

# Using LLNL's BlueGene/Q Systems (Sequoia, rzUSeq)

SLURM batch system [MOAB wrappers]

## Useful Batch & Info Commands (from logins)

**sbatch/msub** *scriptfile* - submit batch script job  
**checkjob** [-v] *job-id* - see detailed job state/info  
**mshow** [-a|-j] [*job-id*] - partition/job(s) status  
**mdiag** -j|-b|-f|-L|-p|-t|-c [-v] - batch resource info  
**showstart** *job-id* | *procs@secs* - when can job run  
**showstate** - sys state    **showstats** [-q] - resources  
**showbf** [-r *procs*|-n *nodes*|-d *secs*] - resource check  
**mjobctl** *attr* is [wclimit|class|account|qos|depend]  
**pdsh** - execute commands on remote nodes  
**scontrol show job** - view SLURM configuration  
**salloc** -N *nodes* -p *pdebug* - interactive allocation  
**mxterm** *nodes* 0 *mins* -q *pdebug* - like sxterm

**mjstat** - jobs status & machine availability info    **pgrep** - find job  
**smap -c -D**[*bj*] - see blocks|jobs usage [graphical view if no -c]  
**sinfo** [-s|-l] - show partition info    **news job.lim.?** - limits  
**squeue** [-l|-i #] - show job details [updated every # seconds]  
**showq** [-b|-i|-r|-c] - see blocked|eligible|running|done jobs info  
**pstat** [-A|-R|-f *job-id*|-m *host*] - your batch jobs status [+ details]  
**mjobctl -m** *attr=val job-id* or **palter -n** *job-id -attr val* - alter job  
**mjobctl -h**|-u *job-id* or **phold|prel -n** *job-id* - hold/release job  
**mjobctl -c** *jobid* or **cancel** *job jobid* or **prm -n** *jobid* - remove job  
**ps -lu** *userid*; **kill -9** *pid* - force job quit    **scancel** - kill batch job  
**pkill** *string* or **killall** *string* - kill processes matching string  
**mshare -p** ALL -u *userid* - see resource allocation and usage  
**sxterm** *nodes* #*MPITasks* *mins* -p *pdebug* - interactive xterm

## Interactive Sessions & TotalView Usage (Can't do much from the compute nodes since uses lightweight kernel)

To grab cpus in interactive xterm: **sxterm** *num\_nodes* #*tasks* *minutes* [-p *pool* <*other\_msub\_args*>] {or **mxterm**}  
or can run in current terminal: **salloc** [-N *num\_nodes*] -n #*MPITasks* -p *pool* [Must grab a full partition]  
Then execute your program in parallel using srun: (for available partitions: **smap -c -Db**, use READY & slurm)  
**srun** [-N *nodes*] -n #*MPITasks* <*executable*> <*args*> [*nodes* can be less than allocated *num\_nodes*]  
or **totalview srun -a** [-verbose 1] <*all\_other\_srun\_args\_above*>

*pool* = pool name [i.e. **pbatch** (or **pdebug** or others listed by the **sinfo** command)], for partition usage: **smap -c -Db**  
#*MPITasks* = 1-6,291,456 (can't exceed 16 cores x #*HardwareThreads*[1-4] x *num\_nodes*) [rzuseq 32,768]

Each core can employ 4 hardware threads (but has only 2 floating-point units) which can help with latency issues  
All node allocations must be consecutive in the matrix (torus), and only whole partitions of them can be obtained  
For batch jobs (use #*msub* inside a script, or instead these arguments can be given after **msub** submit command)

#**msub -l** *nodes=num\_nodes*[:*ppn=#*] (#*MPITasks* is set on the **srun** execution line using its -n option)  
*num\_nodes* = a full partition [...|16384|18432|24576|27648|32768|36864|41472|49152|55296|65536|73728|98304]  
*procs\_per\_node*# = tasks per node [16|32|64] there are 16 cores, each with up to 4 hardware threads available

For OpenMP programs with TotalView compiled with IBM's compiler, use options: **-qsmp=omp:noauto:noopt**  
Other options: **LLNL\_TV\_PATCH\_SPACE=Add** To attach to a running job, use **totalview -pid** <*srunPid*> **srun**

## Batch Scripts (MOAB) [submit with **msub** [<*additional\_msub\_args*>] *scriptfile*]

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#!/bin/csh -f # Sets your shell (#MSUB -S <shell>, ksh uses export <var>=<val>)  
#MSUB -V -j oe # Export env & join out+err; Also: -h [or -a hhmm] holds run [until time]  
#MSUB -q pdebug # Dont use -l partition=, list by smap -c -Db; also -l qos=[standby|expedite]  
#MSUB -l nodes=##[:ppn=#] # Nodeblock [...|12k|16k|24k|32k|36k|48k|64k|72k|96k][:tasks/node=16|64]  
#MSUB -l walltime=3600 # Set duration limit in seconds; 1 hour, or use format 01:00:00 or 00:60:00  
#MSUB -A bdiv # Sets bank account to use (or bdev); (mdiag -u userid gives bank info [-a])  
setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS 4 # For OpenMP threaded runs, set this env var  
date ; cd /p/lscratchrza/collette # Change into appropriate directory to execute code in & store output  
srun [-N nodes] -n #MPITasks <exec> <args>
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## Compiling (from front-end) - Cross-compile code from LAC login nodes (front-end) [**objdump -d** *file.o* - asmlr]

Use IBM's compilers **mpixlc**, **mpixlcxx**, or **mpixlf90** (for OpenMP, use their **\_r** threaded versions & **-qsmp=omp**)  
Tuning: **-qhot=novector -qsimd=auto** [-qdebug=diagnostic for simd success] [-O3 -qfloat=maf -qstrict=precision]  
Useful options: **-qipa**, **-qhot**, **-O[0|2|3|4|5]**, **-g[#]**, **-qlist[*opt*]**, **-qreport**, **-qsource**, **-qlistfmt=html**, **-qnostaticlink**  
Use **-qtm** [-qthreaded] for transactional memory; Use **-qsmp=speculative** for thread-level speculative execution  
For GNU compilers: **mpicc**, **mpicxx**, or **mpif90** [or /bgsys/drivers/ppcfloor/gnu-linux/powerpc64-bgq-linux/bin]  
Available libraries: ESSL/BLAS/LAPACK/SCALAPACK/FFTW numerical libs are in /usr/local/tools/<*libname*>  
MASS[V\_SIMD]: **-L/opt/ibmcmp/xlmass/bg/7.3/bglib64 -lmass[v\_simd]**;  
Largepages and 64-bit compilations are defaults, no -qarch/-qtune options necessary.  
LNAD login nodes l8r with compute-node-like hardware for small compile & serial tests.

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## BGQ Environment Variables

[options] [Desired settings are in **bold**] Summary by Mike Collette 12/2012

BG\_SHAREDMEMSIZE=[32|**64**] MB for shared mem pool  
BG\_PERSISTMEMSIZE=[] MB for persistent mem pool  
PAMID\_VERBOSE=[0|**1**] For some execution debug info  
PAMID\_CONTEXT\_MAX=[1]  
BG\_COREDUMPDISABLED=[0|**1**] allow cores  
BG\_COREDUMP\_FILEPREFIX=*str* name of core  
PAMID\_<*collective*>=various collective adjustments  
BG\_LTMDISABLE=[ON|**OFF**] Livermore thread model  
BG\_MAPCOMMONHEAP=[0|**1**] bigger (but shared) task mem  
BG\_SMP\_FAST\_WAKEUP=[**YES**] reduce nonthreaded impact  
OMP\_WAIT\_POLICY=[**ACTIVE**] faster thread performance  
**OMP\_NUM\_THREADS** = OpenMP # of threads per MPI task  
For threaded runs: set OMP\_NUM\_THREADS else unused hardware threads will NOT idle & may slow the code

BG\_MAPPING=? 5D torus layout  
BG\_PERSISTMEMRESET=[0|**1**] clear b4 run?  
BG\_MAPALIGN16=[1] force TLB 16MB align  
PAMID\_THREAD\_MULTIPLE=  
BG\_COREDUMPONEXIT =[0|**1**] make cores  
BG\_COREDUMP\_PATH=*dir* where cores go  
BG\_COREDUMPBINARY=[rank#s] pick cores  
BG\_THREADLAYOUT=[1|2] round-robin|fill  
BG\_THREADMODEL=[0|**1**] 1 omp thrd/HWT  
BG\_MAPNOALIASES=[1] disables alias mode  
OMP\_STACKSIZE=[16MB]  
XLSMPOPTS = [stack=8000000] OMP stack sz

## Login Node Info

**stat** - display file status  
**uname -a** - machine name and info  
**cat /proc/meminfo** - see memory info  
**netstat & vmstat [-P]** - net & memory info  
**free** - see used, swap, and free memory  
**limit** - resource limits (**unlimit** will max)  
**pgrep** - find processes by name/attributes  
**nslookup, dig, host** - name server info  
**showrgb, xlsfonts, fc-list** - colors & fonts  
**printenv, env** - see environment variables

**ps -fu <user>** - process status  
**quota -a [-v], du -k, df** - disk usage  
**cat /proc/cpuinfo** - see CPU info  
**iotstat, mpstat** - see CPU & I/O info  
**id [<user>]** - list UID's and GID's  
**ypmatch & ypcat** - see NIS values  
**kill, skill** - send signal to a process  
**stty** - set/show terminal settings  
**xfd -fn <font>** - see font characters  
**top, xload, tload** - load level

**pstree** - display process tree  
**hostname** - node name  
**cat /proc/version** - see OS info  
**uptime** - duration and load  
**watch** - periodic cmd execution  
**w, who** - show users and activity  
**snice, renice** - fix process priority  
**ac -p[d]** - show user's usage time  
**groups [<user>]** - list groups  
**last** - see previous users

## Document Viewers

**man, apropos, info, whatis** - command info  
**[s|vim]diff, diff3, cmp, comm** - diff files  
**more, less, cat, head, tail, vi, emacs** - text

**pod2man, perldoc** - view .pod docs  
**whereis, which** - command location

**evince, gs** - view .ps & .pdf files  
**zcmp|zdiff** - diff compressed files  
**readelf** - view ELF files

## File Handlers

**cpio** - copy to archive  
**nl, wc** - list with line numbers / count lines  
**sort, uniq** - sort / filter out repeated lines  
**join** - combine lines with common field  
**expand** - convert tabs to spaces

**pftp** - parallel ftp  
**g[un]zip** - make/expand .[g]z files, or  
**basename, dirname** - strip off suffixes  
**sed/awk** - stream editor/pattern scan  
**hsi** - like ftp but faster

**strip** - remove exe's symbol table  
**tar -[c|x]f** - groups files together  
**rsync** - faster transfers than **rcp**  
**tr** - translate/squeeze/delete chars  
**htar** - for HPSS archive tar files

## Directory Spaces

**/p/lsl/<user>** - parall IO  
**/p/lscratchrza/<user>** - parallel IO space

**/g/g###/<user>** - home dirs  
**/[usr|var]/tmp** - (same) temp space

**/tmp/<user>** - login-local dirs  
**/usr/local/docs** - documentation

## Debug & Optimization Tools

(link/load tools - **ar, nm, ldd, ldconfig**) tracing: STATview, mpitrace  
corefile debugging: gdb, addr2line, core\_stack\_merge, locate\_rank  
TotalView GUI: **totalview srun -a <sargs> <exec>** CLI: **tvcli <exec> <core>** [then 'dwhere' traceback cmd]  
profiling compiler options: -p, -pg profiling tools: gprof, cprof, mpiP memory tools: memP  
hardware performance & others: PAPI (use v5), TAU, valgrind, Open|SpeedShop timing: time

## Architecture

98,304 IBM BlueGene/Q nodes, each with a 16-core 1.6MHz PowerPC A2 64-bit processor  
of Sequoia 1,572,864 total cores with 4 hardware threads & 2-FPUs each; Memory/node:16GB, Total:1.57PB  
(rzuseq has 512 nodes) Peak 20PFlops; Byte order: Big-Endian (high-order byte is lowest address). CNK lightweight kernel  
6,291,456 MPItasks 5D-torus interconnect, Lustre&SLURM. Has 4 login front-end/Power7/24core/4GHz/64GB nodes  
Nodes-16cores w/4threads/core; Supports SIMD, Transactional Memory & Speculative Execution  
LAC login nodes: 24-core 3.7MHz Power7 64-bit processors w/64GB mem (front-end)

## Help/Info

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## Docs

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