Titan Job Launch Introduction

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Titan Login, Launch, Compute Nodes



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Titan Parallel Job Execution

Batch System

Torque/MOAB

- Allocates compute resources
- Batch scheduler
- Allocates entire nodes
- Torque based on PBS

Job Launcher

aprun

- Similar functionality mpirun
- Cray specific
- Used on Titan and Eos
- Only way to reach the compute nodes



Example Batch Script





Common qsub Options

Option	Example Usage	Description
-l walltime	#PBS –I walltime=01:00:00	Requested Walltime hours:minutes:seconds
-l nodes	#PBS –I nodes=1024	Number of nodes
-A	#PBS –A ABC123	Project to which the job should be charged
-N	#PBS –N MyJobName	Name of the job. If not specified, will be set to name of batch job script.
-j oe	#PBS –j oe	Combine STDOUT and STDERR
-е	#PBS –e joberr	File into which job STDERR should be directed
-0	#PBS –o jobout	File into which job STDOUT should be directed
-m	#PBS –m b #PBS –m e	Send job report via email once job completes (e) or begins (b)
-V	#PBS -V	Exports all environment variables from the submitting shell into the batch job shell. Since the login nodes differ from the service nodes, using the '-V' option is not recommended . Users should create the needed environment within the batch job.

*More details and flags can be found in the qsub man page



Interactive Batch Job

- Allows access to compute resources interactively
- Through batch system similar to batch script submission, but returns prompt on launch node
- Run multiple apruns with only one queue wait, very useful for testing and debugging
- Syntax
 - -l
 - Most other batch flags valid
 - Add batch flags to command line

Presentation examples use the following to allocate resources

titan-ext3> qsub –I –Inodes=2 –Iwalltime=01:00:00 –A prj123 qsub: waiting for job 4106869 to start qsub: job 4106869 ready titan-batch2> aprun -n2 –N1 hostname nid00339 nid00332 titan-batch2>



Common Torque/MOAB Commands

Function	Command		
Submit	qsub		
Monitor Queue	showq/qstat		
Alter Queued Job	qalter		
Remove Queued Job	qdel		
Hold Queued Job	qhold		
Release Held Job	qrls		



Viewing the Batch Queue

- 'qstat'
 - Display all queued jobs. Basic output.
- 'showq'
 - Will also show all queued jobs, but with more useful detail
 - Queue organized into three high level categories
 - 1) Running 2) Pending Eligible 3) Pending Ineligible
- 'checkjob <jobID>'
 - Display more details about given job
 - MOAB
- 'qstat –f <jobID>'
 - Display details about given job
 - Torque

showq Example

titan-ext3> showq								
active jobs								
JOBID	USERNAME	STATE	PROCS	REMAINING	STARTTIME			
4106888	user1	Running	2112	5:59:57	Sun Jun 24 10:25:57			
4106872	user2	Running	16	00:14:16	Sun Jun 24 10:20:16			
29 active jobs 243584 of 300448 processors in use by local jobs (81.07%)								
15359 of 18667 nodes active (82.28%)								
eligible jobs								
JOBID	USERNAME	STATE	PROCS	WCLIMIT	QUEUETIME			
4106917	user6	Idle	32000	12:00:00	Sat Jun 23 16:24:12			
4106917	user5	Idle	32	2:00:00	Sun Jun 24 10:36:47			
137 eligible job								
blocked jobs								
JOBID	USERNAME	STATE	PROCS	WCLIMIT	QUEUETIME			
3699467	user8	UserHold	118592	1:00:00:00	Thu Jun 21 01:44:47			
3929851	user1	BatchHold	16	1:00:00	Fri Jun 22 17:43:22			
362 blocked jobs								
Total jobs: 528								
titan-ext3>								



Titan Compute Node

AMD Opteron[™] 6274 (Interlagos) CPU





Titan Compute Node



aprun Introduction

- Launch job across compute resources
 - Compute nodes can only be reached via the aprun command
- Similar functionality to mpirun
- Non-aprun commands executed on launch node
- Single simultaneous aprun per node
- Compute nodes can not see home areas



Home Area Access

- Compute nodes can not see NFS home areas
- Needed input can not be in home areas
- Attempts to access home areas will result in an error similar to the following

titan-batch2> aprun hostname [NID 17929] 2018-06-24 14:21:02 Exec /bin/hostname failed: chdir /autofs/nccs-svm1_home No such file or directory titan-batch2>



aprun Common Options

Flag	Description	
-n	Number of MPI tasks/ranks	
-N	MPI Tasks/ranks per node	
-S	MPI Tasks/ranks per NUMA	
-j	Cores per compute unit	
-d	Threads per MPI rank/task	
-r	Assign system services associated with your application to a compute core. Helps reduce jitter.	

*for additional flags see the aprun man page



Basic aprun Examples

Description	Jsrun command	Layout notes
32 MPI tasks	aprun –n 32 ./a.out	2 nodes: 16 tasks node1, 16 tasks on node2
1 MPI task per compute unit	aprun –n 16 –S 4 –j 1 ./a.out	2 nodes, 4 tasks per NUMA, 1 task per compute unit
4 MPI tasks per node	aprun –n 8 –S 2 –j 1 ./a.out	2 nodes, 2 tasks per NUMA, 1 task per compute unit
8 threads per MPI task	aprun –n 2 –N 1 –S 1 –d 8 ./a.out	2 nodes, 8 threads per node





aprun –n 32 ./a.out 32 MPI tasks

MPICH_RANK_REORDER_DISPLAY can be used to view the layout.



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1 MPI task per compute unit





4 MPI tasks per node





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8 threads per MPI task







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Moving Forward

- Documentation
 - www.olcf.ornl.gov/for-users/system-user-guides/titan/running-jobs/
 - Man pages
 - aprun, qsub, showq, checkjob
- Help/Feedback
 - help@olcf.ornl.gov

