



Genetic data and analysis on a cluster

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I. Data

1. Format

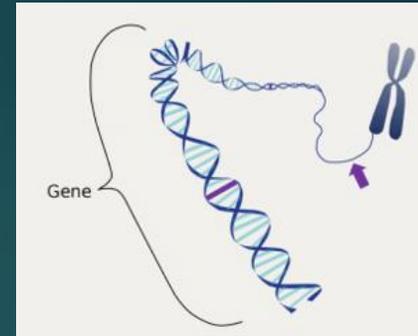
PLINK: free open source command-line program for genomic analysis

Download: <https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/>

Plink formats: <https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#bed>

- ▶ Bed: representation of genotype calls at biallelic variants, so the markers/SNPs. The file can't be open.
- ▶ Bim: variant information file (Chromosome code, variant identifier, alleles...)
- ▶ Fam: Sample information file (family ID, sex code, phenotype value...)

-> go together and represent the entire dataset.



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2. Obtain via `-recode`, loaded via `-file`

- ▶ Ped: The first six fields are the same as `.fam`. Then, variant information.
- ▶ Map: variant information file accompanying a `.ped` (chromosome code, variant identifier, ...)

-> go together and represent the entire dataset.

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Basic plink functions for input filtering:

- removes all unlisted samples: `--keep`
- Remove all listed samples: `--remove`
- Extract a subset of SNP based on chromosomes: `--chr`
- removes all unlisted variants: `--extract`
- removes all listed variants: `--exclude`
- Linkage disequilibrium: `--indep-pairwise`
- Minimum allele frequency= `--maf`
- ...

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Work with R from PLINK files:

- ❑ Change the format of the files using PLINK software so R can import them:
from bed, bim, fam to map and ped using option `-recode`
`raw` from `-recodeA`
-> can be read in R but will be huge
- ❑ Use specific R functions, for example `read.bed()`

I. Data

1. IBD

Projects: Detect epistasis with multiple tools and same dataset

IBD: Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Two main Datasets:

Same 66,280 individuals (~50% cases, +50% controls)

Same initial quality controls (LD, MAF, HWE...)

- ▶ Unfiltered
- ▶ Functional: biological filters



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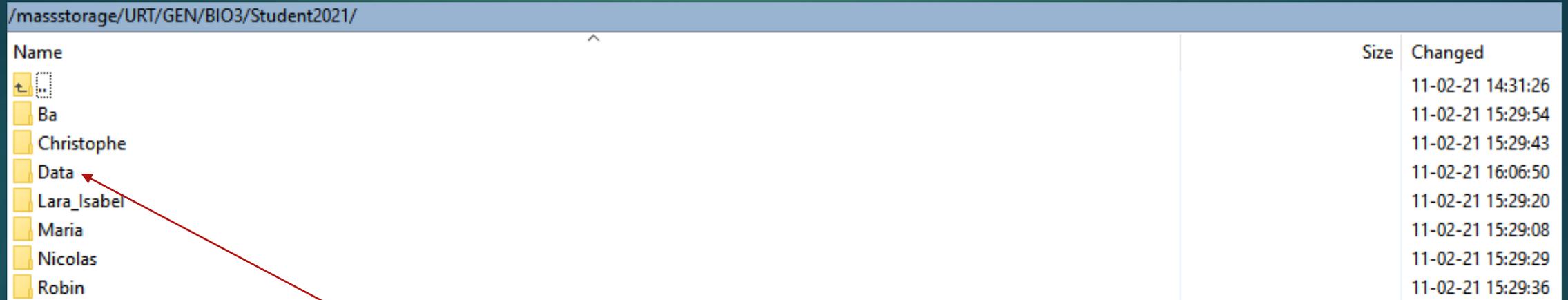
For the 2 datasets, multiple variations: specific requirement of analysis

- More SNP filters (relief and epiblaster) for analysis that can't handle large amount of SNPs
- Imputation (knn) for analysis that can't handle missing values
- Phenotypes:
 - continuous
 - binary

I. Data

1. IBD

Folder structure



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Input

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Folder structure

/massstorage/URT/GEN/BIO3/Student2021/Data/

Name
↑
GeneInformation
Phenotypes
SNP_to_gene_mapping
SNPs
README.txt

Two main SNP sets

/massstorage/URT/GEN/BIO3/Student2021/Data/SNPs/

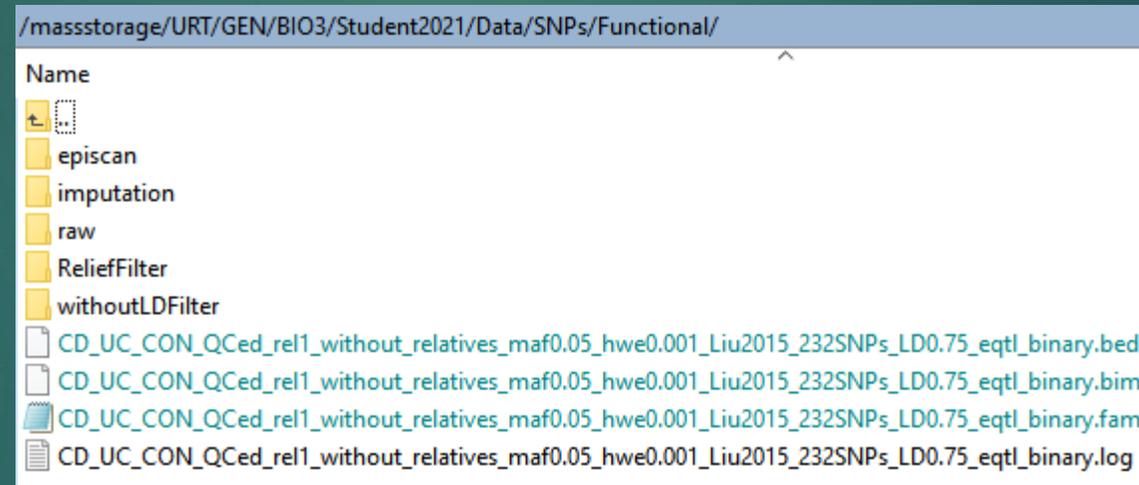
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Unfiltered

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Example: Functional dataset



Available options for specific requirements:

Imputation of 1. and 2.

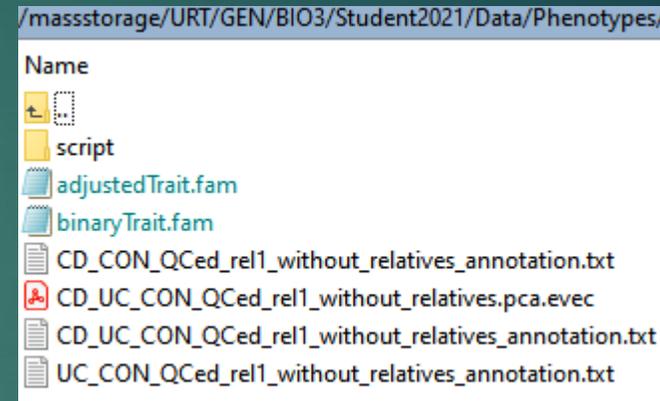
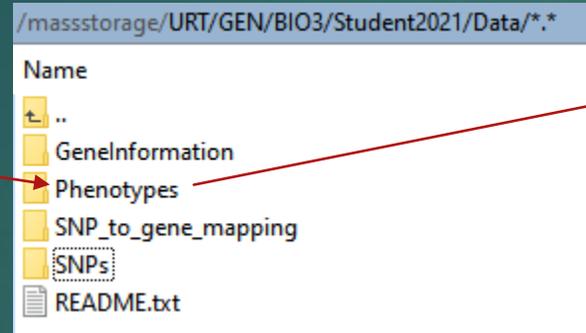
Reduction of the dataset via episcan and relief

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Phenotypes



(Order is important)

1. If your tool can adjust for covariates: binary phenotypes and adjust for the first 7 PCs.
2. Else, if your tool can't include covariates but can handle continuous phenotypes: continuous phenotypes that are already adjusted for first 7 PCs
3. Else, if your tool can't include covariates and can't handle continuous phenotypes: binary phenotypes.

I. Cluster

1. Uliege cluster

What is a cluster?

Set of connected computers that work together.

Why are we using a cluster?

- ▶ Big dataset, big analysis -> improve performance and availability
- ▶ Legal agreement

Advice:

Create and try your code on a small dataset* on your own computer. Then, run the real analysis on the cluster once you made sure your code is ok.

Why: Easier and faster to find errors.

*a public dataset, not the IBD one which can't be downloaded.

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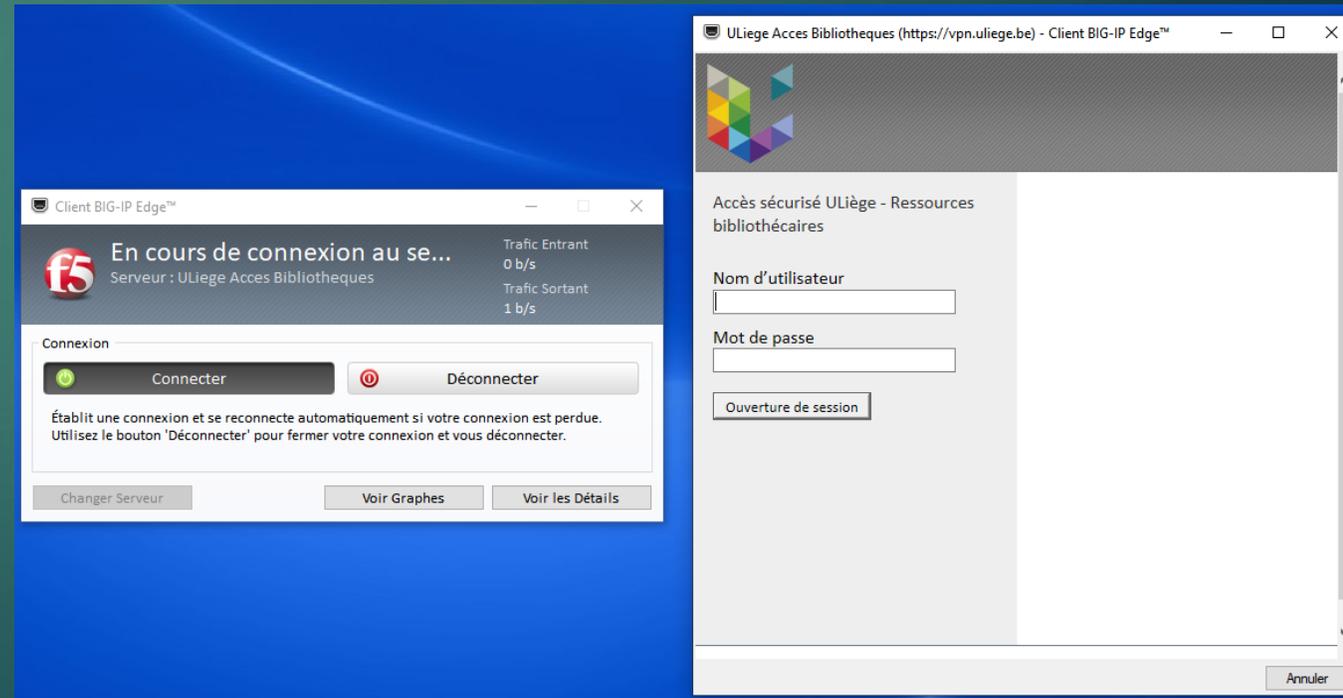
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Connect to the cluster

If not onsite (wifi of university of Liège),
download the VPN:

https://my.segi.uliege.be/cms/c_11650735/fr/mysegi-new-vpn

Enter your id and passwork to connect



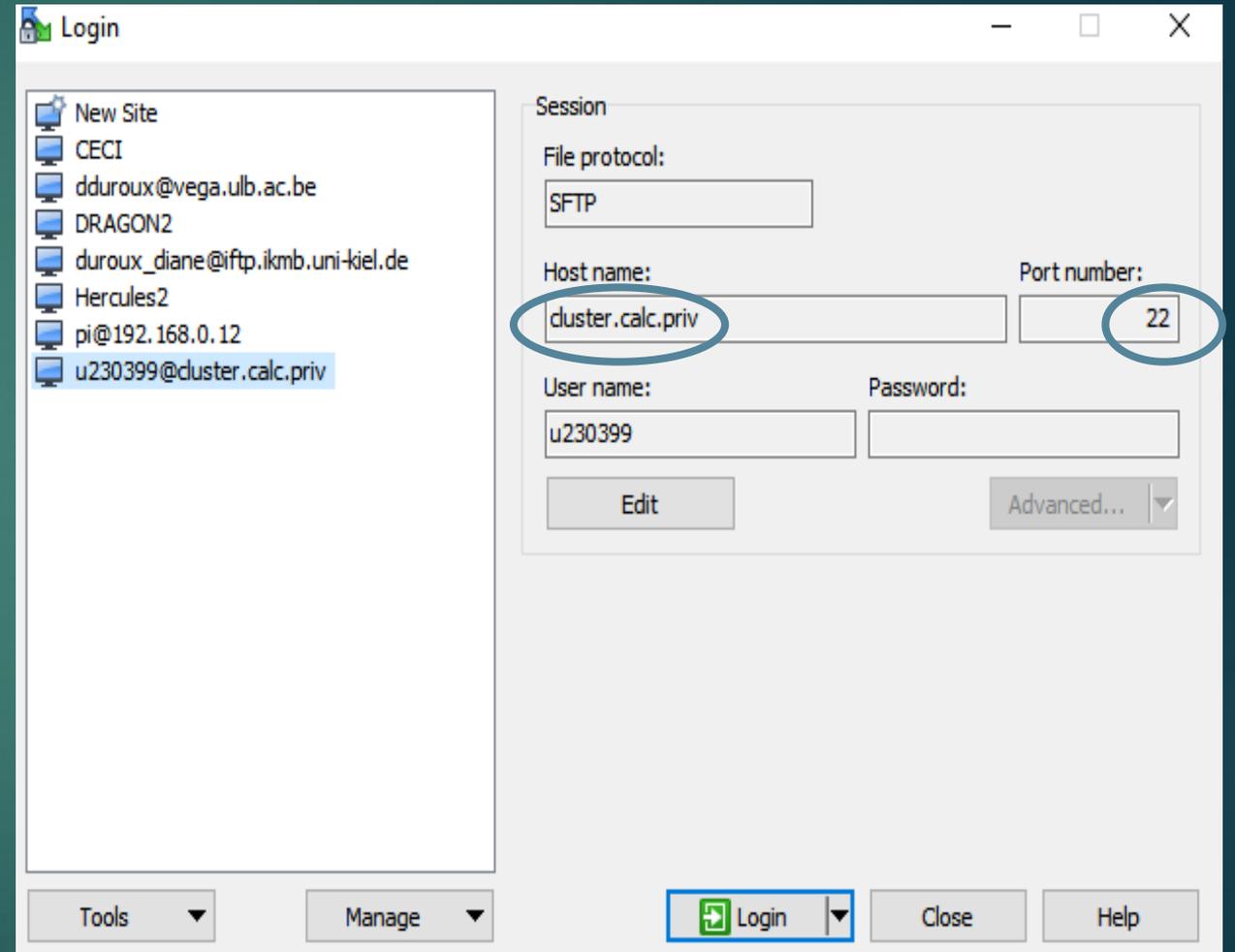
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Access and **visualize** your individual folder and the data

Windows:

<https://winscp.net/eng/index.php>



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The screenshot displays the WinSCP interface. The left pane shows the local file system at C:\Users\Diane\Documents\2021\IBD_MBMDR\, containing files subset_SNPpairs.txt (18.743 KB) and uniqueSNPs.txt (34 KB). The right pane shows the remote file system at /massstorage/URT/GEN/BIO3/Student2021/, listing folders: Ba, Christophe, Data, Lara_Isabel, Maria, Nicolas, and Robin. The Data folder is selected. The interface includes a menu bar with options like Synchronize, Queue, and Transfer Settings, and a toolbar with various file management icons.

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Linux: ssh command

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/cloud/paas/big-data-cloud/csbdi/connect-cluster-node-secure-shell-ssh.html#GUID-E6F4421D-3D7F-415B-ABD6-D3CC0C870947>



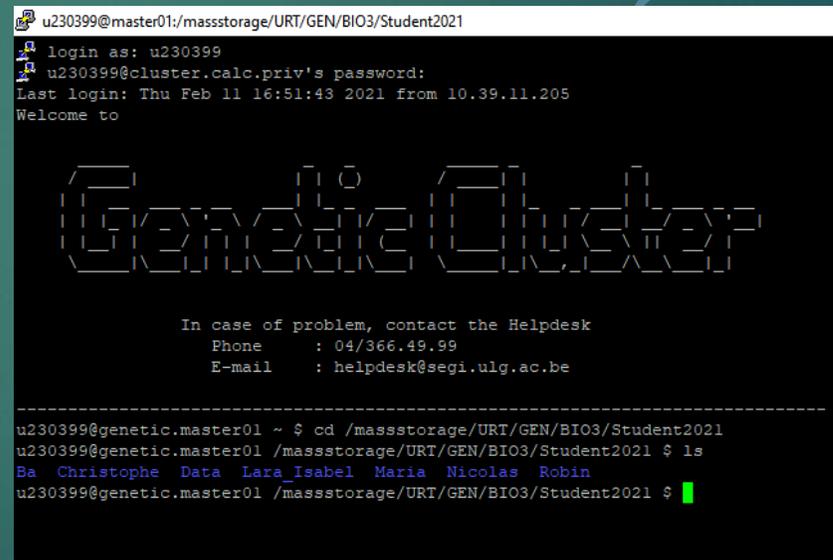
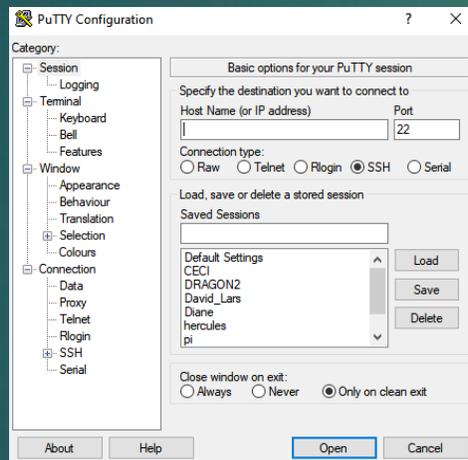
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How to **communicate** with the cluster (software)

- ▶ Windows: puTTY software, open source SSH client

<https://www.putty.org/>



- ▶ Linux: directly in terminal

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How to **communicate** with the cluster (language)

Slurm: resource manager / job scheduler

Goal: organize resource sharing on a supercomputer

How: Users submit jobs, which are scheduled and allocated resources (CPU time, memory, etc.)



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Basic commands to navigate in your folders and check your files (bash, shell):

- ▶ Cd folderName: change directory (go into another directory)
- ▶ Ls: display what's in a directory
- ▶ Head fileName: See the top of the file
- ▶ Tail filename: see the end of the file
- ▶ wc -l: count the number of rows in a file
- ▶ du -sh folderName: check the size of a folder
- ▶ rm fileName: delete a file
- ▶ mkdir folderName: create a new folder
- ▶ ...

More info: <https://www.educative.io/blog/bash-shell-command-cheat-sheet>

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Run an analysis / a script / a job on the cluster:

Create a .sh file (for example: run.sh).

This file has a specific structure so the cluster understands what it needs to do

Header: must to start with #
Specify the resource required

```
#!/bin/bash  
#SBATCH --ntasks=1 #each job has one task  
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1 # each task uses 1 cpu  
#SBATCH --partition=kosmos  
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8000 #8GB
```

Load softwares needed

```
module load R/3.2.4
```

Analysis: here call an external R script

```
R CMD BATCH pathToFile/FileName.R
```

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Header is very important:

If too much resources asked: will never start

If not enough: job will stop before the end

Need to investigate the resources needed: time, nb of CPUs...

Example:

`#!/bin/bash`

`#SBATCH --ntasks=1`

`#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=6`

`#SBATCH --partition=kosmos`

`#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=8000`

`--time=01:00:00`

Always required

Number of core per task

Each task uses 6 cpus

Select a partition

8GB required

Time limit for the job.

More info: <https://ubccr.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/5000688140-submitting-a-slurm-job-script>

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Some basic slurm commands:

- ▶ Submit/start a job: `sbatch pathToFile/FileName.sh`.

What does it do: You ask permission to run a job on the cluster.

If resources are available, it will start.

If not, it will wait in the queue until enough resources are available.

- ▶ Ask if a program is running or pending: `squeue -u yourUsername`
- ▶ Get more info about the cluster: `sinfo`
- ▶ Stop a job: `scancel jobNumber`

More info: https://support.ceci-hpc.be/doc/_contents/QuickStart/SubmittingJobs/SlurmTutorial.html

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Tips:

▶ Tests or debugging:

Slurm jobs are normally batch jobs: they are run unattended.

If you want to have a direct view on your job, run: `srun -pty bash`

▶ NEVER work on the master node of the cluster (ie without `srun` or `sbatch`)

▶ Always google your problem ([stackoverflow](#), [mathoverflow](#), ...)

Thank you