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## Description

When submitting array jobs using sbatch, users can specify indices in several ways. These could be specified as, for example, ranges, "1-9", lists, "1,2,5", or intervals as "1-7:3", which translates into "1, 4, 7". This function expands those cases.

## Usage

```
expand_array_indexes(x)
```

## Arguments

x A character vector. Array indexes (see details).

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## **Details**

x is assumed to be in the form of [jobid](\_[array expression]), where the expression after the underscore is optional. The first The function will return an expanded version of this, e.g. if  $x = "8123\_[1,3-6]"$  the resulting expression will be the vector "8123\_1", "8123\_3", "8123\_4", "8123\_5", and "8123\_6".

This function was developed mainly to be used internally.

## Value

A character vector with the expanded indices.

## **Examples**

```
expand_array_indexes(c("512", "123_1", "55_[1-5]", "122_[1, 5-6]", "44_[1-3:2]"))
# [1] "512" "123_1" "55_1" "55_2" "55_3" "55_4" "55_5"
# "122_1" "122_5" "122_6" "44_1" "44_3"
```

JOB\_STATE\_CODES

Slurm Job state codes

## **Description**

This data frame contains information regarding the job state codes that Slurm returns when querying the status of a given job. The last column, type, shows a description of how that corresponding state is considered in the package's various operations. This is used in the function status.

## Usage

```
JOB_STATE_CODES
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 24 rows and 4 columns.

## References

Slurm's website https://slurm.schedmd.com/squeue.html

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makeSlurmCluster Create a Parallel Socket Cluster using Slurm	
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## Description

This function is essentially a wrapper of the function parallel::makePSOCKcluster. makeSlurmCluster main feature is adding node addresses.

## Usage

```
makeSlurmCluster(
    n,
    job_name = random_job_name(),
    tmp_path = opts_slurmR$get_tmp_path(),
    cluster_opt = list(),
    max_wait = 300L,
    verb = TRUE,
    ...
)

## $3 method for class 'slurm_cluster'
stopCluster(cl)
```

## Arguments

n	Integer scalar. Size of the cluster object (see details).
job_name	Character. Name of the job to be passed to Slurm.
tmp_path	Character. Path to the directory where all the data (including scripts) will be stored. Notice that this path must be accessible by all the nodes in the network (See opts_slurmR).
cluster_opt	A list of arguments passed to parallel::makePSOCKcluster.
max_wait	Integer scalar. Wait time before exiting with error while trying to read the nodes information.
verb	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the function will print messages on screen reporting on the status of the job submission.
	Further arguments passed to Slurm_EvalQ via sbatch_opt.
cl	An object of class slurm_cluster.

#### **Details**

By default, if the time option is not specified via ..., then it is set to the value 01:00:00, this is, 1 hour.

Once a job is submitted via Slurm, the user gets access to the nodes associated with it, which allows users to star new processes within those. By means of this, we can create Socket, also known as

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"PSOCK", clusters across nodes in a Slurm environment. The name of the hosts are retrieved and passed later on to parallel::makePSOCKcluster.

The method stopCluster for slurm\_cluster stops the cluster doing the following:

- 1. Closes the connection by calling the stopCluster method for PSOCK objects.
- 2. Cancel the Slurm job using scancel.

#### Value

A object of class c("slurm\_cluster", "SOCKcluster", "cluster"). It is the same as what is returned by parallel::makePSOCKcluster with the main difference that it has two extra attributes:

• SLURM\_JOBID Which is the id of the Job that initialized that cluster.

#### **Maximum number of connections**

By default, R limits the number of simultaneous connections (see this thread in R-sig-hpc https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-sig-hpc/2012-May/001373.html) Current maximum is 128 (R version 3.6.1). To modify that limit, you would need to reinstall R updating the macro NCONNECTIONS in the file src/main/connections.c.

For now, if the user sets n above 128 it will get an immediate warning pointing to this issue, in particular, specifying that the cluster object may not be able to be created.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Creating a cluster with 100 workers/offpring/child R sessions
cl <- makeSlurmCluster(100)

# Computing the mean of a 100 random uniforms within each worker
# for this we can use any of the function available in the parallel package.
ans <- parSapply(1:200, function(x) mean(runif(100)))

# We simply call stopCluster as we would do with any other cluster
# object
stopCluster(ans)

# We can also specify SBATCH options directly (...)
cl <- makeSlurmCluster(200, partition = "thomas", time = "02:00:00")
stopCluster(cl)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

new\_rscript

new_rscript	General purpose function to write R scripts	

## Description

This function will create an object of class slurmR\_rscript that can be used to write the R component in a batch job.

## Usage

```
new_rscript(
  njobs,
  tmp_path,
  job_name,
  pkgs = list_loaded_pkgs(),
  libPaths = .libPaths()
)
```

## **Arguments**

njobs	Integer. Number of jobs to use in the job-array. This specifies the number of R sessions to initialize. This does not specify the number of cores to be used.
tmp_path	Character. Path to the directory where all the data (including scripts) will be stored. Notice that this path must be accessible by all the nodes in the network (See opts_slurmR).
job_name	Character. Name of the job to be passed to Slurm.
pkgs	A named list with packages to be included. Each element of the list must be a path to the R library, while the names of the list are the names of the R packages to be loaded.
libPaths	A character vector. See .libPaths.

## Value

An environment of class slurmR\_rscript. This has the following accessible components:

- add\_rds Add rds files to be loaded in each job.", x is a named list with the objects that should be loaded in the jobs. If index = TRUE the function assumes that the user will be accessing a particular subset of x during the job, which is accessed according to INDICES[[ARRAY\_ID]]. The option compress is passed to saveRDS.
  - One important side effect is that when this function is called, the object will be saved in the current job directory, this is opts\_slurmR\$get\_tmp\_path().
- append Adds a line to the R script. Its only argument, x is a character vector that will be added to the R script.
- rscript A character vector. This is the actual R script that will be written at the end.

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• finalize Adds the final line of the R script. This function receives a character scalar x which is used as the name of the object to be saved. If missing, the function will save a NULL object. The compress argument is passed to saveRDS.

• set\_seed Adds a vector of seeds to be used across the jobs. This vector of seeds should be of length njobs. The other two parameters of the function are passed to set.seed. By default the seed is picked as follows:

```
seeds <- sample.int(.Machine$integer.max, njobs, replace = FALSE)</pre>
```

 write Finalizes the process by writing the R script in the corresponding folder to be used with Slurm.

opts\_slurmR

Get and set default options for sbatch and slurmR internals

## **Description**

Most of the functions in the slurmR package use tmp\_path and job-name options to write and sub-mit jobs to **Slurm**. These options have global defaults that are set and retrieved using opts\_slurmR.

#### Usage

opts\_slurmR

#### **Format**

An object of class opts\_slurmR of length 14.

## **Details**

Whatever the path specified on tmp\_path, all nodes should have access to it. Moreover, it is recommended to use a path located in a high-performing drive. See for example disk staging.

The tmp\_path directory is only created at the time that one of the functions needs to I/O files. Job creation calls like Slurm\_EvalQ and Slurm\_lapply do such.

Current supported options are:

Debugging mode

- debug\_on: function () Activates the debugging mode. When active, jobs will be submitted using sh and not sbatch. Also, only a single chunk of the data will be processed.
- debug\_off: function () Deactivates the debugging mode.
- get\_debug : function () Returns TRUE of debug mode is on

#### Verbose mode

- verbose\_on: function () Deactivates the verbose mode. When ON, sbatch prints the Rscript and batch files on screen so that the user knows what will be submitted to Slurm.
- verbose off: function () Deactivates the verbose mode.
- get\_verbose : function () Returns TRUE if verbose mode is on.

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## Slurm options

- set\_tmp\_path : function (path, recursive = TRUE) Sets the tempfile path for I/O
- get\_tmp\_path : function () Retrieves tempfile path for I/O
- set\_job\_name : function (path, check = TRUE, overwrite = TRUE) Changes the job-name. When changing the name of the job the function will check whether the folder chdir/job-name is empty or not. If empty/not created it will create it, otherwise it will delete its contents (if 'overwrite = TRUE', else it will return with an Error)..
- get\_job\_name : function (check = TRUE) Returns the current value of 'job-name'.

#### Other options

• get\_cmd : function () If debug mode is active, then it returns 'sh', otherwise 'sbatch'

For general set/retrieve options

- set\_opts : function (...) A generic function to set options.
- get\_opts\_job : function (...) A generic function to retrieve options for the job (Slurm).
- get\_opts\_r : function (...) A generic function to retrieve options in R.

#### **Examples**

```
# Common setup
## Not run:
opts_slurmR$set_tmp_path("/staging/pdt/vegayon")
opts_slurmR$set_job_name("simulations-1")
opts_slurm$set_opts(partition="thomas", account="lc_pdt")
## End(Not run)
```

parse\_flags

Utility function

## **Description**

Utility function

## Usage

```
parse_flags(...)
## Default S3 method:
parse_flags(...)
## S3 method for class 'list'
parse_flags(x, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

... Options to be parsed as bash flags.

x A named list.

## Value

A character vector with the processed flags.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_env(), Slurm_log(), WhoAmI(), snames(), status()
```

## **Examples**

random\_job\_name

Generate a random job name

## Description

Generate a random job name

## Usage

```
random_job_name()
```

#### Value

A character scalar that can be used as job. All names will start with the prefix slurmr-job- and then some random string. This is a wrapper of the function tempfile() and uses as tmpdir argument opts\_slurmR\$get\_tmp\_path().

## **Examples**

```
random_job_name()
```

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read\_sbatch

Read a slurm batch file and capture the SBATCH options

## **Description**

Read a slurm batch file and capture the SBATCH options

## Usage

```
read_sbatch(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Х

Character scalar. Either the path to the batch file to process, or a character vector.

#### Value

A named vector of the options starting with #SBATCH in the file. If no option is found, then returns a character vector length 0.

## **Examples**

```
# Reading in an example script
x <- system.file("example.slurm", package="slurmR")
read_sbatch(x)</pre>
```

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## Description

A Lightweight Wrapper for 'Slurm'

## **Details**

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}
```

slurm\_available

R wrappers for Slurm commands

## **Description**

The functions sbatch, scancel, squeue, sacct, and slurm.conf are wrappers of calls to Slurm functions via system2.

## Usage

```
slurm_available()
squeue(x = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
squeue(x = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
squeue(x, ...)
scancel(x = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
scancel(x = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
scancel(x = NULL, ...)
sacct(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
sacct(x = NULL, brief = TRUE, parsable = TRUE, allocations = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
sacct(x, ...)
```

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```
slurm.conf()
SchedulerParameters()
sbatch(x, wait = FALSE, submit = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
sbatch(x, wait = FALSE, submit = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
sbatch(x, wait = FALSE, submit = TRUE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Either an object of class slurm\_job, or, in some cases, an integer as a Slurm jobid. Note that some functions allow passing no arguments.

. . . Further flags passed to the command line function.

brief, parsable, allocations

Logical. When TRUE, these are passed as flags directly to the command line

function sacct.

wait Logical scalar. When TRUE the function will pass the --wait flag to Slurm and

set wait = TRUE in the system2 call.

submit Logical, when TRUE calls sbatch to submit the job to slurm.

#### **Details**

The function slurm\_available checks whether Slurm is available in the system or not. It is usually called before calling any bash wrapper. If available, the function will return TRUE, otherwise FALSE.

The wrapper of squeue includes the flag -o%all which returns all available fields separated by a vertical bar. This cannot be changed since it is the easiest way of processing the information in R.

The function slurm conf is a wrapper of the function scontrol that returns configuration info about Slurm, in particular, the underlying command that is called is scontrol show conf. This returns a named character vector with configuration info about the cluster. The name of this function matches the name of the file that holds this information.

The function SchedulerParameters is just a wrapper of slurm.conf. It processes the field "SchedulerParameters" included in the configuration file and has information relevant for the scheduler.

In the case of sbatch, function takes an object of class slurm\_job and submits it to the queue. In debug mode the job will be submitted via sh instead.

The method for character scalars is used to submit jobs using a slurm script.

#### Value

In the case of sbatch, depends on what x is:

• If x is of class slurm\_job, then it returns the same object including the Slurm job ID (if the job was submitted to the queue).

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• If x is a file path (e.g. a bash script), an integer with the jobid number (again, if the job was submitted to Slurm).

The functions squeue and sacct return a data frame with the information returned by the command line utilities. The function scancel returns NULL.

slurm\_available() returns a logical scalar equal to TRUE if Slurm is available.

slurm.conf() and SchedulerParameters() return information about the Slurm cluster, if available.

## **Examples**

```
# Are we under a Slurm Cluster?
slurm_available()
## Not run:
# What is the maximum number of jobs (array size) that the system
# allows?
sconfig <- slurm.conf() # We first retrieve the info.</pre>
sconfig["MaxArraySize"]
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# Submitting a simple job
job <- Slurm_EvalQ(slurmR::WhoAmI(), njobs = 4L, plan = "submit")</pre>
# Checking the status of the job (we can simply print)
status(job) # or use the state function
sacct(job) # or get more info with the sactt wrapper.
# Suppose one of the jobs is taking too long to complete (say #4)
# we can stop it and resubmit the job as follows:
scancel(job)
# Resubmitting only 4
sbatch(job, array = 4) # A new jobid will be assigned
## End(Not run)
```

Slurm\_clean

Clean a session.

## **Description**

The functions of the family Slurm\_\*apply generate a set of temporary files that are used for the job design, submission and collection. This function will remove all the contents of directory created by calling those functions.

Slurm\_collect

## Usage

```
Slurm_clean(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Х

An object of class slurm\_job.

## **Details**

If the job is finalized, it returns 0 if able to clean the directory otherwise return whatever unlink returns after trying to remove the job path.

## See Also

```
Other post submission: Slurm_collect(), Slurm_log(), status()
Other utilities: Slurm_env(), Slurm_log(), WhoAmI(), parse_flags(), snames(), status()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
job <- Slurm_EvalQ(1 + 1, 2, plan = "collect")
# This will remove all the files generated by Slurm_EvalQ
Slurm_clean(job)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Slurm\_collect

Collect the results of a slurm job

## **Description**

This function takes an object of class slurm\_job and retrieves the results, this is, combines the R objects generated by each job. Object of class slurm\_job.

## Usage

```
Slurm_collect(...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
Slurm_collect(x, any. = FALSE, wait = 10L, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

	Further arguments passed to the method.
Х	An object of class slurm_job.
any.	Logical. When TRUE, will collect any output available regardless of whether the job is completed or not.
wait	Integer scalar. Number of seconds to wait before checking the state of a job if the first try returned -1 (no job found).

#### **Details**

If the given job has hooks, which is a list of functions, these will be applied sequentially to the set of retrieved results before returning.

#### Value

By default, it returns a concatenated list of the output files generated by each job. If the job object has a hook, it will apply each hook to the full list before returning. See <a href="new\_slurm\_job">new\_slurm\_job</a>.

#### See Also

```
Other post submission: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_log(), status()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Collecting a job after calling it
job <- Slurm_EvalQ(slurmR::WhoAmI(), njobs = 4, plan = "wait")
Slurm_collect(job)
# Collecting a job from a previous R session
job <- read_slurm_job("/path/to/a/job/tmp_dir")
Slurm_collect(job)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Slurm\_env

A wrapper of Sys.getenv

## Description

This function is used within the R script written by slurmR to get the current value of SLURM\_ARRAY\_TASK\_ID, an environment variable that Slurm creates when running an array. In the case that opts\_slurmR\$get\_debug() == TRUE, the function will return a 1 (see opts\_slurmR).

## Usage

```
Slurm_env(x = "SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID")
```

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## **Arguments**

Х

Character scalar. Environment variable to get.

#### Value

If slurm is available and the R session is running under a job array, meaning that SLURM\_ARRAY\_TASK\_ID is defined, then it returns that value, otherwise it will return 1.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_log(), WhoAmI(), parse_flags(), snames(), status()
```

Slurm\_EvalQ

Submit an expression to be evaluated to multiple jobs.

## Description

Submit an expression to be evaluated to multiple jobs.

## Usage

```
Slurm_EvalQ(
  expr,
  njobs = 2L,
  job_name = opts_slurmR$get_job_name(),
  tmp_path = opts_slurmR$get_tmp_path(),
  plan = "collect",
  sbatch_opt = list(),
  rscript_opt = list(),
  seeds = NULL,
  compress = TRUE,
  export = NULL,
  export_env = NULL,
  libPaths = .libPaths(),
 hooks = NULL,
  overwrite = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

expr	An expre	ession to b	be j	passed	to Slurm.
			٠.		

Integer. Number of jobs to use in the job-array. This specifies the number of R njobs

sessions to initialize. This does not specify the number of cores to be used.

Character. Name of the job to be passed to Slurm. job\_name

tmp\_path Character. Path to the directory where all the data (including scripts) will be

stored. Notice that this path must be accessible by all the nodes in the network

(See opts\_slurmR).

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plan A character scalar. (See the\_plan). sbatch\_opt List of options to be passed to sbatch. This is usually done by adding the flags #SBATCH to the bash file. rscript\_opt List. Options to be passed to Rscript. Integer vector of length njobs. Seeds to be passed to each job. When NULL seeds (default), seeds will be picked automatically (see new\_rscript). Logical scalar (default TRUE). Passed to saveRDS. Setting this value to FALSE compress can be useful when the user requires faster read/write of R objects on disk. A named list with objects to be included in the Spawned sessions. export An environment. Environment where the objects listed in export are located export\_env (default parent.frame()). libPaths A character vector. See .libPaths. hooks A list of functions (passed to new\_slurm\_job). overwrite Logical scalar. When TRUE, if the path specified by tmp\_path/job\_name already

exists, it will overwrite it, otherwise the function returns with an error.

## Value

A list of length njobs.

## **Description**

Utilities to deal with objects of class slurm\_job. The function new\_slurm\_job, which is mostly intended to be for internal used, creates an object of class slurm\_job. The function last\_submitted\_job returns the last submitted job in the current R session, and the functions read/write\_slurm\_job are utility functions to read and write R jobs respectively.

## Usage

```
new_slurm_job(
  call,
  rscript,
  bashfile,
  robjects,
  njobs,
  opts_job,
  opts_r,
  hooks = NULL
)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
```

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```
print(x, ...)
read_slurm_job(path)
write_slurm_job(x, path = NULL)
last_submitted_job()
last_job()
```

#### **Arguments**

call The original call

rscript, bashfile

The R script and bash file path.

robjects A character vector of R objects that will be imported in the job.

njobs Integer. Number of jobs to start (array).

opts\_job, opts\_r

List. In the case of opts\_job, a list of parameters passed to sbatch. opts\_r is a list of parameters used within R. Both can be retrieved by opts\_slurmR\$get\_opts\_job()

and opts\_slurmR\$get\_opts\_r() respectively.

hooks List of functions. To be called on the collected results after it finalizes.

x An object of class slurm\_job.

... Further arguments passed to the method.

path Character scalar. Path to either a directory with a job.rds file, or directly to a

job.rds file.

#### **Details**

In the case of the function new\_slurm\_job, besides of creating the object of class slurm\_job, the function calls write\_slurm\_job and stores the job object in an rds class file. The name and location of the saved rds file is generated using the function snames("job").

The read\_slurm\_job can help the user recovering a previously saved slurm\_job object. If path is a directory, then the function will assume that the file that is looking for lives within that directory and is named job.rds. Otherwise, if a file, then it will read it directly. In any case, it will check that the read object is an object of class slurm\_job.

The write\_slurm\_job function simply takes a slurm\_job object and saves it in, if path is not specified, whatever the job\$options\$chdir folder is under the name job.rds. If a path is specified, the it is directly passed to saveRDS().

The las\_submitted\_job function will return the latest slurm\_job object that was submitted via sbatch in the current session. The last\_job function is just an alias of the later. If no job has been submitted, then the resulting value will be NULL.

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## Value

An environment of class slurm\_job. This has the following items:

- call The original call (Slurm\_lapply, Slurm\_Map, etc.)
- rscript The full path to the R script to be executed by bash file.
- bashfile The full path to the bash file to be executed by sbatch.
- robjects Ignored.
- njobs The number of jobs to be submitted (job array).
- opts\_job,opts\_r Two lists of options as returned by opts\_slurmR\$get\_opts\_job() and opts\_slurmR\$get\_r\_opts() at the moment of the creation of the slurm\_job.
- hooks A list of functions to be called on the collected objects by Slurm\_collect.

In the case of the function write\_slurm\_job, it returns the full path to the file.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# The last_job function can be handy when `plan = "collect"` in a called,
# for example
job <- Slurm_lapply(1:1000, function(i) runif(100), njobs = 2, plan = "collect")
# Post collection analysis
status(last_job())
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Slurm\_log

Check the R logfile of a job.

## **Description**

After submission, the functions of type Slurm\_\*apply generate log files, one per each job in the job array. The Slurm\_log function can be used to check the log files of jobs in the array that failed.

## Usage

```
Slurm_log(x, which. = NULL, cmd = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x An object of class slurm\_job.

which. An integer scalar. The number of the array job to check. This should range

between 1 and x\$njobs.

cmd Character scalar. The name of the command to use to call view the log file.

Default to less when interactive mode, otherwise cat (see details).

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## **Details**

If other than less is used, then the function will try to check by calling cmd --version. If returns with error, it assumes the function is not available. Using the cmd argument only works in interactive mode.

#### Value

Whatever the command-line call returns.

## See Also

```
Other post submission: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_collect(), status()
Other utilities: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_env(), WhoAmI(), parse_flags(), snames(), status()
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- Slurm_EvalQ(slurmR::whoami(), plan = "wait")
Slurm_log(x) # Checking the R log
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Slurm\_Map

*The Slurm version of the* \*apply family of functions.

## **Description**

The Slurm version of the \*apply family of functions.

## Usage

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```
overwrite = TRUE
)
Slurm_lapply(
  Χ,
 FUN,
  njobs = 2L,
 mc.cores = 1L,
  job_name = opts_slurmR$get_job_name(),
  tmp_path = opts_slurmR$get_tmp_path(),
  plan = "collect",
  sbatch_opt = list(),
  rscript_opt = list(),
  seeds = NULL,
  compress = TRUE,
  export = NULL,
  export_env = NULL,
  libPaths = .libPaths(),
  hooks = NULL,
 overwrite = TRUE
)
Slurm_sapply(X, FUN, ..., simplify = TRUE, USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

njobs Integer. Number of jobs to use in the job-array. This specifies the number of R

sessions to initialize. This does not specify the number of cores to be used.

job\_name Character. Name of the job to be passed to Slurm.

tmp\_path Character. Path to the directory where all the data (including scripts) will be

stored. Notice that this path must be accessible by all the nodes in the network

(See opts\_slurmR).

plan A character scalar. (See the plan).

sbatch\_opt List of options to be passed to sbatch. This is usually done by adding the flags

#SBATCH to the bash file.

rscript\_opt List. Options to be passed to Rscript.

seeds Integer vector of length njobs. Seeds to be passed to each job. When NULL

(default), seeds will be picked automatically (see <a href="new\_rscript">new\_rscript</a>).

compress Logical scalar (default TRUE). Passed to saveRDS. Setting this value to FALSE

can be useful when the user requires faster read/write of R objects on disk.

export A named list with objects to be included in the Spawned sessions.

export\_env An environment. Environment where the objects listed in export are located

(default parent.frame()).

libPaths A character vector. See .libPaths.

hooks A list of functions (passed to new\_slurm\_job).

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```
overwrite Logical scalar. When TRUE, if the path specified by tmp_path/job_name already exists, it will overwrite it, otherwise the function returns with an error.

X, FUN, f, mc.cores, ...

Arguments passed to either parallel::mclapply or parallel::mcMap.

simplify, USE.NAMES

Logical scalar. See sapply.
```

#### **Details**

The function Slurm\_lapply will submit njobs to the queue and distribute X according to parallel::splitIndices. For example, if X is list with 1,000 elements, and njobs = 2, then Slurm\_lapply will submit 2 jobs with 500 elements of X each (2 chunks of data). The same principle applies to Slurm\_sapply and Slurm\_Map, this is, the data is split by chunks so all the information is sent at once when the job is submitted.

Just like sapply is to lapply, Slurm\_sapply is just a wrapper of Slurm\_lapply with an extra argument, simplify. When TRUE, once the job is collected, the function simplify2array is called.

#### Value

If plan == "collect", then whatever the analogous function returns, otherwise, an object of class slurm\_job.

#### References

Job Array Support https://slurm.schedmd.com/job\_array.html

#### See Also

For resubmitting a job, see the example in sbatch.

## **Examples**

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```
# In order to cancel a job
scancel(job1)

# How to clean up
Slurm_clean(job1)

## End(Not run)
```

snames

Full path names for Slurm jobs

## **Description**

Using opts\_slurmR\$get\_tmp\_path and opts\_slurmR\$get\_job\_name creates file names with full path to the objects. This function is intended for internal use only.

## Usage

```
snames(type, array_id = NULL, tmp_path = NULL, job_name = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

type can be any of r, sh, out, or rds.

array\_id Integer. ID of the array to create the name.

tmp\_path Character scalar. Path to the temp directory used by the job to write files.

job\_name Character scalar. Name of the job.

## **Details**

By default, the parameters tmp\_path and job\_name are retrieved from the current options specified in opts\_slurmR.

#### Value

A character scalar. The normalized path to the corresponding file.

## See Also

```
Other utilities: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_env(), Slurm_log(), WhoAmI(), parse_flags(), status()
```

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sourceSlurm

Source an R script as a Slurm job

#### **Description**

This function sources R scripts using Slurm by creating a batch script file and submitting it via sbatch.

## Usage

```
sourceSlurm(
  file,
  job_name = NULL,
  tmp_path = tempdir(),
  rscript_opt = list(vanilla = TRUE),
  plan = "submit",
)
slurmr_cmd(
  cmd_path,
  cmd_name = "slurmr",
  add_alias = TRUE,
  bashrc_path = "~/.bashrc"
)
```

## **Arguments**

file Character. Path to the R script to source using Slurm. Character. Name of the job to be passed to Slurm. job\_name Character. Path to the directory where all the data (including scripts) will be tmp\_path stored. Notice that this path must be accessible by all the nodes in the network (See opts slurmR). rscript\_opt List. Options to be passed to Rscript. A character scalar. (See the\_plan). plan Further options passed to sbatch. . . . cmd\_path

Character scalar. Path (directory) where to put the command function. This is

usually your home directory.

cmd\_name Character scalar. Name of the command (of the file).

add\_alias, bashrc\_path

Logical scalar and character scalar. When add\_alias=TRUE it will modify (or create, if non-existent) the .bashrc file to add an alias of the same name of cmd\_name. The path to .bashrc can be specified via the bashrc\_path option.

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#### **Details**

sourceSlurm checks for flags that may be included in the Slurm job file. If the R script starts with #!/bin/ or similar, then #SBATCH flags will be read from the R script and added to the Slurm job file.

The function slurmr\_cmd writes a simple command that works as a wrapper of sourceSlurm. In particular, from command line, if the user wants to source an R script using sourceSlurm, we can either:

```
$ Rscript -e "slurmR::sourceSlurm('path/to/the/script.R', plan = 'submit')"
```

Or, after calling slurmr\_cmd from within R, do the following instead

```
$ ./slurmr path/to/the/script.R
```

And, if you used the option add\_alias = TRUE, then, after restarting bash, you can run R scripts with Slurm as follows:

```
$ slurmr path/to/the/script.R
```

The main side effect of this function is that it creates a file named cmd\_name in the directory specified by cmd\_path, and, if add\_alias = TRUE. it will create (if not found) or modify (if found) the .bashrc file adding a line with an alias. For more information on .bashrc see here.

## Value

In the case of sourceSlurm, Whatever sbatch returns.

The function slurmr\_cmd returns invisible().

## **Examples**

```
# In this example we will be sourcing an R script that also has #SBATCH
# flags. Here are the contents
file <- system.file("example.R", package="slurmR")</pre>
cat(readLines(file), sep="\n")
# #!/bin/sh
# #SBATCH --account=lc_ggv
# #SBATCH --time=01:00:00
# #SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=4G
# #SBATCH --job-name=Waiting
# Sys.sleep(10)
# message("done.")
# We can directly submit this R script as a job by calling `sourceSlurm`.
# (of course you need Slurm to do this!)
## Not run:
sourceSlurm(file)
## End(Not run)
```

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```
# The function will create a bash script that is used later to be submitted to
# the queue using `sbatch`. The resulting file looks something like this
# #!/bin/sh
# #SBATCH --job-name=Waiting
# #SBATCH --output=/home/vegayon/Documents/slurmR/Waiting.out
# #SBATCH --account=lc_ggv
# #SBATCH --time=01:00:00
# #SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=4G
# /usr/lib/R/bin/Rscript --vanilla /usr/local/lib/R/site-library/slurmR/example.R
```

status

Check the status of a Slurm JOB

## Description

Using the sacct function, it checks the status of a particular job and returns information about its current state, with details regarding the jobs (if an array) that are done, running, pending, or failed.

## Usage

```
status(x)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
status(x)
## Default S3 method:
status(x)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_status'
x$name
```

## **Arguments**

x Either a Job id, an object of class slurm\_job, or an object of class slurm\_status.

Character scalar. List of status to retrieve. This can be any of "done", "failed",
"running", or "pending".

#### Value

An integer with attributes of class slurm\_status. The attributes are integer vectors indicating which jobs fail in the categories of done, failed, pending, and running (see JOB\_STATE\_CODES). Possible return values are:

- -1: No job found. This may be a false negative as the job may still be on it's way to be submitted.
- 0: Job completed.
- 1: All jobs are pending resource allocation or are on it's way to start.

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- 2: All jobs are currently running.
- 3: One or more jobs are still running.
- 99: One or more jobs failed.

If the job is not an array, then function will return the corresponding code but the attributes will only have a single number, 1, according to the state of the job (completed, failed, pending).

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_env(), Slurm_log(), WhoAmI(), parse_flags(), snames()
Other post submission: Slurm_clean(), Slurm_collect(), Slurm_log()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:

x <- Slurm_EvalQ(Sys.sleep(100), njobs = 2)

status(x) # A possible result: An integer with attributes

# Status: All jobs are pending resource allocation or are on it's way to start. (Code 1)

# This is a job array. The status of each job, by array id, is the following:

# done : -

# failed : -

# pending : 1, 2.

# running : -

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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*Check for possible actions for a* slurm\_job *wrapper* 

## **Description**

Users can choose whether to submit the job or not, to wait for it, and whether they want to collect the results right away after the job has finished. This function will help developers to figure out what set of actions need to be taken depending on the plan.

## Usage

```
the_plan(plan)
```

## **Arguments**

```
plan
```

A character scalar with either of the following values: "collect", "wait", "submit", or "none".

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## **Details**

This is a helper function that returns a list with three logical values: wait, collect, and submit. There are four possible cases:

```
• plan == "collect", then all three are TRUE.
```

- plan == "wait", then all but collect are TRUE.
- plan == "submit" then only submit equals TRUE.
- plan == "none" then all three are FALSE.

In general, bot wait and submit will be passed to sbatch.

When collect == TRUE, then it usually means that the function will be calling Slurm\_collect right after submitting the job via sbatch.

## Value

A list with three logical scalars.

## See Also

This is used in apply functions and in Slurm\_EvalQ.

## **Examples**

```
the_plan("none")
# $collect
# [1] FALSE
#
# $wait
# [1] FALSE
#
# $submit
# [1] FALSE

the_plan("wait")
# $collect
# [1] FALSE
#
# $wait
# [1] TRUE
#
# $submit
# [1] TRUE
```

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wait\_slurm

Wait for a Slurm job to be completed

## **Description**

Wait for a Slurm job to be completed

## Usage

```
wait_slurm(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'slurm_job'
wait_slurm(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'integer'
wait_slurm(x, timeout = -1, freq = 0.1, force = TRUE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Either a job id number, or an object of class slurm\_job.

... Further arguments passed to the method

timeout Integer. Maximum wait time in seconds. If timeout < 0 then the command will

only return when the job finishes.

freq Frequency in seconds to query for the state of the job.

force Logical scalar. When TRUE, if the job is not found after checking for its status,

the function will continue to wait still.

## Value

Invisible NULL.

## **Examples**

```
# Waiting is only available if there are Slurm clusters
if (slurm_available()) {
   job <- Slurm_EvalQ(Sys.sleep(1000), plan = "submit", njobs = 2)
   wait_slurm(job, timeout = 1) # This will return a warning
   scancel(job)
   Slurm_clean(job)
}</pre>
```

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WhoAmI

Information about where jobs are submitted

## Description

This returns a named vector with the following variables: SLURM\_LOCALID, SLURMD\_NODENAME, SLURM\_ARRAY\_TASK\_ID, SLURM\_CLUSTER\_NAME, SLURM\_JOB\_PARTITION, SLURM\_TASK\_PID

## Usage

```
WhoAmI()
whoami()
```

## **Details**

whoami is just an alias of WhoAmI.

## Value

A character vector with the corresponding system environment variables' values.

## See Also

Other utilities: Slurm\_clean(), Slurm\_env(), Slurm\_log(), parse\_flags(), snames(), status()

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