Strategic Data Science Initiatives Program

Overview

Reliable, innovative solutions that make it easy for NCI investigators to use high performance computing.

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A new mailbox for NCI Data Vault Services is now available for staff in your DOCs. NCI Data
Vault Services can be leveraged to store, manage, share, and transfer data. This service
provides a one-stop solution for all your data archival needs.

6/11/18

 In collaboration with the Department of Energy National Labs, the CANcer Distributed Learning Environment (CANDLE) is currently available on Biowulf to optimize and train deep neural networks at scale. Please contact George Zaki if you would like to know more information about this technology.

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- Upgrades to the High Performance Computing and Data Management Environment (HPC DME) are underway. These include several updates to the existing environment to improve overall usability and productivity. For more information about using the HPCDME API to archive and annotate your data, contact George Zaki or Zhengwu Lu.
- Join the HPC Special Interest Group! The group meets regularly to discuss needs and
 opportunities for using high-performance and large scale computing to accelerate research
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- Although maximum capacity has been reached for physical attendance, NIH will be virtually hosting the Cancer Deep Learning Workshop on February 21-23 via WebEx. The CANcer Distributed Learning Environment (CANDLE) is designed to use machine-learning algorithms to find patterns in large datasets with the goal of offering insights that may ultimately result in improved cancer treatment. The workshop will provide participants the opportunity to learn more about deep learning, share insights into research, and talk about the future potential of the CANcer Distributed Learning Environment through open-ended discussions and handson activities. Contact Miles Kimbrough or George Zaki to register.
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- The High Performance Computing and Data Management Environment (HPC DME) API v1.6.0 was released January 30, 2018, and includes several API, Web UI, Client Utility improvements and bug fixes to the existing environment. For more information about using the HPCDME API to archive and annotate your data, contact George Zaki or Zhengwu Lu.

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- The HPC Special Interest Group (HPC SIG), a collaborative effort between the NCI Data Science and Information Technology Program (DSITP) and CBIIT, will host a brief tutorial on using containers on Biowulf. The session will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Shady Grove campus in Room 6W032/034. It will cover containers and how to utilize technologies such as Singularity on Biowulf. For more information and registration instructions, contact Miles Kimbrough or George Zaki.
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- The High Performance Computing and Data Management Environment (HPC DME) API has new higher bandwidth transfers between the Biowulf system and Cleversafe object store technology located in Frederick. Using new presigned S3 URL technologies, the multithreaded implementation has demonstrated over 2 Gbps (gigabits per second) transfer speed from end to end for large files. For more information about using the HPCDME API to archive and annotate your data, contact George Zaki or Zhengwu Lu.

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 - We are looking for information from you on how you are using or would like to use large scale computing for cancer research.
 - Information and support may be facilitated through a general needs assessment questionnaire found HERE, by submitting a ticket HERE, or by contacting Eric Stahlberg or Miles Kimbrough.
- Computational Approaches for Cancer Workshop in November This workshop is a
 part of the annual Supercomputing Conference which brings together world leaders in
 IT, storage, computing, networking and analytics used in scientific computing applications
 including cancer. This year's program will include a special session on Machine Learning
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 - The workshop will be held Friday, November 17, in Denver, CO.
 - Follow the link HERE for more information or reach out to Eric Stahlberg for more details.
- HPC Data Management Support The HPC data management environment (DME) provides a number of application programming interfaces (APIs) to support common scientific data/metadata management functions across the NCI. HPC DME archive storage can be a permanent storage solution for user data, and can be used as a platform to search, manage and transfer data onto other storage systems.
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- A second user group meeting was held on 7/25 to discuss available HPC resources to the NCI along with upcoming training and education opportunities.
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- Resources and information on upcoming events may be found HERE.
- Please contact Eric Stahlberg or Miles Kimbrough to discuss further.

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- HPC Best Practices Webinar Series The IDEAS Productivity project, in partnership with several DOE Computing Facilities and the DOE Exascale Computing Project (ECP) is resuming the webinar series on Best Practices for HPC Software Developers, which began last year.
 - Webinars will be held monthly on topics in scientific software development and highperformance computing
 - Participation is free and open to the public, but registration will be required for each event
 - Register now for the next webinar: Python in HPC, occurring Wednesday, June 7, from 1-2 PM
 - O Please contact Miles Kimbrough for more information

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- Globus user-focused Webinar Globus, a cloud-authenticated data management and transfer platform, will be hosting a user-focused webinar on Tuesday, May 16th, to benefit those interested in exchanging datasets across a variety of data sources. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of Globus, steps to start using the service, and common use cases surrounding data sharing and transfer.
 - O Please contact Miles Kimbrough for more information
- CANDLE Deep Learning Workshop @ NIH The first CANDLE Workshop at NIH, held April 18-19, 2017, proved to be a tremendous success in weaving the cancer research community into the emerging computational architecture being developed through CANDLE
 - A summary report of the workshop is now available, and updates will also be provided at the May 17th CBIIT Sync
 - Please contact Eric Stahlberg, George Zaki or Miles Kimbrough to discuss further
- Computational Approaches for Cancer Workshop in November The proposal for the Third Workshop on Computational Approaches for Cancer at the annual SC SuperComputing conference in November has been accepted. This conference brings together world leaders in IT, storage, computing, networking and analytics used in scientific computing applications including cancer.
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- High Performance Computing User Group & Office Hours The HPC Program is
 developing a user group with the objective of serving those requiring HPC assistance, and
 expanding the HPC community within the NCI intramural community. The program will be
 implementing office hours in Frederick on a recurring basis, to serve as points of interaction
 among the developing HPC community and to aid those with HPC-specific needs or
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 architecture, participating DOE labs are focused on accelerating methods to identify
 promising new treatments; deepening understanding of cancer biology; and understanding
 the impact of new diagnostics, treatments and patient factors in cancer outcomes.
 - There will be a workshop on April 18-19 at the NIH which will provide an
 opportunity to learn more about deep learning, share insights into research, and
 explore the potential through open-ended discussions and hands-on activities.
 - Register here for the workshop otherwise please contact Eric Stahlberg(link sends e-mail) or Miles Kimbrough(link sends e-mail) with questions or to discuss further
- Globus user-focused Webinar Globus, a cloud-authenticated data management and transfer platform, will be hosting a user-focused webinar on Tuesday, May 9th, to benefit those interested in exchanging datasets across a variety of sources. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of Globus, steps to start using the service, and common use cases along the following topics:
 - O When, where, and why to use Globus?
 - NIH account specs distinction from Globus Plus
 - What do system administrators need to set up managed endpoints?
 - · Which endpoints are already set up?
 - · How to set up Globus on your own desktop
 - How to transfer and share data
 - If sharing with collaborator, what info does collaborator need? What do you need to give to collaborator?
 - O New Globus command line interface, allowing users to script their transfers
 - Encryption, verification, and expected data transfer speeds as compared to other resources (e.g. FTP)
- CBIIT TechScouts CBIIT TechScouts currently serves the CBIIT community as a forum
 for promoting continuous improvement through the cross-fertilization of ideas, experiences
 and recommendations. In order to promote broader community engagement and increase
 awareness of this forum, brief information sessions will be scheduled within regular branch
 meetings to capture and incorporate feedback into the overall TechScouts engagement
 strategy.
 - Stay tuned for more information and scheduling details. Please contact Miles Kimbrough(link sends e-mail) to discuss further.

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- Globus user-focused Webinar Globus, a cloud-authenticated data management and transfer platform, will be hosting a user-focused webinar in mid-April to benefit those interested in exchanging datasets across a variety of sources. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of Globus, steps to start using the service, and common use cases along the following topics:
 - When, where, and why to use Globus?
 - NIH account specs distinction from Globus Plus
 - What do system administrators need to set up managed endpoints?
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- HPC Data Management Environment 1.0.0 Release The HPC data management
 environment (DME) provides a number of application programming interfaces (APIs) to
 support common scientific data/metadata management functions across the NCI. Currently
 in initial release, HPC DME archive storage can be a permanent storage solution for user
 data, and can be used as a platform to search, manage and transfer data onto other storage
 systems. Common use scenarios may be characterized as follows:
 - Register a collection (PI Lab, Project, Run, Sample or dataset)
 - Register a single data file/object into storage archive synchronously/asynchronously
 - Perform an update on a metadata attribute
 - Subscribe to a known event
 - Generate a report
 - Update/assign permission
 - Perform simple search functions
 - o Download a data file/object to Globus share or local directory
- To obtain an HPC DME account, please contact the DME team at HPC_DME_Admin@nih. gov. Additional details on the release can be found at https://wiki.nci.nih.gov/display/HPC /HPCS-0006
- For any other questions, please contact either Miles Kimbrough (miles.kimbrough@nih.gov) or Eric Stahlberg (eric.stahlberg@nih.gov)
- 2017 Globus Hackathon Globus, a cloud-based data management and transfer platform, hosted a Hackathon in January at the NIH main campus to benefit those interested in exchanging datasets across a variety of sources. The event provided hands-on training, sample code writing, and breakout sessions to the more than 40 attendees. As the event was very well-received, and due to increasing demand, scheduling efforts are now underway for an NIH-wide user-focused webinar to provide a high-level overview of Globus and steps to start using the service. More details are forthcoming in the meantime please contact Miles Kimbrough (miles.kimbrough@nih.gov) to discuss further.

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- 2017 Globus Hackathon Globus, a cloud-based data management and transfer platform, will be hosting a Hackathon at the NIH on January 24-25. This event will benefit those interested in exchanging datasets across a variety of sources and will be separated into two training sessions based on prior technical experience a high-level overview for researchers and system administrators, and a developer-focused session. The Hackathon is free to NIH employees and will include hands-on training, sample code writing, and breakout sessions to promote cross-collaboration. Register here and review the agenda here.
- CBIIT TechScouts CBIIT TechScouts currently serves the CBIIT community as an ideasharing platform which allows members to share new tools, technologies, and methodologies relevant to added workplace efficiency. In order to promote broader community engagement and increase awareness of this platform, the TechScouts will be undergoing some exciting new developments throughout 2017. More updates will follow soon in the meantime, please contact Miles Kimbrough (miles.kimbrough@nih.gov) to discuss further.

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 SuperComputing 2016 - As a follow-up to the 2016 International Conference for High Performance Computing, a blog has been made available on the NCIP Hub which summarizes NCI's involvement in the conference and sheds light on the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. The blog can be found at https://ncip.nci.nih.gov/blog/precisionmedicine-inspires-hpc/.

12/8/16

- Frontiers of Predictive Oncology and Computing Meeting (FPOC)— With over 100 attendees from across the Department of Energy, the National Cancer Institute, academia, industry and other government agencies, the FPOC meeting (hosted by Intel July 12-14, 2016) provided an opportunity to gain insight into challenges and opportunities for the future. The white paper summarizing the meeting is now available through Intel's website and can be found at http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/government/predictive-oncology-and-computing.html.
- SuperComputing 2016 The 2016 International Conference for High Performance
 Computing welcomed NCI CIO, Dr. Warren Kibbe and other representatives from CBIIT in
 Salt Lake City, UT, November 12-18, for a series of presentations and workshop
 sessions. These included a Computational Approaches for Cancer workshop, a Plenary
 Session with Dr. Kibbe serving as a panelist, and a Birds-of-a-Feather session. Electronic
 copies of these presentations will be circulated over the next month more information on
 the conference can be found at http://sc16.supercomputing.org/.
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- Communications about HPC in NCI To reflect current and emerging efforts of the NCI's
 collaboration with the DOE, a landing page has been created at http://hpc.cancer.gov which
 will provide an anchor point for new developments and resources related to the collaboration.
- HPC Education and Training As a part of ongoing outreach efforts, The HPC Program
 will be coordinating a PI-level presentation with the CCR in early January. Primary
 presentation will include application domains, NCI DOE collaborative updates, and Big Data
 management, among others. For more information, please contact Eric Stahlberg (eric.
 stahlberg@nih.gov) or George Zaki (george.zaki@nih.gov).

10/3/16

- High Performance Computing (HPC) Education & Training The HPC Program will be sponsoring a Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) Training Workshop on Tuesday, October 25th, in collaboration with CIT. The workshop will cover the fundamentals of GPU architecture and programming through hands-on exercises. Please contact either George Zaki (George. zaki@nih.gov) or Miles Kimbrough (miles.kimbrough@nih.gov) for more information.
- 2017 Globus Hackathon Globus, a cloud-based data management and exchange
 platform, will be hosting a Hackathon at the NCI in late January. The Hackathon will include
 hands-on training, sample code writing, and breakout sessions to promote crosscollaboration. Stay tuned for further information and registration details.
- HPC and Data Management Support For assistance with Globus, GPUs, and other high-performance computing or data management needs, visit NCI at Your Service (service. cancer.gov) and simply submit a request for support using the 'High Performance Computing / Data Management' request button. Or, simply email George Zaki (george.zaki@nih.gov) or Miles Kimbrough (miles.kimbrough@nih.gov) to get started.

9/6/16

- Archive Data Management A new archive data service for large data is now available for
 evaluation. The new service provides application interfaces to readily access backend
 storage technologies such as the new Cleversafe storage moved into production last
 month. Individuals and groups interested in learning more about how this resource may
 benefit current initiatives may reach out and contact Eric Stahlberg, Miles Kimbrough or Geor
 ge Zaki.
- Education and Training Learn more about how high-performance computing (HPC) can
 be used to accelerate cancer research and clinical applications. Individuals and groups
 interested in learning more about HPC, either in general or with specific technologies and
 scientific challenges in mind may reach out and contact Eric Stahlberg, Miles Kimbrough or
 George Zaki.
- The upcoming Computational Approaches for Cancer workshop scheduled for November 13, 2016 as part of the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis has extended a call for extended abstracts until September 15, 2016. More information can be obtained at the link http://www.scworkshops.net/cancer2016/.

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 meeting is to be developed.
- New Data Services with Cleversafe The Cleversafe storage system officially was moved into a production operational status at the beginning of August. Led by the IT Operations Group at Frederick National Laboratory and working with many stakeholders including CCR, CBIIT and NIH CIT, the new system is used within industry and in key efforts such as the Genomic Data Commons to provide a high level of data assurance for archive and stable data. Stay tuned for further information on opportunities to learn more how this new resource may benefit your scientific and operational needs.
- Education and Training Plans are underway to develop educational opportunities to learn
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Blog Posts

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 Blog: CBIIT Guest Seminar: Streamlined Transfer and Sharing of Large-scale Sensitive Data to Advance Cancer Research created by

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Sep 20, 2016

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 Blog: Explore Refactoring and Accelerating a Molecular Dynamics Application on GPUs created by

Unknown User (kimbroughmg)

Aug 05, 2016

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 Blog: High Performance Computing in Biomedical and Life Science Applications created by Unknown User (kimbroughmg)

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 Blog: From MATS to MATS-NIH: 4X speedup with 4 lines of code created by Unknown User (kimbroughmg)

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