Crash-course on the Computational Infrastructure

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Outline

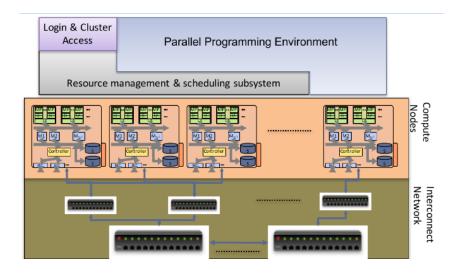
- ► Crash-course on the Computational Infrastructure
 - ► Make first steps on a Linux Cluster (Login, short overview of basic unix commands like cd, pwd, cp, scp,...)
 - ► Get lecture notes/codes for the lecture
- ► Hello World in Python

MORE DETAILS IN THE TA SESSION

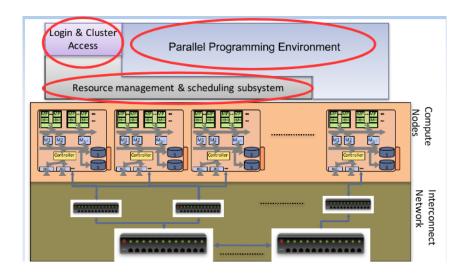
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- ► For this course, we use Alphacruncher/Nuvolos.cloud
- ▶ Its setup is very similar to any other system
- ► Register on *Moodle*, get the *enrollment key*, and open an account.

An abstract compute cluster



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A real compute cluster





Credit: Blue Waters research cluster at NCSA, Illinois, USA (active 2007-2021).

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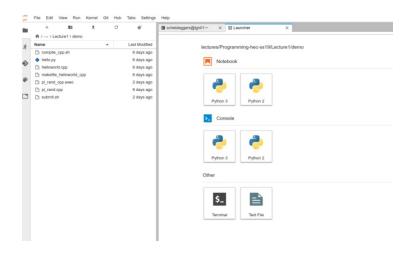
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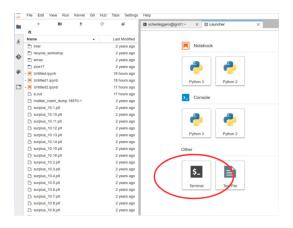
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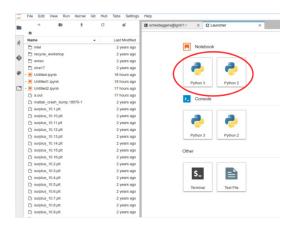
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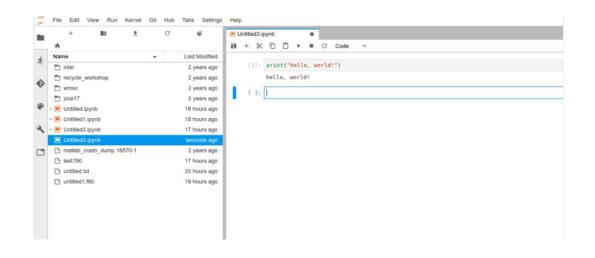
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Basic Linux commands

Command	Description
pwd	Print name of current/working directory
cd [Directory]	Change directory (no directory $ o$ change to home
Is [Directory]	List directory contents (no directory $ o$ list current)
cat FILE	Concatenate files and print on the standard output
mkdir DIRECTORY	Make directories
mkdir - p DIRECTORY	Make directories, make parent directories as needed
cp SOURCE DIRECTORY	Copy files and directories
cp -r SOURCE DIRECTORY	Copy files and directories, copy directories recursively
mv SOURCE DIRECTORY	Move (rename) files
man COMMAND	An interface to the on-line reference manuals

Basic Linux commands

Command	Description
ssh -X foo@host.com	OpenSSH SSH client (remote login program), access to host.com with user foo
<pre>scp foo@host.com:/home/bar ./</pre>	Secure copy (remote file copy program), copy file bar from /home on host.com to directory
scp bar foo@host.com:/home/	Secure copy (remote file copy program), copy file bar from the local host to /home on host.com
git clone git@github.com:whatever folder-name	The stupid content tracker, Clone a repository (whatever) into a new directory (folder-name)
git checkout	Checkout a branch or paths to the working tree.