Submitting Many Jobs at Once

Monday, Lecture 2

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Questions so far?
Goals for this Session

- Logs, job states, and resource utilization
- Testing and troubleshooting as part of scaling up.
- Best ways to submit multiple jobs (what we’re here for, right?)
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condor_submit

Idle (I)

Running (R)

Completed (C)

in the queue

leaving the queue

transfer executable and input to execute node

transfer output back to submit node
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Resource Request

- Jobs are nearly always using a part of a machine (a single slot), and not the whole thing
- Very important to request appropriate resources (memory, cpus, disk)
  - requesting too little: causes problems for your and other jobs; jobs might be ‘held’ by HTCondor
  - requesting too much: jobs will match to fewer “slots” than they could, and you’ll block other jobs
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Partitionable Resources : Usage Request Allocated
Cpus       : 1  1
Disk (KB)   : 14 20480  17203728
Memory (MB) : 1  20  20
TESTING AND TROUBLESHOOTING
What Can Go Wrong?

• Jobs can go wrong “internally”:
  – the executable experiences an error

• Jobs can go wrong from HTCondor’s perspective:
  – a job can’t be matched
  – a job is missing files
  – uses too much memory
  – has a badly formatted executable
  – and more...
Reviewing Failed Jobs

- A job’s log, output and error files can provide valuable information for troubleshooting

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<th>Error</th>
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<td>• When jobs were submitted, started, held, or stopped</td>
<td>Any “print” or “display” information from your program (may contain errors from the executable).</td>
<td>Errors captured by the operating system while the executable ran, or reported by the executable, itself.</td>
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Reviewing Jobs

- To review a large group of jobs at once, use `condor_history`

As `condor_q` is to the present, `condor_history` is to the past

```
$ condor_history alice

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```
Held Jobs

- HTCondor will put your job on hold if there’s something YOU need to fix.
  - files not found for transfer, over memory, etc.

- A job that goes on hold is interrupted (all progress is lost) and kept from running again, but remains in the queue in the “H” state until removed, or (fixed and) released.
Diagnosing Holds

- If HTCondor puts a job on hold, it provides a hold reason, which can be viewed in the log file, with `condor_q -hold <Job.ID>`, or with:

  ```bash
  condor_q -hold -af HoldReason
  ```

```bash
$ condor_q -hold -af HoldReason
Error from slot1_1@wid-003.chtc.wisc.edu: Job has gone over memory limit of 2048 megabytes.
Error from slot1_20@e098.chtc.wisc.edu: SHADOW at 128.104.101.92 failed to send file(s) to <128.104.101.98:35110>: error reading from /home/alice/script.py: (errno 2) No such file or directory;
STARTER failed to receive file(s) from <128.104.101.92:9618>
Error from slot1_11@e138.chtc.wisc.edu: STARTER at 128.104.101.138 failed to send file(s) to <128.104.101.92:9618>
SHADOW at 128.104.101.92 failed to write to file /home/alice/Test_18925319_16.err: (errno 122) Disk quota exceeded
```
Common Hold Reasons

• Job has used **more memory** than requested.
• Incorrect path to files that need to be transferred
• **Badly formatted executable scripts** (have Windows instead of Unix line endings)
• Submit directory is **over quota**.
• Job has run for too long. (72 hours allowed in CHTC Pool)
• The admin has put your job on hold.
Fixing Holds

• Job attributes can be edited while jobs are in the queue using:

\[
\text{condor\_qedit [U/C/J] Attribute Value}
\]

\[
\$ \text{condor\_qedit 128.0 RequestMemory 3072}
\]

Set attribute "RequestMemory".

• If a job has been fixed and can run again, release it with:

\[
\text{condor\_release [U/C/J]}
\]

\[
\$ \text{condor\_release 128.0}
\]

Job 18933774.0 released
Holding or Removing Jobs

• If you know your job has a problem and it hasn’t yet completed, you can:
  – Place it on hold yourself, with `condor_hold [U/C/J]`
    ```
    $ condor_hold bob
    All jobs of user "bob" have been held
    
    $ condor_hold 128
    All jobs in cluster 128 have been held
    
    $ condor_hold 128.0
    Job 128.0 held
    ```
  – Remove it from the queue, using `condor_rm [U/C/J]`
SUBMITTING MULTIPLE JOBS
Many Jobs, One Submit File

- HTCondor has built-in ways to submit multiple independent jobs with one submit file
Advantages

• Run many independent jobs...
  ▪ analyze multiple data files
  ▪ test parameter or input combinations
  ▪ scale up by breaking up!
  ▪ we’re learning HTC, right?

• ...without having to:
  – create separate submit files for each job
  – submit and monitor each job, individually
From one job ...

job.submit

```plaintext
executable = analyze.exe
arguments = file.in file.out
transfer_input_files = file.in

log = job.log
output = job.out
error = job.err

queue
```

- Goal: create 3 jobs that each analyze a different input file.
Multiple numbered input files

**job.submit**

```plaintext
executable = analyze.exe
arguments = file.in file.out
transfer_input_files = file.in

log = job.log
output = job.out
error = job.err

queue 3
```

- Generates 3 jobs, but doesn’t change inputs and will overwrite the outputs
- So how can we specify different values to each job?
One submit file per job (not recommended!)

job0.submit

executable = analyze.exe

arguments = file0.in file0.out
transfer_input_files = file0.in
output = job0.out
error = job0.err
queue 1

job1.submit

executable = analyze.exe

arguments = file0.in file0.out
transfer_input_files = file0.in
output = job0.out
error = job0.err
queue 1

(submit_dir)/

analyze.exe
file0.in
file1.in
file2.in
(etc.)

job0.submit
job1.submit
job2.submit
(etc.)

(etc...)
Automatic Variables

Each job’s **ClusterId** and **ProcId** numbers are autogenerated and saved as job attributes.

The user can reference them inside the submit file using:*

- $(ClusterId)
- $(ProcessId)

* $(ClusterId) and $(ProcId) are also okay
Using $(Process) for Numbered Files

```bash
job.submit

executable = analyze.exe
arguments = file$(Process).in file$(Process).out
transfer_input_files = file$(Process).in

log = job_$(Cluster).log
output = job_$(Process).out
error = job_$(Process).err

queue 3
```

• $(Process) and $(Cluster) allow us to provide unique values to each job and submission!
Organizing Files in Sub-Directories

• Create sub-directories* and use paths in the submit file to separate various input, error, log, and output files.

* must be created before the job is submitted
Shared Files

- HTCondor can transfer an entire directory or all the contents of a directory
  - transfer whole directory
    
    ```
    transfer_input_files = shared
    ```
  - transfer contents only
    
    ```
    transfer_input_files = shared/
    ```

- Useful for jobs with many shared files; transfer a directory of files instead of listing files individually

```python
job.submit
shared/
  reference.db
  parse.py
  analyze.py
  cleanup.py
  links.config
```
Use Paths for File Type

(submit_dir)/

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job.submit

executable = analyze.exe
arguments = file$(Process).in file$(Process).out
transfer_input_files = input/file$(Process).in

log = log/job$(Process).log
terror = err/job$(Process).err

queue 3
Separating Files by Job with InitialDir

- **Initialdir** sets the initial location for each job’s files, allowing each job to “live” in separate directories on the submit server
- Allows same filenames for input/output files across jobs
- Also useful for jobs with lots of output files
## Separating jobs with `initialdir`

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### Executable

- `executable = analyze.exe`
- `initialdir = job$(Process)`
- `arguments = file.in file.out`
- `transfer_input_files = file.in`
- `log = job.log`
- `error = job.err`
- `queue 3`

**executable** must be relative to the submission directory, and *not* in the `InitialDir`.
What about non-numbered jobs?

- Back to our compare_states example...
- What if we had data for each state? We could do 50 submit files (or 50 “queue 1” statements)...

```javascript
executable = compare_states
arguments = vt.dat us.dat vt.dat.out
arguments = wi.dat us.dat wi.dat.out
arguments = ca.dat us.dat ca.dat.out
arguments = md.dat us.dat md.dat.out
arguments = wv.dat us.dat wv.dat.out
arguments = fl.dat us.dat fl.dat.out
arguments = wa.dat us.dat wa.dat.out
arguments = mi.dat us.dat mi.dat.out
arguments = co.dat us.dat co.dat.out
arguments = nv.dat us.dat nv.dat.out
arguments = sd.dat us.dat sd.dat.out
arguments = mn.dat us.dat mn.dat.out
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What about non-numbered jobs?

- We could rename (map) our data to fit the $(Process)$ or approach …

- Or we could use HTCondor’s powerful queue language to submit jobs using our own variables!
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<td>queue state matching *.dat</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>var in</strong> (i ii iii ...)</td>
<td>queue state in (wi.dat ca.dat co.dat)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>var1, var2 from csv_file</strong></td>
<td>queue state from <strong>state_list.txt</strong></td>
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**state_list.txt:**

- wi.dat
- ca.dat
- mo.dat
- ...

Not Recommended
Using Multiple Variables

• Both the “from” and “in” syntax support multiple variables from a list.

```bash
job.submit

executable = compare_states
arguments = -y $(year) -i $(infile)

transfer_input_files = $(infile)

queue infile,year from job_list.txt
```

```bash
job_list.txt

wi.dat, 2010
wi.dat, 2015
ca.dat, 2010
ca.dat, 2015
mo.dat, 2010
mo.dat, 2015
```
## Multiple Job Use Cases – Queue Statements

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<td>( \text{var1, var2 from csv_file} )</td>
<td>Supports multiple variables, highly modular (easy to use one submit file for many job batches that have different var lists), reproducible. Additional file needed, but can be automated.</td>
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Other Features

- Match only files or directories:
  
  ```
  queue input matching files *.dat
  queue directory matching dirs job*
  ```

- Submit multiple jobs with same input data
  
  ```
  queue 10 input matching files *.dat
  ```

  - Use other automatic variables: `$(Step)`
    
    ```
    arguments = -i $(input) -rep $(Step)
    queue 10 input matching files *.dat
    ```

- Combine with InitialDir:
  
  ```
  InitialDir = $(directory)
  queue directory matching dirs job*
  ```
YOUR TURN!
Exercises!

• Ask questions!
• Lots of instructors around

• Coming up:
  – Now-12:30 Hands-on Exercises
  – 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
  – 1:30 – 5:00 Afternoon sessions