

SLURM – Advanced Usage

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Bad Job Practices

- job submissions within a loop (take a long time)

```
for i in {1..1000}
do
    sbatch job.sh $i
done
```

- loop inside job script (sequence of mpirun commands):

```
for i in {1..1000}
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    mpirun -np 16 my_program $i
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- example (job_array_vsc5.sh), 10 jobs, SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID=1,2,3 ... 10

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J array
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --array 1-10
```

```
echo "Hi, this is array job number" $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID
sleep $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID
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slurm-499514_10.out	slurm-499514_2.out	slurm-499514_4.out	slurm-499514_6.out	slurm-499514_8.out
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- explicit content of a single SLURM output file

```
VSC-5 > cat slurm-499514_8.out
```

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Hi, this is array job number 8
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#SBATCH --array 1-20:5
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- example of limiting number of simultaneously running jobs to 2 (perhaps for licences)

```
#SBATCH --array 1-20:5%2
```

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- example `single_node_multiple_jobs_vsc5.sh`:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J snglcre
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -p zen3_0512
#SBATCH --qos zen3_0512

for ((i=1; i<=128; i++))
do
    stress --cpu 1 --timeout $i &
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- `"wait"` is also important ! waits for all processes in the background to terminate before moving on

Combination of Array and Single Core Job

- example combined_array_multiple_jobs_vsc5.sh:

```
...
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --array 1-384:128

j=$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID
((j+=127))

for ((i=$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID; i<=$j; i++))
do
    stress --cpu 1 --timeout $i &
done
wait
```


Exercises

- files are located in folder `examples/05_submitting_batch_jobs`
- look into `"job_array_vsc[4, 5].sh"` and modify it such that the considered range is from 1 to 20 but in steps of 5
- look into `"single_node_multiple_jobs_vsc[4, 5].sh"` and also change it to go in steps of 5
- run `"combined_array_multiple_jobs_vsc[4, 5].sh"` and check whether the output is reasonable

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- email notifications

```
...
#SBATCH --mail-user yourmail@example.com
#SBATCH --mail-type BEGIN,END
```

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- backfilling:
the specified time is an estimate of your required computing time; if this is shorter than the default runtime (mostly 72h) SLURM may squeeze it in on idle nodes waiting for a larger job;

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#SBATCH --reservation MyRsrv
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3. continue with 2. for further dependent jobs

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```
#!/bin/bash
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srun --cpu_bind map_cpu:0,64 ./my_mpi_program
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```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J myjb
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH --tasks-per-node 2

export I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,64
mpirun -np 4 ./my_mpi_program
```

Exercises-2

- check for available reservations. If there is one available, use it
- specify an email address that notifies you when your job has finished