O2

Overview

O2 is a new platform for Linux-based high performance computing at Harvard Medical School. The name is derived from being the next generation of the HMS “Orchestra” cluster, hence “O2”.

- O2 is managed by the Research Computing Group, part of HMS IT.
- O2 is an HPC cluster built on Linux and the Slurm open source job scheduler.
- Please submit a request for O2 help or feedback.
- Follow us on Twitter for updates and alerts about service outages.

Getting Started with O2 and Slurm

- Basic guide to O2 and the Slurm job scheduler
  New users, start here!
- Switching workflows from Orchestra to O2
  Orchestra users, start here!
- How to login to O2
- Frequently Asked Questions about O2

O2 Jobs and the Slurm scheduler

- How to choose a partition (the Slurm equivalent to job queues in LSF)
- Troubleshooting your O2 jobs
- Parallel Jobs in O2
- Using O2 GPU resources
- O2 HPC Cluster and Computing Nodes Hardware Information
- Job Priority
- Examples of O2 commands
- Get information about current and past jobs

Software and Programming on O2

- Using research applications on O2
- Using Matlab on O2
- Using Mathematica on O2
- Using Conda on O2
- Using Java on O2
- Maintain your own library of software for different languages
  - Personal Python packages
  - Personal R packages
  - Personal Perl packages
- Installing custom software
- Using Genome Browsers (IGV, UCSC Genome Browser)

General UNIX Information

- Using X11 applications remotely
- UNIX permissions tutorial
- O2 cron service

Cluster Status

Our cluster status page has details of service outages and planned maintenance.

Starting on Monday Nov 26 2018, all O2 cluster logins from outside of the HMS network will start requiring two-factor authentication.

For more details, please see:

Two Factor Authentication on O2

Community Events

User Training

- Classes are offered each semester to the HMS community to help you ramp up your research skills!
- Please check the User Training page for courses, dates, and registration

Office Hours

- RC’s Office Hours are held every Wednesday, 1 - 3 PM in Gordon Hall Suite 500
- Please contact us first with a support request before dropping in at office hours so we can better help you!

Intermediate Slurm

- Research Computing Group custom workflows
- Get more informative slurm email notification
- Report CPU/Mem usage in slurm job standard output
- Globus Connection Personal from command line
- screen: go back to the same terminal window from anywhere, anytime
- tmux: go back to the same terminal window from anywhere, anytime
- Install and run HiC-Pro-2.10.0
- Install and run salmon-0.10.0 and Trinity-2.6.6

Grants and Citation Information

- Text about Research Computing and O2 for grant applications
- Published papers that cite HMS Research Computing resources
Data Storage

- There are a number of storage options available for research data.
- Copying files to and from O2 (including downloading from websites)
- If you had an Orchestra account, you will get access to the same home directory and shared network storage from O2.

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