Resource Managers, Schedulers, and Grid Computing

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Resource Managers

Practical: TORQUE Installation and Configuration

Schedulers

Practical: Maui Installation and Configuration
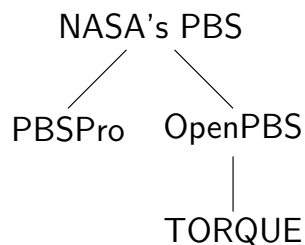
Grid Computing

What is a Resource Manager?

- Run jobs on [sets of] nodes
- Reports on resource utilization
- *... that's about it*

Popular Resource Managers

- TORQUE
- SLURM
- PBSPro
- OpenPBS[1]
- Sun Grid Engine (SGE)
- LSF

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[1]DO NOT USE UNLESS YOU HAVE A DARN GOOD REASON!!!! USE TORQUE INSTEAD!

PBS Family Tree

NASA's PBS

PBSPro   OpenPBS

TORQUE

TORQUE Information

Vital Statistics:	
Version:	2.3.3
Date:	August 15, 2008
Language:	C
Distribution Formats:	tar.gz
URL:	

http://www.clusterresources.com/pages/products/torque-resource-manager.php

Building TORQUE
No surprises here...

- ▶ tar zxvf torque-2.3.3.tar.gz
- ▶ cd torque-2.3.3/
- ▶ ./configure
- ▶ make
- ▶ make install
  and / or
- ▶ make packages[2]
- ▶ NOTE: No "init scripts" are installed by the make install step! Some examples exist in the contrib/init.d directory in the source package.

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[2]This optional step will make self-extracting shell-script archives that you can unpack on your production machines.

Configuring TORQUE
An Execution Queue

Once the TORQUE server, pbs_server is running:
There /should/ be an execution queue named "workq" already defined, but just in case...

```
create queue workq
set queue workq queue_type = Execution
set queue workq enabled = True
set queue workq started = True
```

Configuring TORQUE (cont.)

A Debug Queue

A queue with a small wallclock and node limit for debugging purposes. Intended for *quick* turn-around times.

```
create queue debug
set queue debug queue_type = Execution
set queue debug resources_max.nodect = 1
set queue debug resources_max.nodes = 1
set queue debug resources_max.walltime = 00:30:00
set queue debug enabled = True
set queue debug started = True
```

Configuring TORQUE (cont.)

A Routing Queue

A queue that decides which queue to route jobs into based upon their wallclock and node requirements.

```
create queue route
set queue route queue_type = Route
set queue route route_destinations = workq
set queue route route_destinations += debug
set queue route enabled = True
set queue route started = True
```

Configuring TORQUE (cont.)

Miscellaneous config options

Other TORQUE Server settings:

```
set server scheduling = True
set server managers = root@your.domain
set server managers += root@localhost
set server default_queue = route
set server resources_default.walltime = 00:30:00
set server node_ping_rate = 5
set server node_check_rate = 60
# for /fast/ job turn around
# a value like 60 or even 120 may be more reasonable for
# your system
set server job_stat_rate = 5
```

What is a Scheduler?

▶ Schedulers decide which jobs run in which order
▶ based on users' importance
▶ based on job size
▶ based on job wallclock time
▶ based on 'fairshare'
▶ complex combinations of the above

Popular Schedulers

- ▶ MAUI
- ▶ MOAB
- ▶ LoadLeveler
- ▶ PBSPro
- ▶ LSF
- ▶ Sun Grid Engine (SGE)

Maui Information

Vital Statistics:	
Version:	3.2.6 – Patch 19
Language:	C
Distribution Formats:	tar.gz
URL:	

```
http://www.clusterresources.com/pages/products/maui-cluster-scheduler.php
```

/Basic/ Maui Config (Part 1)

```
SERVERHOST              your.server.edu
# primary admin must be first in list
ADMIN1                  root

# Resource Manager Definition
RMCFG[YOUR.SERVER.EDU] TYPE=PBS@RMNMHOST@

# how often to query the resource manager (PBS) - 30 seconds
RMPOLLINTERVAL          00:00:30
RMPORT[15004]
SERVERPORT              42559
SERVERMODE              NORMAL

# Admin: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/a.esecurity.html
LOGFILE                 maui.log
LOGFILEMAXSIZE          10000000
LOGLEVEL                3

# Job Priority: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/5.1jobprioritization.html
QUEUETIMEWEIGHT         1

# FairShare: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/6.3fairshare.html
#FSPOLICY               PSDEDICATED
FSDEPTH                 7
FSINTERVAL              86400
FSDECAY                 0.80
```

/Basic/ Maui Config (Part 2)

```
# Backfill: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/8.2backfill.html
# BACKFILLPOLICY         BESTFIT
BACKFILLPOLICY          FIRSTFIT
RESERVATIONPOLICY       CUNANOENTHIGHEST

# Node Allocation: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/5.2nodeallocation.html
NODEALLOCATIONPOLICY    MINRESOURCE

# QOS: http://supercluster.org/mauidocs/7.3qos.html
GROUPCFG[systaff] PRIORITY=1000
GROUPCFG[DEFAULT] PRIORITY=1
CREDWEIGHT 1
USERWEIGHT 1
USAGEWEIGHT 10
USERCFG[DEFAULT]        FSTARGET=25.0
USERCFG[download] PRIORITY=100
USERCFG[special] PRIORITY=10
USERCFG[DEFAULT] PRIORITY=1
```

Globus and Grid Computing

According to Ian Foster, a "Grid":

- coordinates resources that are not subject to centralized control
- uses standard, open, general-purpose protocols and interfaces
- delivers nontrivial qualities of service
- ... most people just mean Globus ;)

Globus Toolkit Information

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Distribution Formats:	tar.gz
URL:	http://www.globus.org/