COMP 605: Introduction to Parallel Computing
Homework 1: Using the Student Cluster/Unix Ops.

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Homework #1 Overview

- Due: 02/05/15
- This homework involves demonstrating that you can log onto the student cluster. Tasks:
  - obtain a user account and logon
  - create the correct homework directory structure
  - perform simple unix operations to get you familiar with the system
  - install the pacheco demo codes into your directories
  - compile, run, test, time a histogram program
Homework #1a: Accessing the student cluster

**Description:** obtain a user account and logon using ssh

- Once you are confirmed in the class, we will create an account using your last name (or using first name initials + last name in the case of duplicate last names).
- This will usually be done after the second day of class.
- **What to turn in:** some image or evidence that you logged on: such as a listing of your directory on tuckoo
Homework #1: Getting cluster information:

- `[gidget:~] mthomas% nslookup tuckoo.sdsu.edu
  Server: 10.0.1.1
  Address: 10.0.1.1#53
  Non-authoritative answer:
  Name: tuckoo.sdsu.edu
  Address: 130.191.127.136

- The cluster is on the internal SDSU campus network with no external login allowed. You can access the cluster from any on campus machine, including the ROHAN Academic Computing system, rohan.sdsu.edu.

- You create the account using your WebPortal account. See:
  - Home Page: http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/
  - Create Rohan Account:
    http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/raccts.shtml
Remote SSH login

- Launch SSH terminal on your computer
- SSH onto rohan:
  \[
  \%ssh\text{rohan}\text{UserName}@\text{rohan.sdsu.edu}
  \]
- SSH onto tuckoo:
  \[
  \%ssh\text{tuckoo}\text{UserName}@\text{tuckoo.sdsu.edu}
  \]
- locate the class homework source code directory:
  \[
  /\text{COMP605}
  \]
Homework #1b: Homework directories

Once you have account information, you will create a homework directory where I will look for all assignment material. You are free to create other directories for development and testing (e.g. dev), but these directories must only contain specific material for the assignment.

- log onto student cluster: tuckoo.sdsu.edu (130.191.127.136)
- create a homework directory call hw
- create a sub directory called hw1
- use unix command \texttt{chmod} to set the directory accesses so only you and the instructor can read/access the codes

What to turn in: evidence that you completed this: an image, listing, etc.
Homework #1c: Test these Unix operations:

- `cat /etc/motd`
  
  Note 1: try these from your home directory
- `whoami`, `date`, `uname -a`
- `cd ~`, `pwd`
- `ls`, optional arguments `[-al, -R]`
- `mkdir`
- `chmod`, test arguments such as `[-R]`

Create, compile and run a serial "Hello USER" program in C or Fortran
(where USER is your username).

Compiler commands: use the specialized parallel library compiler commands

- C code: `mpicc -o myprogram myprogram.c`
- C code: `mpif90 -o myprogram myprogram.f90`
- where is the command installed?
  
  `%locate mpicc`

What to turn in: evidence that you completed this:
images, text file which contains the output captured, session output.
Homework #1d: Install the Pacheco demo codes

Description:

- tar files are located in /COMP605/pacheco_examples
- you may want to read the Unix man pages or Web pages to learn about the commands for `tar` and `gzip`
- you will want to locate the histogram code in the IPP codebase (ch2)
- What to turn in: evidence that you completed this: directory listing.
run the code for different variables:

usage: ./histogram

< bin_count > < min_meas > < max_meas > < data_count >

use the following test cases (8 combinations):

- $bin\_count = [5, 20]$
- $min\_meas = 1$
- $max\_meas = [500, 3000]$
- $data\_count = [50, 500]$

What to turn in: evidence that you completed this:

screen image, or text copy of output.
Homework #1e: Running the histogram program

```bash
[mthomas@tuckoo pacheco]$ cd intro-par-pgming-pacheco/
[mthomas@tuckoo intro-par-pgming-pacheco]$ ls
total 876
drwx------ 3 mthomas mthomas 4096 Mar 1 16:19 .
drwx------ 4 mthomas mthomas 4096 Mar 4 11:22 ..
drwx------ 8 mthomas mthomas 4096 Feb 14 2014 ipp-source
-rwx------ 1 mthomas mthomas 880640 Oct 16 2012 ipp-source.tar
[mthomas@tuckoo intro-par-pgming-pacheco]$ cd ipp-source
[mthomas@tuckoo ipp-source]$ ls
total 52
drwx------ 8 mthomas mthomas 4096 Feb 14 2014 .
drwx------ 3 mthomas mthomas 4096 Mar 1 16:19 ..
drwx------ 2 mthomas mthomas 4096 Jan 19 2011 ch2
drwx------ 2 mthomas mthomas 4096 Apr 27 13:57 ch3
drwx------ 2 mthomas mthomas 4096 Apr 23 13:48 ch4
drwx------ 3 mthomas mthomas 4096 Nov 1 2012 ch5
drwx------ 2 mthomas mthomas 4096 Jan 15 2012 ch6
-rwx------ 1 mthomas mthomas 14515 May 26 2011 INDEX
drwx------ 7 mthomas mthomas 4096 Feb 14 2014 ipp-source
-rwx------ 1 mthomas mthomas 1694 Jan 7 2011 README
[mthomas@tuckoo ipp-source]$ cd ch2
[mthomas@tuckoo ch2]$ ls
total 28
drwx------ 2 mthomas mthomas 4096 Jan 19 2011 .
drwx------ 8 mthomas mthomas 4096 Feb 14 2014 ..
-rwx------ 1 mthomas mthomas 8638 Jan 19 2011 histogram.c
[mthomas@tuckoo ch2]$ mpicc -o histogram histogram.c
[mthomas@tuckoo ch2]$ ./histogram 10 1 1500 190
1.000-150.900: XXXXXX
150.900-300.800: XXXXXX
300.800-450.700: XXXXXX
450.700-600.600: XXXXXX
600.600-750.500: XXXXXX
750.500-900.400: XXXXXX
900.400-1050.300: XXXXXX
1050.300-1200.200: XXXXXX
1200.200-1350.100: XXXXXX
1350.100-1500.000: XXXXXX
```

Homework #1f: Timing the Histogram code

- Time how long the code takes to run as a function of Problem Size:
  \[ \text{ProbSize} = \text{data\_count} \]
  \[ \text{Wallclock Time: } T_{wall} \]

- use the following test cases:
  - bin\_count = 10
  - min\_meas = 1
  - max\_meas = 50000
  - Vary data\_count = 10^n, where n = 0, 1, 2, N_{max}
  - What is N_{max}? Explain the limit.

- Modify how the code prints out the results: you don’t need to “plot” the histogram

- You only need to printout the bins, ranges, and the count (not all the X’s).

- Plot your test results using excel, Matlab, by hand: T_{wall} vs ProbSize
Suggestions for timing:

- Use C/Fortran internal timer
- You can find example timer code in `/COMP605/tools/code_timer.c`
- Avoid using the unix `date` function, it is not very sensitive
Homework #1f: Timing - What to turn in

A table of your test data and a plot of the results. Include labels.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ProbSize</th>
<th>$T_{wall}$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>0.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>0.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10000</td>
<td>0.9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
What to turn in

Homework

- Put homework into a directory:
  
  HOME/<your_username>/hw/hw1

- include the source code(s), compiled binaries

- see sections above for what to include

- Write a simple report (this can be TEXT, Word, PDF Doc).

- See each section for what to turn in.

- Turn in hard copy (condensed/minimal number of pages) at start of class.

Once the submission timeline has closed

DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE TIMESTAMPS!
HW directory listing example