

Using htop to Monitor Jobs

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We encourage users to monitor their jobs running on HPCC, especially on our development nodes. This will help prevent over-utilization.

htop is a tool for interactive and real time process monitoring. Compared with top, it provides better visualization and more functionalities. Two features of htop are:

1. You can scroll vertically and horizontally using arrows, PageUp, PageDown, Home and End on your keyboard. Therefore, you can see all the processes running on the system, along with their full commands.
2. You can kill your processes without entering PIDs.

htop 2.0.2 has been installed on HPCC; to use it, run:

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module load powertools
```

We recommend that you put this command line in your `~/.bashrc` file to save you typing the next time you log in.

After typing htop, the following screen will pop up:

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 1 [|||||] 8.6% 8 [|||||100.0%] 15 [|||||] 42.9% 22 [ 0.0%]
 2 [|||||] 4.5% 9 [|||||100.0%] 16 [|||||] 100.0% 23 [ 0.0%]
 3 [|||||] 5.3% 10 [ 0.0%] 17 [|||||] 30.4% 24 [ 0.0%]
 4 [|||||] 14.7% 11 [|||||] 12.2% 18 [||] 1.6% 25 [ 0.0%]
 5 [|||||] 10.2% 12 [ 0.0%] 19 [|||||] 31.2% 26 [ 0.0%]
 6 [|||||] 32.1% 13 [ 0.0%] 20 [||] 0.4% 27 [ 0.0%]
 7 [||] 2.0% 14 [||||] 4.4% 21 [ 0.0%] 28 [|||||100.0%]
Mem[|||||] 56.6G/126G Tasks: 548, 884 thr; 8 running
Swp[ 0K/0K] Load average: 9.93 8.56 8.68
Uptime: 34 days, 02:49:48

PID USER      PRI  NI  VIRT   RES   SHR  S  CPU% MEM%  TIME+  Command
26083          20    0  665M  208M  21100 R 100.  0.2  2:46.00 ./psolv.x
26084          20    0  1236M  780M  21468 R 100.  0.6  2:46.05 ./psolv.x
26085          20    0  1124M  668M  21540 R 100.  0.5  2:46.16 ./psolv.x
26086          20    0  699M  241M  21016 R 100.  0.2  2:46.07 ./psolv.x
5732          20    0  6348   792   392 R 99.6  0.0  1:27.70 gzip
25206          20    0  212M  40812  4704 D 1.2  0.0  0:00.64 /mnt/research/quantgen/tools/R/3.2.4-revised/lib64/R/bin/execR
25209          39   19  117M  5136   836 D 12.2  0.0  13:12.83 cp -r /mnt/research/andrechek_lab/alisonchip/ .
23064          39   19  2110M 1731M  4884 S 4.1  1.3  2:31.79 python /mnt/home/dunan/Job/2016/201605_align_noisy_long-reads/20170828_Ecoli_test/BloomGroupHit/GroupHit
5730          20    0  113M  1124   924 S 4.5  0.0  0:04.12 tar -czf sn124sn112_043e35b7.75x-1.tgz sn124sn112_043e35b7.75x-1
26954          20    0  112M  4004  1276 R 2.0  0.0  0:00.31 htop
23683          20    0  146M  12492  3808 D 0.0  0.0  0:00.39 /opt/software/ClusterStudio/2016.3/bin/ifort -lgomp -o flash4 Burn.o Burn_computeAbarZbar.o Burn_computeE
4534          20    0  508M  208M  1284 S 0.4  0.2  6h06:41 /usr/sbin/gmond
4489          20    0  508M  208M  1284 S 0.8  0.2  9h34:36 /usr/sbin/gmond
5888          39   19  2402M 123M  328 S 0.0  0.1  10:30.99 /opt/software/MATLAB/R2014a/bin/glnxa64/MATLAB -dmlworker -nodisplay -r distcomp_evaluate_filetask
22248          20    0  850M  2196  1144 S 0.4  0.0  0:16.84 /usr/sbin/nscd
1          20    0  25556  668  328 S 0.0  0.0  1:01.69 /sbin/init
524          20    0  116M  4792  3700 S 0.0  0.0  0:00.00 sshd: oshoa [priv]
528          20    0  116M  2008   896 S 0.0  0.0  0:00.03 sshd: oshoa@pts/158
529          20    0  105M  2116  1560 S 0.0  0.0  0:00.02 -bash
595          20    0  109M  328   4 S 0.0  0.0  0:00.00 /bin/csh -f /opt/software/Gaussian/g09/gv/gview
599          20    0  382M  98M  2596 S 0.0  0.1  0:05.13 /opt/software/Gaussian/g09/gv/gview.exe
600          20    0  382M  98M  2596 S 0.0  0.1  0:05.20 /opt/software/Gaussian/g09/gv/gview.exe

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At the top, there are 28 progress bars showing CPU load for the 28 cores on our dev-intel16. Below CPU usage, you will see the memory and swap progress bars. Next to them, there are three numbers listed for “**load average**”, representing the average load over the last one minute, the last five minutes, and the last fifteen minutes. For node dev-intel16 for example, anything under 28 is fine. Otherwise, over-utilization occurs.

Notes:

> Type q to quit.

> To show processes of a given user: `htop -u USERID`

> To kill a process, select/highlight the corresponding line, and press k. Confirm “15 SIGTERM” as the signal to send by pressing Enter.

> To kill multiple processes, first use Space key to tag them (you should see color change after tagging a process). Then apply kill (k) to the tagged ones. Type U to untag all tags.

> Finally, pressing ? will lead you to a very informative help page where you can learn more tips of htop.