



Using the HPC at UoL

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Typical header of a job script (job.sh)

```
## -cwd
## -V
## -l h_rt=16:00:00
## -l nodes=1,ppn=24
## -m be
## -M user@leeds.ac.uk
## -l node_type=24core-768G    #Use just in case of a massive memory-consuming job

# Then add your job's command line(s) below
program1 -infile xxx.in -option1 -option2 -option3 -outfile xxx.out
program2 -infile xxx.out -option1 -option2 -option3 -outfile yyy.out
```

Common Grid Engine commands

To check your job status

To submit your job script

To delete your job from either
the queue or running process

```
qstat .....list current user's jobs
qstat -u "*" ..... list all users jobs
qstat -g c ..... show available nodes and system load
qsub [options] job.sh .....submit a shell script job.sh to Grid Engine
qsh [options] ..... request queued interactive X-window session
qrsh [options] .....request a queued interactive "rsh" session
qdel job-id .....delete job
```

Commonly used options to qsub and queue configuration

Options can be specified after qsub or embedded in a shell script using "\$#". For a full list of options look at the manual page, `man qsub`. There is a single queue configured, with a maximum runtime of 48 hours.

```
-l h_rt=hh:mm:ss .....requested wall clock time, max is 48 hours. Required
-l h_vmem=memory ..... Sets limit of virtual memory/core. Default is 1G/core
-cwd .....run from current working directory. Recomended
-V ..... export current environment variables including modules. Recomended
-pe ib np ..... MPI parallel job on np cores
-pe smp np ..... MPI or OpenMP parallel job, on np shared memory cores
-m be ..... send mail at beginning and end of job to the owner
-M email_address ..... specify email address for the -m option
```

Node syntax (preferred for MARC1, ARC2 and Polaris)

Can be used instead of `-pe ib np` or `-pe smp np` to request exclusive access to nodes.

```
-l nodes=n ..... Request n full nodes (16 cores and 32GB memory)
-l np=n ..... Request n processes (16 gives 1 node, 32 gives 32 nodes etc.)
```

Alternatively, to specify a different number of cores per node (to give more memory per core) and/or threads per process:

```
-l nodes=<w>[,ppn=<y>][,tpp=<z>]
-l np=<x>[,ppn=<y>][,tpp=<z>]
```

Where:

```
w = number of nodes requested
x = number of processes requested
y = number of processes per node
z = number of threads per process
```

If y and z are omitted, the scheduler sets: y = number of cores in each node and

z = 1 If y is present and z is omitted, the scheduler sets: z = int (num cores / y)

If z is present and y omitted, the scheduler sets: y = int (num cores / z)

Bring your issues on!