Less talking, more doing

Crowd-sourcing the integration of Galaxy with a high-performance computing cluster
Enable users of the Michigan State University Genomics Core to perform their own analysis using their High Performance Computing Cluster infrastructure

Via:
1. Integrated institutional login
2. Import/export data from/to cluster storage while respecting permissions
3. Utilize existing node allocations and quotas; jobs must run as a HPCC user not a generic Galaxy user
4. Use the existing installed bioinformatics tools (no installs from the tool-shed)
The Resources

Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research
  • $10 million for developing collaborative, interdisciplinary computational projects through a faculty scholars program and post-doctoral fellowships
  • Home of Michigan State University’s HPCC High Performance Computing Center
    • 8, 16, 32, or 64 cores
    • 8GiB - 2TiB of memory/node
    • Advanced GPU and Intel PHI capabilities also available
    • > 7000 cores in main cluster incl 800 core HTCondor system
    • 339 TB scratch storage, 192TB user storage
The Plan

Do It Ourselves: open *agile* deployment
All stakeholders set aside a single work day to get as much done as possible
Community support solicited via galaxy-dev@ and Twitter
Public chat room to document our work
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Step 1: web server up with galaxy.msu hostname #MSUGalaxy #usegalaxy

bam! we just submitted a job as a normal, real user, from Galaxy #msugalaxy
Community Assistance

6 people joined our chat room to provide encouragement and very useful advice.

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Zero to Success in 8 Hours

- No code changes needed
- Only minimal prep beforehand
- Login using existing Shibboleth infrastructure (no new accounts or passwords)
- Jobs running as the user’s account with quota control on the existing compute cluster
- Frontend + database running on a VMware ESXi 5.1 virtual machine (4 cores, shared, NetApp NFS backed)
- Deployed using Puppet
- Will be migrating to the community’s Puppet configuration
The Result

Tools using already installed software
The Future

• Filesystem permissions automation (each homedir is own filesystem & needs the SHARENFS property managed)
• Galaxy upgrade procedure & testing
• More user outreach

courtesy @nodoubleg
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