TWiki and Condor: Two Underused Astro. Dept. Computer Resources

Hydro Group Lunch

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Topics

- TWIKI
- Condor

TWIKI

- Web pages with user modifiable content
- Like Wikipedia
- Twiki is a fairly common version

Secure?

- Only registered users can edit
- Anyone can register, not tied to astro account
- restrict addresses
  - *.astro.umd.edu
  - *.umd.edu
  - gsfc.nasa.gov ?
  - more?

- Consolidate computer (and other) knowledge and info
- Does not depend on initial author to update it
- Info on Athena?
- Info on deepthought?

Editing

- Version controlled, so don't worry about editing things
- WikiWords

ADDRESS

`http://www.astro.umd.edu/cgi-bin/twiki/`
`view/AstroUMD/`

Condor

- Batch processing system
- Used on borg
- But not just for clusters
- Use spare cycles from astronomy dept. desktops

Who?

- First set up by Kayhan, Kevin, and Zoë
- Then some work by Graeme
- A little more by Kevin and I
- Will need new maintainer soon.
- Maybe someone here?

Your Machine too?

- If you haven't already, please let us add your machine to the pool.
- Should be no impact at all on your work.

Current Pool

- 51 CPUs
- Mostly x86 Linux
- A few x64 Linux
- But things work fine on both
- $\sim$ 34 GFlops
- Borg is 60 GFlops
- Deepthought is a whole lot more

What is it good for?

- Serial jobs only
- NO MPI
- Fairly short things
- Although at night it may get several uninterrupted hours
- Analysis
- Nothing with crazy disk usage (runs on other machines, but writes to your directories)

How to do it

- astroload condor
- condor_status
- condor_q
- condor_submit
- condor_rm

Twiki page

http://www.astro.umd.edu/cgi-bin/twiki/
view/AstroUMD/UsingCondor

simple submit script

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Executable = wrap_zeus
Arguments =
Universe = vanilla
Log = condor.log
Output = zeus3d.out
Notification = Complete
notify_user = vernaleo@astro.umd.edu
Requirements = ((Arch == "INTEL") || (Arch ==
"x86_64"))
Queue
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- Can do much more complicated things
- See TWiki or man pages
- Checkpointing
- wrapper scripts
- condor_compile
- multiple submissions

Please try both if you can.