

Introducing Open OnDemand to Supercomputer Fugaku

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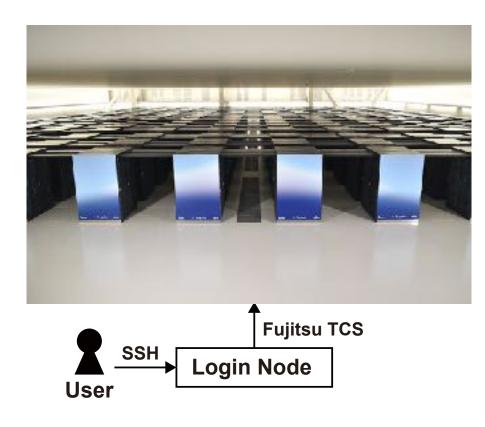
Supercomputer Fugaku

- We have been operating the supercomputer Fugaku, a Japanese flagship supercomputer, since 2021
- Located in RIKEN Center for Computational Science in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan
- About 160,000 compute nodes
- Graph500 and HPCG: 1st, Top500: 2nd, HPL-AI: 3rd (Jun. 2023)



Conventional usage of HPC clusters

- The conventional method of using Fugaku and other HPC clusters is to enter the login node via SSH and submit a job through its job scheduler
- There is a lot of prerequisite knowledge for using HPC clusters, so the learning cost is high for beginners
 - Generate SSH key pair and register public key
 - Command line interface (bash, zsh, tcsh)
 - Job scheduler (Fujitsu TCS in Fugaku)
- Users want to run GUI applications (Remote Desktop, JupyterLab) on compute nodes, but this procedure is complicated
 - Requires VNC client and SSH tunneling settings





Open OnDemand

https://openondemand.org

- Web portal for HPC clusters
- Developed mainly by Ohio State University
 - Open source software
 - Used by over 250 institutions worldwide
- Operate HPC clusters from user's web browser
 - No other software installation required
 - File upload/download, job submission and monitoring, shell access with CLI
 - GUI applications on compute nodes can be launched easily

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Objectives

- We present how to introduce Open OnDemand to Fugaku
 - Display of useful information for users on the dashboard
 - Support for Fujitsu TCS, Fugaku job scheduler
 - Install about 50 applications
 - Develop applications to connect with external storages
- The configuration files can be downloaded from https://github.com/RIKEN-RCCS/ondemand_fugaku







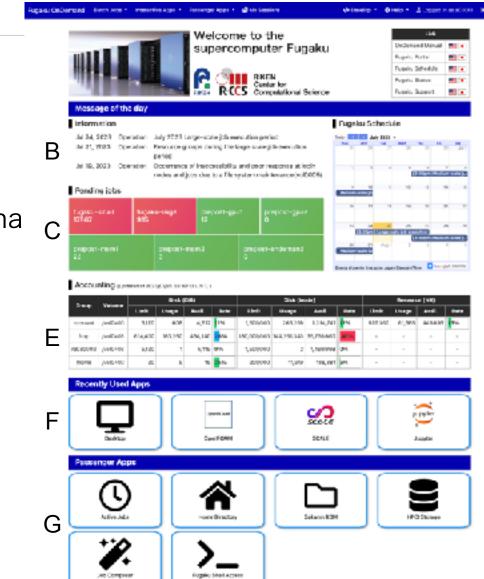




Dashboard of Fugaku OnDemand

We modified the default template

- A. External links (Fugaku manual, etc.)
- B. Failure information, operation information, etc.
- C. Number of waiting jobs in each queue using Grafana
- D. Operational calendar using Google Calendar
- E. User disk and budget utilization
- F. Recently used apps on compute nodes
 - Other apps are selected from a navigation bar
- G. Utilities on Open OnDemand web server
 - File upload, job monitoring, etc.



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Support for Fujitsu TCS

- Open OnDemand supports various job schedulers
 - Slurm, Torque, PBS, and so on
 - Fujitsu TCS did not be supported
- Open OnDemand provides an adapter interface to support new job schedulers

submit Submit a job
delete Delete a job
status Get status of a job
hold Hold a job
release Release a held job
info Get information for a job
info_all Get information for all jobs
cluster_info Get system information for an HPC cluster
supports_job_arrays Bulk job support availability

We developed an adapter for Fujitsu TCS by implementing these methods in Ruby language (about 400 lines).

This addition has been merged into the Open OnDemand GitHub repository, so Open OnDemand is available for all HPC clusters using Fujitsu TCS.



Application Type

- Interactive Application
 - Run on compute nodes
 - Remote Desktop, JupyterLab
 - Batch Jobs (no-interactive): Real applications, user-developed applications
- Passenger Application (Utility)
 - Run on Open OnDemand web server
 - Upload a file, monitor a job

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Remote Desktop runs on calculation node, and you can access it in your web browser

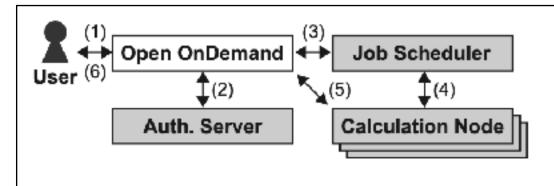
Input parameters (Elapsed time, Number of processes, and so on)

Operation Flow of Interactive Application

- 1. Log in to the Open OnDemand server using user's web browser
- 2. User authentication for login
- 3. When issuing an execution command,

the job is submitted to the calculation node

4. Wait until job is executed



Auth. server, job scheduler, and calculation nodes are services provided by HPC cluster

- 5. When a job runs, information of the calculation node is sent to the Open OnDemand and a reverse proxy is set
- 6. Connect to the calculation node inside the HPC cluster from user's web browser using the reverse proxy URL

Interactive Applications

Interactive Application

Category	Application
Development	Remote Desktop, JupyterLab, MATLAB, RStudio, VSCode
Profiler	NVIDIA Visual Profiler, NVIDIA Nsight Compute*, NVIDIA Nsight Systems, Vampir
Viewer	AVS/Express, C-Tools, GaussView, ImageJ, OVITO, Paraview, PyMOL, SALMON view, Smokeview, VESTA, VMD, VisIt, XCrySDen
Workflow	WHEEL

Batch Job (Not operated interactively)

Category	Application
Climate	SCALE
Computer Aided Engineering	FDS, FrontFlow (blue/X), FrontISTR, OpenFOAM (Foundation/OpenCFD)
Condensed Matter Physics	ALAMODE, AkaiKKR, HΦ, mVMC, OpenMX, PHASE/0, Quantum Espresso, SALMON
Molecular Dynamics	GENESIS, GROMACS, LAMMPS, MODYLAS
Quantum Chemistry	ABINIT-MP, Gaussian, NTChem, SMASH
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Passenger Applications pre-installed in Open OnDemand

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Shell

Home Directory : Files can be uploaded, downloaded, and edited. By combining with rclone, it is also possible to share with external storage such as Amazon S3.

Active Jobs : Monitor jobs

Job Composer : Submit jobs

Shell : Terminal based on Web

You can also develop new applications by using frameworks of Open OnDemand

Job Composer

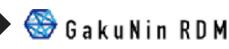
Transferring data to external storage

- Applications on Open OnDemand for HPCI Shared Storage and GakuNin RDM
 - HPCI Shared Storage is a large-scale data sharing infrastructure for high-speed of research data among Japanese research organizations
 - GakuNin RDM is a research data management service for sharing research data with collaborators
- Users can share data between Open OnDemand and these storages in your web browser by a high-speed network called SINET6



HPCI Shared Storage

Open OnDemand on Fugaku



The rclone does not support these storages.

Transferring data to external storage

- Developed using the framework provided by Open OnDemand
- https://osc.github.io/ood-documentation/latest/tutorials/tutorials-passenger-apps.html

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- After inputing the required information, mount on each storage
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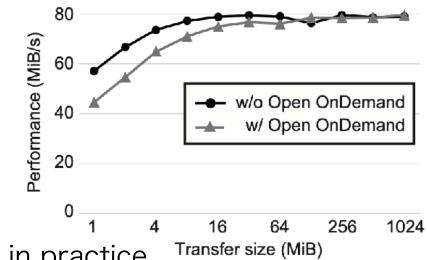
Transferring data to external storage

- Evaluate transfer speed
 - To examine the overhead of Open OnDemand, compare data transfer speeds with and without Open OnDemand
 - Transfer data from Open OnDemand web server to HPCI shared storage
 - Open OnDemand web server and HPCI shared storage are in the same building
 - Open OnDemand web server CPU: Xeon Gold 6338 x2,

Memory: 256GB, network: 100Gbps

Result

- Up to 28% faster without Open OnDemand
- As the data size increases, the performance
 difference decreases. There is no difference in
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 performance above 64MiB, so there is no problem in practice



Summary

- To improve user convenience, we install Open OnDemand on Fugaku
- We have made various modifications of Open OnDemand
 - Support for Fujitsu TCS, Fugaku job scheduler
 - Display of useful information for users on the dashboard
 - Install about 50 applications
 - Development of data transfer applications for external storages