 0 held, 0 preempted
```

# Exercise

- **Submit a batch job to single queue, using nodes=1:ppn=1, run the python script to calculate the value of pi**
  - You can use the sample file in example directory, modify it to your environment:  
`/home/fchen14/userenv/pbs_script/single.pbs`
- **Run an interactive job session for 5 min, using nodes=1:ppn=16**
  - Verify using hostname that you are not on the headnode
  - Check available PBS variables and print them

# Next Training

- **HPC User Environment 2**
  - Compiling serial/parallel program
  - More on job management
- **Weekly trainings during regular semester**
  - Wednesdays “10am-12pm” session, Frey 307 CSC
- **Programming/Parallel Programming workshops**
  - Usually in summer
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