How to use the Julia programming language on the HPC Prince cluster

How to start using Julia on NYU HPC clusters:

- **Step 1:** Login to prince

  From your terminal on your desktop/laptop, run:

  ```
  ssh <your net id>@prince.hpc.nyu.edu
  ```

  Output:

  ```
  Last login: Wed Aug 21 12:00:16 on ttys001
  [10-17-42-57:]~$ TED$ ssh @prince.hpc.nyu.edu
  [ ~@prince.hpc.nyu.edu's password:
  ```

  For more extensive instructions on how to login on the HPC Prince cluster, read the following wiki page.

- **Step 2:** Check for julia modules

  Once you are logged on the Prince cluster, find out what versions of Julia are installed, by get a listed of all Julia software modules that are installed.

  ```
  log-1 ~]$ module spider julia
  ```

  Output:
For more extensive instructions on the usage of module commands, read the following wiki page.

- **Step 3:** Load the version of Julia that you want to use

Select the version of Julia you would like to use. Usually the latest version (in our case 1.1.0) is the one most users pick:

```bash
log-1 ~]$ module load julia/1.1.0
```

- **Step 4-1:** Run Julia in julia terminal

```bash
log-1 ~]$ julia
```

**output:**

```bash
julia> |
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|                | |                |
|                | |                |  Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org
|                | |                |  Type "?" for help, "?" for Pkg help.
|                | |                |  Version 1.1.0 (2019-01-21)
|                | |                |  Official https://julialang.org/ release
|                | |                |
```

you can exit julia terminal by running the following code:
julia> exit()

- **step 4-2: use julia command to run code**

  ```
  # copy julia sample code to current directory
  log-1 ~]$ cp /share/apps/examples/julia/test.jl .
  # run julia code
  log-1 ~]$ julia ./test.jl
  ```

- **sample_code.jl**

  ```
  log-1 ~]$ cat /share/apps/examples/julia/test.jl
  
  n = 10000
  a = SharedArray(Float64, n, n);
  @sync @parallel for j in 1:size(a,2)
      for i in 1:size(a,1)
          a[i,j] = min(i,j)
      end
  end
  b = SharedArray(Float64, n);
  @sync @parallel for i in 1:n;
      b[i] = sum(a[i, :])
  end
  for i in 1:2000:n;
      @printf "%d %f\n" i b[i]
  end
  ```

- **step 4-3 using julia with slurm**

  ```
  # copy julia sample code from example folder to current directory
  log-1 ~]$ cp /share/apps/examples/julia/ ./
  ```

- **copying batch files from shared folders**

  ```
  # copy julia sample code from example folder to current directory
  log-1 ~]$ cp /share/apps/examples/julia/ ./
  ```
For more extensive instructions on using Slurm, read the following wiki page.

**Additional Helpful Resources:**

New to Julia? Here’s a full-scale tutorial for you on Julia’s official website:

https://docs.julialang.org/en/v1/manual/getting-started/

Here are some great online training resources for you to jump start your projects (including YouTube videos and books):

https://julialang.org/learning/

PS: For some of the tutorials, Jupyter notebook is required. Jupyter notebook is installed on the clusters and you can read more about them here.

Not what you were looking for? Contact hpc@nyu.edu for more information on Julia and other information.