

Workflow Management on SubMIT

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SubMIT Machines



SubMIT is a single login computing environment:

- Allows Physics researchers to access heterogeneous high-performance resources
- Access to High Performance Computing (HPD) from department and affiliated labs
- Anybody from the physics department (and friends) invited to work on SubMIT
- Please check out the SubMIT User's Guide for more information
 - **User's Guide:** [Link](#)

Some info about SubMIT:

- O(10) powerful server machines: submitXX.mit.edu
- 100 Gb Network switch
- User storage provided O(100 GB)
- Dedicated ultrafast NVMe storage server (O 10 TB) to be used as cache
- Access to hadoop storage system O(10 PB)
- Multiple GPU servers ordered and being prepared for commissioning soon
- Access to multiple computing clusters for batch submission

Running on SubMIT

Once users can log on to the SubMIT machines and start working directly:

- Set up ssh key through submit-portal [Link](#)
- Load balanced log in:
`ssh <username>@submit.mit.edu`
- Account created automatically on SubMIT machines with space available
 1. 5 GB: /home/submit/<username>
 2. 50 GB: /work/submit/<username>
- Can start working directly in these areas
 1. Code stored in your home directories
 2. Larger files to be stored in work area
- Access to public and public_html areas to share
 1. /home/submit/<username>/public
 2. /home/submit/<username>/public_html [Link](#)
- SubMIT inherently has a lot of functionality (gcc, python, java, etc) [Link](#)
 1. SubMIT is a shared tool so use responsibly [Link](#)
 2. You are in charge of maintaining your user areas

SubMIT has support for many different Environments/Workflows:

- SubMIT inherently has a lot of functionality (gcc, python, java, etc) [Link](#)
- Some Users will need more complex setups
 1. Specific languages (ROOT, Julia, pythia, etc)
 2. Packages that aren't inherent on SubMIT (coffea, RDataFrame, sklearn, etc)
- Several ways to customize your setup [Link](#)
 1. CernVM File System (CVMFS) [Link](#)
 - CVMFS provides a reliable software distribution service
 - Available on Submit at `/cvmfs`
 - CMSSW: `source /cvmfs/cms.cern.ch/cmsset_default.sh`
 2. Conda [Link](#)
 - Conda is an open source package management system
 - Gives users full control of their environment
 - Work with MIT JupyterHub [Link](#)
 - Once set up: `conda activate My_Env`
 3. Containers [Link](#)
 - Docker Containers deliver software packages called containers
 - Many available in the form of singularity images through CVMFS
 - Coffea:

`singularity /cvmfs/unpacked.cern.ch/registry.hub.docker.com/coffeateam/coffea-dask:latest`

- User's should find the workflow that works best for their applications

Users can scale their projects to analyze thousands of files through HTCondor:

- HTCondor is a batch submission program [Link](#)
- Once a user application is created and tested on SubMIT machines we can scale
- Will need a condor.sub file which will execute a set of commands you specify
- Examples are shown here: [Link](#)

```
# Submit description file for test_all program
#-----
Executable           = run
Requirements          = regexp("T2.*", MACHINE)
Universe              = vanilla
initialdir            = /tmp
transfer_input_files  = input
should_transfer_files = YES
WhenToTransferOutput  = ON_EXIT_OR_EVICT
Log                   = test-all.log
```

- This will create a condor job which will execute a script named “run”
- You can customize your job to your liking
 1. Environment
 2. Input files (which files does your executable need in order to run)
 3. Output
 4. Which resources to use