**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 "O"2.

- 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)
  - Available Software on O2

**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.

**Two Factor Authentication:**

Since December 2018, all O2 cluster logins from outside of the HMS network require two-factor authentication. Please see:

- Two Factor Authentication on O2
- Two Factor Authentication FAQ

**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
- SRA and GEO downloading using bcbio

**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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