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This is the home of the Scientific Computing Services Public (SCSPub) space. This space contains information and guidelines for SLAC users who seek high performance computing and data storage solutions for SLAC research programs and facilities. The Scientific Computing Services (SCS) team provide services and consultation based around centrally-managed, shared resources that can scale beyond individual desktops or workstations. The managed infrastructure is built on a network designed for high-throughput workloads with optimal connectivity to DOE facilities via ESnet. SCS exists to enable and foster all SLAC Science. Our priorities and goals align with the lab Mission, Vision & Values.

Mission

Scientific Computing Services provides storage and computational services that:

- fulfill current requirements and anticipate future needs of its scientific stakeholders;
- are sought after and valued;
- and achieve recognizable efficiencies through shared, common solutions.

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Describe when someone would need this information. For example "when connecting to wi-fi for the first time". Use the following commands to use a newer version of cmake which is available via spack and modules: \$ bash \$ export MODULEPATH=/afs/slac. stanfor Page: How-to articles	
Page: How-to change Your Default Unix Shell 1. Login to a RHEL6 SLAC cluster computer (e.g. rhel6-64) Note, even if you are using CentOS7, you should follow these instructions. The update on RHEL6 will propagate to our CentOS7 hosts within a short time. ssh <username>@rhel6-64.slac.s</username>	

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 N Page: Nagios at SLAC Summary https://nagios.slac.stanford.edu/ https://nagios.slac.stanford.edu/ What is Nagios? Nagios http://www.nagios.org //documentation is an open-source monitoring tool. It is used at SLAC to automatically watch key hosts and services, and to contact appr Page: Nagios Central Service Level Objectives - 2011-09-08 From Shirley: Notes from the Nagios meeting on 2011/09/08 Attending: Tony Johnson, Charlotte Hee, Tom Glanzman, Richard Dubois, Shirley Gruber, Yemi Adesanya, John Bartelt The objective for centralized Nagios support is that there will be less work for al Page: Nebula Nebula private cloud computing, OpenStack, Chris Kemp July 2014. Powerpoint slides: Chris C. Kemp - SLAC.pptx Page: New Hardware Page: News and Announcements 11-April-2014 - noric and yakut aliases being removed on 5-May-2014 On 5-May-2014, the noric and yakut aliases will be removed. Please use the following names to access the compute interactive login machines: rhel5-32 rhel5-64 rhel6-32 rhel6-64 It was pre Page: NoMachine S3DF NoMachine information: If you are using the SLAC Shared Scientific Data Facility (S3DF), please see this page for information about the S3DF NoMachine service: https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu /public/doc/#/reference?id=nomachine https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu /public/doc/#/	O Page: OpenNebula talk 10-July-2014 Bringing Private Cloud Computing to HPC and Science - SLAC - July 2014 .pdf
 Page: Parallel Computing Overview All SLAC users can run parallel jobs on the "bullet" shared cluster. It has 5024 cores. Each cluster node is configured as follows: RHEL6 64bit OS x86 nodes 2.2GHz Sandy Bridge CPUs 16 cores per node 64GB RAM per node QDR (40Gb) Infiniband for Page: PPA Lustre filesystem 2014 upgrade Here are some benchmarks for PPA Lustre filesystem that was upgraded in March 2014. System specs: Lustre server version 2.5.1 on RHEL6.5 1 MDS and 8 OSS servers using Dell R610 systems Four LSI Engenio (Dell MD3260) arrays with dual-redundant controllers 	Q

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Explanation: https://access.redhat.com/security/updates /backporting https://access.redhat.com/security/updates /backporting More info below (from https://access.redhat.com /solutions/57665) What is backporting and how does it affect Red Hat Enterprise L

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Red Hat Software Collections https://www.softwarecollections.org /en/ "Software Collections give you the power to build, install, and use multiple versions of software on the same system, without affecting system-wide installed packages" For instance, RHEL Page: Remote Access

Page: Restoring files using TSM

[This page has been transferred from the previous website mostly as-is. The information is still relevant.] To restore your own backup files, you generally need to be on the same machine used to originally backup the files. The TSM (IBM Tivoli Storage Ma Page: Restoring Your Mail Spool File

This page only applies to individuals who use the Unix Mail Spool system for mail delivery. It does not apply to anyone who uses Exchange/O365. Your Unix mail spool file from /var/spool/mail may be restored from ITSM backups. However, before you attempt

Page: RHEL 7

11-April-2014 Red Hat's RHEL7 High Touch Beta Program ended last month. The Release Candidate for RHEL 7 is expected very soon. After that, GA (official release) is expected (no official dates, but we guess before the end of May 2014). SCS will offer an

Page: Samba Unix Storage Access

Samba (SMB/CIFS protocol) allows you mount remote SLAC Unix storage on your local desktop or laptop if you are on the SLAC network. Authentication is done using your SLAC Windows Active Directory username and password. CentOS 7 installation: sudo yum

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- 30,000 cores, ~300TFlops/s 150 GPU, ~2PFlops/s 35PB disk 60PB on tape 100Gbps internal network 2x100Gbps external network connectivity to ESnet 10Gbps backup network

Page: Slurm Batch

Slurm is a batch scheduler that enables users (you!) to submit long (or even short) compute 'jobs' to our compute clusters. It will queue up jobs such that the (limited) resources compute resources available are fairly shared and distributed for all users

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Page: SSH and Shared Service Accounts

(Copied from an old web page. Needs clean up.) http://www.slac. stanford.edu/icon/blank.gif SSH and Shared Accounts Previously SLAC used a locally customized version of SSH that supported forwarding AFS tokens during login. Unfortunately, the latest versio Page: SSHFS Unix Storage Access

SSHFS allows you mount remote SLAC Unix storage onto your local desktop or laptop. You can use SSHFS from anywhere (eg, home or remote network). Authentication is done using your SLAC Unix username and password. SSHFS uses the SFTP protocol and SSH authe

Page: Stakeholder priority on the Shared Farm

10-26-2021: As we migrating to SDF, decommissioning old hardware and RHEL6, we will no longer actively update the fair shares in this page - some of the major stakeholders no longer use LSF batch system in large scale. The Shared (General) Farm consists o

Page: Status and Announcements

Live Status More detailed metrics and monitoring can be found at: Grafana https://grafana.slac.stanford.edu/?orgId=1 Nagios https://nagios.slac.stanford.edu Ganglia http://ganglia.slac. stanford.edu:8080/ PlatformRTM https://farmrtmweb.slac.sta

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