# Troubleshooting

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### Troubleshooting

The ability to fix a problem is as good as the tools and knowledge to fix it.



### Outline

- How can I get all the information?
  - Commands and Logs
- How to be sure that the ball/problem is actually in Slurm's court?
  - Setup checklist and best practices
- Why won't my job run?
  - Backfill
- How to get (the best) support?
  - Bugzilla

### Commands

### **Basic Info**

- sinfo / squeue Ο
- sprio / sshare 0
- 0 smap

### Config

- scontrol show config Ο
- sacctmgr show config 0

### Details

scontrol show [ partition | reservation... ] Ο sacctmgr show [ assoc | qos | event... ] 0

-o,--format  $\rightarrow$  %letter VS

-O,--Format  $\rightarrow$  word

Check running config, not only config files.

Implicit Configs.

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Stats & Diagnostic

- sdiag 0
- sacctmgr show stats 0
- sacctmgr show problem Ο

### Automation & Notifications

- Ο strigger
- HealthCheckProgram Ο
- UnkillableStepProgram Ο

### Autocorrection

sacctmgr show RunawayJobs Ο

### External Process

- scontrol [listpids <job> | pidinfo <pid>] Ο
- taskset, stress... Ο

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### Details - sacctmgr show [ assoc | qos | ... ]

### Information about Limits or QoS of Users and Accounts (ie, of Associations)

<pre>\$ sacctmgr show assoc tree</pre>	• Format=	Account, Use	r,Share,MaxTRES,QOS	
Account	User	Share	MaxTRES	QOS
root		1		normal
root	root	1		normal
development		1		normal,high
development	agil	70		normal,high
development	bob	70		normal,high
development	joe	70		normal,high
development	sue	70		normal,high
external		1		normal,low
external	jim	30		normal,low
external	joe	30		normal,low



MaxTRES

\$ sacctmgr show gos Format=Name, Priority, UsageFactor, MaxTRES, MaxTRESPU%20

Priority UsageFactor



MaxTRESPU

Double check with scontrol show assoc\_mgr

Name

Do you really need *withassoc*?

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Think more in Associations and Hierarchies and less in Users and Accounts

## Stats & Diagnostic - sdiag

#### How many

- $\circ$  Jobs being examined
- Jobs being started by the backfill and quick scheduler
- RPC calls are being executed
- How long take to process
  - the scheduling operations
  - RPC calls
- Who is executing RPC calls



<pre>\$ sdiag Server thread count: 3 Agent queue size: 0 Agent count: 0 DBD Agent queue size: 0 Jobs submitted: 523 Jobs completed: 501 Jobs canceled: 3 Jobs failed: 19 Main schedule statistics (microsectons): Last cycle: 16 Max cycle: 53 Total cycles: 59 Mean cycle: 20 Mean depth cycle: 11 Cycles per minute: 1 Last queue length: 0</pre>	Backfilling stats Total backfilled jobs (since last slurm start): 0 Total backfilled jobs (since last stats cycle start): 0 Total cycles: 28 Last cycle when: Wed Dec 30 15;33;18 2018 Last cycle: 93 Max cycle: 5433 Last depth cycle: 0 Last depth cycle (try sched): 0 Last queue length: 0 Latency for 1000 calls to gettimeofday(): 15 microseconds Remote Procedure Call statistics by message type REQUEST_RESOURCE_ALLOCATION (4001) count:5 ave_time:1880 total_time:94042 REQUEST_JOB_READY (4019) count:5 ave_time:490 total_time:24520 Remote Procedure Call statistics by user <u>student (1002) count:3</u> ave_time:1405 total_time:449/3 root ( 0) count:0 ave_time:0 total_time:0
Check size of queues and counts	root (0) count:0 ave_time:0 total_time:0 Pending RPC statistics No pending RPCs
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### Stats & Diagnostic - sacctmgr show stats

- Provides detailed information about:
  - Rollups
  - How many Slurm DB RPC calls are being executed and by whom



	<pre>\$ sacctmgr show sta</pre>	ats					
on	Rollup statistics						
	Hour	count:746	ave_time	:307765 m	ax_time:223576198	total_time:22959	3291
	Day	count:31	ave_time	:2429 m	ax_time:10972	total_time:75328	
	Month	count:1	ave_time	:32007 m	ax_time:32007	total_time:32007	
	Remote Procedure Ca	all statistic	s by mess	age type			
	DBD_CLUSTER	R_TRES	(1407)	count:89	48 ave_time:578	37 total_time:51753	1274
alla ava	DBD_JOB_COM	1PLETE	(1424)	count:5	ave_time:179	72 total_time:89864	
alis are	DBD_FINI		(1401)	count:5	ave_time:256	total_time:1284	
	SLURM_PERSI	IST_INIT	( 6500)	count:4	ave_time:341	total_time:1367	
n	DBD_STEP_ST	FART	( 1442)	count:3	ave_time:461	7 total_time:13852	
11	DBD_SEND_MU	JLT_MSG	( 1474)	count:3	ave_time:157	9 total_time:4738	
	DBD_STEP_CO	OMPLETE	( 1441)	count:3	ave_time:125	2 total_time:3757	
	DBD_SEND_ML	JLT_JOB_START	( 1472)	count:3	ave_time:352	7 total_time:10581	
	DBD_JOB_ST/	ART	( 1425)	count:2	ave_time:114	6 total_time:2292	
	DBD_NODE_S1	ΓΑΤΕ	( 1432)	count:2	ave_time:242	7 total_time:4854	
	DBD_GET_USE	ERS	( 1415)	count:1	ave_time:510	total_time:510	
	DBD_GET_ASS	50CS	( 1410)	count:1	ave_time:176	8 total_time:1768	
	DBD_GET_RES	5	( 1478)	count:1	ave_time:274	total_time:274	
	DBD_REGIST	R_CTLD	(1434)	count:1	ave_time:106	5 total_time:1065	
	DBD_GET_TR	ES	(1486)	count:1	ave_time:357	total_time:357	
	DBD_GET_FEL	DERATIONS	(1494)	count:1	ave_time:477	total_time:477	
	DBD_GET_QOS	5	(1448)	count:1	ave_time:208	total_time:208	
	DBD GET STA	ATS	(1489)	count:1	ave time:387	total time:387	
	DBD_GET_COM	NFIG	(1466)	count:1	ave_time:99	total_time:99	
	Remote Procedure Ca	all statistic	s by user				
	agil	(	1000)	count:89	87 ave_time:576	01 total_time:51766	9008
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### Stats & Diagnostic - sacctmgr show problem

<pre>\$ sacctmgr Cluster</pre>	show problem Account	User	Problem
		 jim	User does not have a uid
		joe	User does not have a uid





## Automation - strigger

- strigger manage event triggers, programs to be run on a variety of events
- Mostly used to notify sysadmins about failures, and quick containment



### Automation - strigger events

primary\_slurmctld\_failure
primary\_slurmctld\_resumed\_control
primary\_slurmctld\_acct\_buffer\_full
backup\_slurmctld\_failure
backup\_slurmctld\_assumed\_control

primary\_slurmdbd\_failure
primary\_slurmdbd\_resumed\_operation
primary\_database\_failure
primary\_database\_resumed\_operation

Down(compute node enters DOWN state)Drained(compute node enters DRAINED state)Fail(compute node enters FAILING state)

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> Underused? Quick Poll?

### Automation - strigger events (for users)

- This mechanism can also be used to notify user of job-specific events
  - Node failure in a job's allocation
  - Job nearing time limit



## **Automation - HealthChecks**

Because a healthy node is more than just a healthy slurmd:

- HealthCheckProgram
  - Fully qualified pathname of a script to execute as user root periodically on all compute nodes that are not in the NOT\_RESPONDING state.
- HealthCheckInterval
  - The interval in seconds between executions of HealthCheckProgram.
- HealthCheckNodeState
  - Identify what node states should execute the HealthCheckProgram.

Integration with LBNL Node Health Check

### **Automation - Unkillable**

Well, Slurm also needs to be able to kill jobs/processes:

- UnkillableStepProgram
  - If the processes in a job step are determined to be unkillable for a period of time specified by the UnkillableStepTimeout variable, the program specified by UnkillableStepProgram will be executed.
- UnkillableStepTimeout
  - The length of time, in seconds, that Slurm will wait before deciding that processes in a job step are unkillable (after they have been signaled with SIGKILL) and execute UnkillableStepProgram.



### **Autocorrection**

(N/y): y

\$ sacctmgr show runaway NOTE: Runaway jobs are jobs that don't exist in the controller but have a start time and no end time in the database Name Partition Cluster State TimeSubmit TimeStart TD TimeEnd PENDING 2019-08-15T11:15:11 17614 allocation cluster Unknown Unknown Would you like to fix these runaway jobs? (This will set the end time for each job to the latest out of the start, eligible, or submit times, and set the state to completed. Once corrected, this will trigger the rollup to reroll usage from before the earliest submit time of all the runaway jobs.) (You have 30 seconds to decide)

Runway Jobs mess with your accounting. Stay clean.

There are other autocorrection commands, but you shouldn't use them unless proper support advise you to do it.



### External Process - scontrol [listpids | pidinfo]

#### NAME

scontrol - Used view and modify Slurm configuration and state.

#### SYNOPSIS

scontrol [OPTIONS...] [COMMAND...]

#### OPTIONS

#### pidinfo proc\_id

Print the Slurm job id and scheduled termination time corresponding to the supplied process id, proc\_id, on the current node. This will work only with processes on node on which scontrol is run, and only for those processes spawned by Slurm and their descendants.

#### listpids [job\_id[.step\_id]] [NodeName]

Print a listing of the process IDs in a job step (if JOBID.STEPID is provided), or all of the job steps in a job (if job\_id is provided), or all of the job steps in all of the jobs on the local node (if job\_id is not provided or job\_id is "\*"). This will work only with processes on the node on which scontrol is run, and only for those processes spawned by Slurm and their descendants. Note that some Slurm configurations (ProctrackType value of pgid) are unable to identify all processes associated with a job or job step.



\$ sbatch -n 4 -w c6 --wrap "srun sleep 300" Submitted batch job 395152

\$ ssh c6

<pre>\$ scontrol listpids 395152</pre>					
PID	JOBID	STEPID	LOCALID	GLOBALID	
21462	395152	0	0	0	
21463	395152	0	1	1	
21464	395152	0	2	2	
21465	395152	0	3	3	
21446	395152	batch	0	0	
21448	395152	batch	-	-	
21449	395152	batch	-	-	

\$ scontrol pidinfo 21464

Slurm job id 395152 ends at Fri Sep 04 15:50:47 2020 slurm\_get\_rem\_time is 31535906

> Proctrack Issues (eg CG) use to be related to pstree / cgroups

### **External Process - taskset**

#### NAME

taskset - set or retrieve a process's CPU affinity

#### SYNOPSIS

taskset [options] mask command [argument...]
taskset [options] -p [mask] pid

#### OPTIONS

-c, --cpu-list

Interpret mask as numerical list of processors instead of a bitmask. Numbers are separated by commas and may include ranges. For example: 0,5,8-11.

#### -p, --pid

Operate on an existing PID and do not launch a new task.

Small "whereami" apps help a lot troubleshooting bindings, MPI, GPU ID...



Copyright 2019 SchedMD www.schedmd.com \$ sbatch --array=0-7 --ntasks-per-core=1 --wrap \ "srun bash -c 'printenv SLURMD NODENAME; taskset -cp \\$\\$'" Submitted batch job 520 \$ tail slurm-520 \* ==> slurm-520 0.out <== c1 pid 25834's current affinity list: 0.2 ==> slurm-520 1.out <== c1 pid 25857's current affinity list: 1,3 ==> slurm-520 2.out <== c2 pid 25917's current affinity list: 0,2 ==> slurm-520 3.out <== c2 pid 25955's current affinity list: 1,3 ==> slurm-520 4.out <== c3 pid 25936's current affinity list: 0,2 ==> slurm-520 5.out <== c3 pid 25942's current affinity list: 1,3 ==> slurm-520 6.out <== c4 pid 25962's current affinity list: 0,2 ==> slurm-520 7.out <== c4 pid 25975's current affinity list: 1,3

### External Process - stress(-ng)

#### NAME

stress-ng - a tool to load and stress a computer system

#### SYNOPSIS

stress-ng [OPTION [ARG]] ...

#### DESCRIPTION

stress-ng will stress test a computer system in various selectable ways. It was designed to exercise various physical subsystems of a computer as well as the various operating system kernel interfaces. stress-ng also has a wide range of CPU specific stress tests that exercise floating point, integer, bit manipulation and control flow. Stressing jobs to stress clusters is stressing.. but stress tests save lives!

Prevent is better than cure

Ensure config works as expected or Replicate an issue







Logs are not an easy thing to deal with, but are (and will be) an important tool.



### Logs - Two ways to increase logs

- Modular
  - Specific subsystems
  - O DebugFlags (slurmctid and slurmdbd)

Be more modular	
than verbose	

### • Levels

- More/Less verbosity
- o slurmctld
  - Slurmctld(Syslog)Debug
  - SlurmSchedLogLevel
- o slurmdbd
  - DebugLevel (Syslog)
- slurmd
  - Slurmd (Syslog) Debug

### Logs - List of Flags and Levels

Backfill BurstBuffer CPU_Bind CpuFrequency	Backfill scheduling BurstBuffer state Binding of tasks to CPUs CPU governor and frequency	management	quiet fatal error	Nothing Only fatal errors Errors and fatal errors	above error	
Energy ExtSensors Gres	Energy use External sensors Generic Resource allocation a	and use	info verbose	Errors and general messages Errors and verbose messages	Don't be below ve if not troublesho	erbose poting
Gang License Priority Power Reservations SelectType Steps Switch Triggers	Gang scheduling License scheduling Job priority System power management Advanced reservations Resource selection Job step activities Network resources (e.g. the s Event triggers	witch plugin)	debug debug2 debug3 debug4 debug5	Errors, verbose and debug mess Errors, verbose and more debug Errors, verbose and even more of Errors, verbose and even more of Errors, verbose and even more of	sages messages debug messages debug messages debug messages	
Partial list. See manpage c complete listing	of slurm.conf for	Copyright 2 www.sch	019 Schedl	MD		

### Logs - How to increase/decrease logs

- Changing Logging
  - All daemons and commands
    - Command Line: -vvv
  - All daemons
    - Edit .conf + reconfigure
  - scontrol setdebug *LEVEL*
  - scontrol schedloglevel *LEVEL*
  - scontrol setdebugflags [+|-] FLAG

Increase logs, test and reduce logs. Increase logging verbosity
> scontrol setdebug debug2
> scontrol setdebugflags +backfill
Wait for event...
Restore original logging levels
> scontrol setdebug info
> scontrol setdebugflags -backfill

Use scontrol

### Logs - Logrotate

• Don't restart, reconfigure or SIGHUP slurmctld, slurmdbd or slurmd to drop and reopen logfiles.



Slurm relies in a base setup.

Although it works on degraded setups, a healthy setup also helps troubleshooting.



- Network issues
  - o DNS
  - Firewalls
  - NTP (munge)



- Filesystem
  - StateSaveLocation
  - Unkillable



- RAM usage on DB
  - Huge queries
  - Constant queries
  - Caching is not leaking





MaxQueryTimeRange Archive & Purge

- Reliable constraints: cgroups
  - ConstrainDevices
  - ConstrainCores
  - ConstrainRAMSpace
  - ConstrainSwapSpace
  - ConstrainKmemSpace

JobAcctGatherParams/OverMemoryKill is limited to JobAcctGatherFreq

Demonized process in jobs escape from linuxproc



Copyright 2019 SchedMD www.schedmd.com Avoid multiple cgroups controllers in the same mount

• Submit and Custom Plugins







### Why won't my job run?



## Why won't my job run?

- To understand this let's look at what happens in:
  - Scheduling / Backfill



## Scheduling & Backfill

• This is not an all inclusive training on scheduling & backfill rather an introduction to help you, as the admin, troubleshoot issues.



## Main scheduler (Backfill - Where it fits in)

- Slurm is designed to perform a quick and simple scheduling attempt at frequent intervals
  - At each job submission
  - At job completion on each of it's allocated nodes
  - At configuration changes
- Slower and more comprehensive scheduling attempts performed less frequently



- The Backfill scheduler will start lower priority jobs If by doing so does not delay the expected start Time of any higher priority job (configurable exceptions)
- Setting accurate and reasonable run times is required for backfill to start lower priority jobs.





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- Parameters such as:
  - bf\_window
    - The number of minutes into the future to look when considering jobs to schedule.
    - A value at least as long as the highest allowed time limit is generally advisable to prevent job starvation.





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- Parameters such as:
  - bf\_window
  - bf\_continue
    - Setting this option will cause the backfill scheduler to continue processing pending jobs from its original job list after releasing locks even if job or node state changes.





• Making sure you have correctly tuned your SchedulerParameters is key when trying to push your sites workflow through optimally.

How fine the lines are

on the graph paper

- Parameters such as:
  - bf\_window
  - bf\_continue
  - $\circ$  bf\_resolution
    - The number of seconds in the resolution of data maintained about when jobs begin and end.





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- Parameters such as:
  - bf\_window
  - bf\_continue
  - $\circ$  bf\_resolution
- And many other tunable parameters based on your needs.
  - See the slurm.conf documentation



• Ensuring that your scheduler is configured correctly can fix or improve job throughput and help solve job starvation issues.





• There are enough resources available.



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- The cluster looks empty.



- There are enough resources available.
- The cluster looks empty.
- Do I have the right permissions to run?



• One common question we see is regarding a job that a user believes should run on a node that is already partially allocated.



Example: CPU with 4 cores

gres.conf:

Name=gpu Type=p100 File=/dev/nvidia0 COREs=0,1

Name=gpu Type=gpu File=/devincidia1 COREs=2,3

Job 123 is on cores 0,1

Job 124 needs the p100

 As soon as some reason is found why a job cannot be started, that is recorded in the job's "reason" field and the scheduler moves on to the next

ioh	Some common reasons why jobs are pending:				
	Priority	Resources being reserved for higher priority job			
	Resources	Required resources are in use			
	Dependency	Job dependencies not yet satisfied			
	Reservation	Waiting for advanced reservation			
	Association lobl imit	User or account job limit reached			
	AssociationResourceLimit	User or account resource limit reached			
	AssociationTimeLimit	User or account time limit reached			
	QOSJobLimit	Quality Of Service (QOS) job limit reached			
	QOSResourceLimit	Quality Of Service (QOS) resource limit reached			
	QOSTimeLimit	Quality Of Service (QOS) time limit reached			
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<pre>\$ scontrol show job 21543 JobId=21543 JobName=wrap UserId=agil(1000) GroupId=agil(1000) MCS_label=N/A Priority=251879 Nice=0 Account=development QOS=normal IobState=PENDING Reason=Dependency Requeue=1 Restarts=0 BatCnF1ag=1 Re_oot RunTime=00:00:00 TimeLimit=UNLIMITED SubmitTime=2019-09-02T18:08:37 Eligible AccrueTime=2019-09-02T18:08:37 StartTime=Unknown EndTime=Unknown Deadl SuspendTime=None SecsPreSuspend=0 LastS Partition=batch AllocNode:Sid=agil-work_station:22616 ReqNodeList=(null) NodeList=(null) NodeList=(null) NumNodes=1 NumCPUs=1 NumTasks=1 CPUs/Task=1 ReqB:S:C:T=0:0:*:* TRES=cpu=1,mem=512M,node=1,billing=1 Socks/Node=* NtasksPerN:B:S:C=0:0:*:* CoreSpec=* MinCPUsNode=1 MinMemoryCPU=512M MinTmpDiskNode=0 Features=(null) DelayBoot=00:00 OverSubscribe=OK Contiguous=0 Licenses=(null) Network=(null) Command=(null) WorkDir=/home/agil/workspace/slurm/bugs/7468 StdErr=/home/agil/workspace/slurm/bugs/7468/slurm-21543.out</pre>	<pre>\$ scontrol show job 26315 JobId=26315 JobName=wrap UserId=jason(1000) GroupId=jason(1000) MCS_label=bio Prioritv=25416 Nice=0 Account=bio 00S=normal JobState=PENDING Reason=AssocMaxJobsLimit Dependency=(null) Requeue=1 Restarts=0 BatchFlag=7 Reboot=0 ExitCode=0:0 RunTime=00:00:00 TimeLimit=00:0 '0 TimeMin=N/A SubmitTime=2019-09-12T13:50:39 bleTime=2019-09-12T13:50:39 AccrueTime=2019-09-12T13:50:3 StartT Suspen Partit ReqNod NodeLi NumNod Reason Max Job limit ReqNod Node=1 MinMemoryNode=0 MinTmpDiskNode=0 Features=(null) DelayBoot=00:00 OverSubscribe=OK Contiguous=0 Licenses=(null) Network=(null) Command=(null) WorkDir=/home/jason/slurm/master StdErr=/home/jason/slurm/master/slurm-26315.out</pre>
WorkDir=/home/agil/workspace/slurm/bugs/7468	WorkDir=/home/jason/slurm/master
StdErr=/home/agil/workspace/slurm/bugs/7468/slurm-21543.out	StdErr=/home/jason/slurm/master/slurm-26315.out
StdIn=/dev/null	StdIn=/dev/null
StdOut=/home/agil/workspace/slurm/bugs/7468/slurm-21543.out	StdOut=/home/jason/slurm/master/slurm-26315.out
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- We continue to improve logging (for example)
  - Logs for BadConstraints have been improved see the following.
    - https://github.com/SchedMD/slurm/commit/20c2b6151d6d10fee7e012555d30f9fd529b7dc3



### Bugzilla



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### **Bugzilla - Consider the following**

- Security
- Proper data / attachments
- Ticket visibility



## **Problem Reporting - Security Notice**

- Bugzilla is by default: open to the internet
- Make sure to avoid uploading configs that contain passwords such as slurmdbd.conf (scrub the password).
- Attachments and comments can be marked as private by SchedMD

## Problem Reporting - Proper data / attachments

- Report using bugzilla
  - https://bugs.schedmd.com/
- Identify Slurm version
- Provide configuration files
  - Essential to identify the plugins used
- Provide logs demonstrating the problems
- Make sure you compress large files



Practically perfect in every way!

### **Problem Reporting - Ticket Visibility**

• When needed SchedMD can limit the visibility of comments, attachments and the entire bug if needed.





- <u>https://slurm.schedmd.com/troubleshoot.html</u>
- <u>https://slurm.schedmd.com/faq.html</u>
- <u>https://slurm.schedmd.com/news.html</u>
- <u>https://slurm.schedmd.com/quickstart\_admin.html</u> (#upgrade)
- https://slurm.schedmd.com/SLUG18/field\_notes2.pdf
- <u>https://slurm.schedmd.com/SLUG17/FieldNotes.pdf</u>
- <u>https://bugs.schedmd.com</u>
- <u>http://groups.google.com/group/slurm-users</u>

Pay attention to NOTES in manpages.

### Troubleshooting

### Questions?

Thanks