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# **DDispatcher**

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DPDispatcher is a Python package used to generate HPC (High Performance Computing) scheduler systems (Slurm/PBS/LSF/dpcloudserver) jobs input scripts and submit these scripts to HPC systems and poke until they finish.

DPDispatcher will monitor (poke) until these jobs finish and download the results files (if these jobs is running on remote systems connected by SSH).



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## **INSTALL DPDISPATCHER**

DPDispatcher can installed by pip:

```
pip install dpdispatcher
```



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## GETTING STARTED

DPDispatcher provides the following classes:

- Task class, which represents a command to be run on batch job system, as well as the essential files need by the command.
- Submission class, which represents a collection of jobs defined by the HPC system. And there may be common files to be uploaded by them. DPDispatcher will create and submit these jobs when a `Submission` instance execute `run_submission` method. This method will poke until the jobs finish and return.
- Job class, a class used by `Submission` class, which represents a job on the HPC system. `Submission` will generate jobs' submitting scripts used by HPC systems automatically with the Task and Resources
- Resources class, which represents the computing resources for each job within a `submission`.

You can use DPDispatcher in a Python script to submit five tasks:

```
from dpdispatcher import Machine, Resources, Task, Submission

machine = Machine.load_from_json('machine.json')
resources = Resources.load_from_json('resources.json')

task0 = Task.load_from_json('task.json')

task1 = Task(command='cat example.txt', task_work_path='dir1/', forward_files=['example.
˓→txt'], backward_files=['out.txt'], outlog='out.txt')
task2 = Task(command='cat example.txt', task_work_path='dir2/', forward_files=['example.
˓→txt'], backward_files=['out.txt'], outlog='out.txt')
task3 = Task(command='cat example.txt', task_work_path='dir3/', forward_files=['example.
˓→txt'], backward_files=['out.txt'], outlog='out.txt')
task4 = Task(command='cat example.txt', task_work_path='dir4/', forward_files=['example.
˓→txt'], backward_files=['out.txt'], outlog='out.txt')

task_list = [task0, task1, task2, task3, task4]

submission = Submission(work_base='lammps_md_300K_5GPa/',
    machine=machine,
    resources=resources,
    task_list=task_list,
    forward_common_files=['graph.pb'],
    backward_common_files=[]
)
submission.run_submission(clean=False)
```

## DPDispatcher

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where machine.json is

```
{  
    "machine_type": "Slurm",  
    "context_type": "SSHContext",  
    "local_root": "/home/user123/workplace/22_new_project/",  
    "remote_root": "~/dpdispatcher_work_dir/",  
    "remote_profile": {  
        "hostname": "39.106.xx.xxx",  
        "username": "user1",  
        "port": 22,  
        "timeout": 10  
    }  
}
```

resources.json is

```
{  
    "number_node": 1,  
    "cpu_per_node": 4,  
    "gpu_per_node": 1,  
    "queue_name": "GPUV100",  
    "group_size": 5  
}
```

and task.json is

```
{  
    "command": "lmp -i input.lammps",  
    "task_work_path": "bct-0/",  
    "forward_files": [  
        "conf.lmp",  
        "input.lammps"  
    ],  
    "backward_files": [  
        "log.lammps"  
    ],  
    "outlog": "log",  
    "errlog": "err",  
}
```

You may also submit mutiple GPU jobs:

```
resources = Resources(number_node=1,  
                      cpu_per_node=8,  
                      gpu_per_node=2,  
                      queue_name="GPU2080TI",  
                      group_size=12,  
                      custom_flags=[  
                          "#SBATCH --mem=32G",  
                      ],  
                      strategy={'if_cuda_multi_devices': true},  
                      para_deg=3,  
                      source_list=["~/deepmd.env"],
```

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The details of parameters can be found in [\*Machine Parameters\*](#).



## MACHINE PARAMETERS

**machine:**

type: dict  
argument path: machine

**batch\_type:**

type: str  
argument path: machine/batch\_type

The batch job system type. Option: Slurm, PBS, LSF, Shell, DpCloudServer

**context\_type:**

type: str  
argument path: machine/context\_type

The connection used to remote machine. Option: LocalContext, LazyLocalContext, SSHContext DpCloud-ServerContext

**local\_root:**

type: str  
argument path: machine/local\_root

The dir where the tasks and relating files locate. Typically the project dir.

**remote\_root:**

type: str, optional  
argument path: machine/remote\_root

The dir where the tasks are executed on the remote machine. Only needed when context is not lazy-local.

**remote\_profile:**

type: dict  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile

The information used to maintain the connection with remote machine. Only needed when context is ssh.

**hostname:**

type: str  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/hostname  
hostname or ip of ssh connection.

**username:**

type: str  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/username  
username of target linux system

**password:**  
type: str, optional  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/password  
password of linux system

**port:**  
type: int, optional, default: 22  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/port  
ssh connection port.

**key\_filename:**  
type: str | NoneType, optional, default: None  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/key\_filename  
key\_filename used by ssh connection

**passphrase:**  
type: str | NoneType, optional, default: None  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/passphrase  
passphrase used by ssh connection

**timeout:**  
type: int, optional, default: 10  
argument path: machine/remote\_profile/timeout  
timeout of ssh connection

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## DPDISPATCHER API

```
dpdispatcher.info()  
class dpdispatcher.JobStatus.JobStatus(value)  
    An enumeration.  
        completing = 6  
        finished = 5  
        running = 3  
        terminated = 4  
        unknown = 100  
        unsubmitted = 1  
        waiting = 2  
class dpdispatcher.base_contextBaseContext  
  
    bind_submission(submission)  
    check_finish(proc)  
    clean()  
    download(submission, check_exists=False, mark_failure=True, back_error=False)  
    kill(proc)  
    classmethod load_from_dict(context_dict)  
    read_file(fname)  
    subclasses_dict = {'LazyLocalContext': <class  
        'dpdispatcher.lazy_local_context.LazyLocalContext'>, 'LocalContext': <class  
        'dpdispatcher.local_context.LocalContext'>, 'SSHContext': <class  
        'dpdispatcher.ssh_context.SSHContext'>}  
    upload(submission)  
    write_file(fname, write_str)  
  
dpdispatcher.dpdisp.main()  
class dpdispatcher.lazy_local_contextLazyLocalContext(local_root, remote_root=None,  
                                         remote_profile={})  
  
    bind_submission(submission)
```

```
block_call(cmd)
block_checkcall(cmd)
call(cmd)
check_file_exists(fname)
check_finish(proc)
clean()
download(jobs, check_exists=False, mark_failure=True, back_error=False)
get_job_root()
get_return(proc)
kill(proc)
classmethod load_from_dict(context_dict)
read_file(fname)
upload(jobs, dereference=True)
write_file(fname, write_str)

class dpdispatcher.lazy_local_context.SPRetObj(ret)

read()
readlines()

class dpdispatcher.local_context.LocalContext(local_root, remote_root, remote_profile={})

bind_submission(submission)
block_call(cmd)
block_checkcall(cmd)
call(cmd)
check_file_exists(fname)
check_finish(proc)
clean()
download(submission, check_exists=False, mark_failure=True, back_error=False)
download_(job_dirs, remote_down_files, check_exists=False, mark_failure=True, back_error=False)
get_job_root()
get_return(proc)
kill(proc)
classmethod load_from_dict(context_dict)
read_file(fname)
upload(submission)
upload_(job_dirs, local_up_files, dereference=True)
write_file(fname, write_str)
```

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class dpdispatcher.local_context.SPRetObj(ret)
    read()
    readlines()
class dpdispatcher.lsf.LSF(context)
    LSF batch
        check_finish_tag(job)
        check_status(job)
        default_resources(resources)
        do_submit(job)
            submit a single job, assuming that no job is running there.
        gen_script(job)
class dpdispatcher.machine.Machine(context)
    A machine is used to handle the connection with remote machines.
    context [SubClass derived fromBaseContext] The context is used to mainatin the connection with remote ma-
        chine.
        static arginfo()
        check_finish_tag(**kwargs)
        check_if_recover(submission)
        check_status(job)
        default_resources(res)
        do_submit(job)
            submit a single job, assuming that no job is running there.
        gen_command_env_cuda_devices(resources)
        gen_script(job)
        gen_script_command(job)
        gen_script_custom_flags_lines(job)
        gen_script_end(job)
        gen_script_env(job)
        gen_script_header(job)
        gen_script_wait(resources)
    classmethod load_from_dict(machine_dict)
    classmethod load_from_json(json_path)
    sub_script_cmd(res)
    sub_script_head(res)
    subclasses_dict = {'LSF': <class 'dpdispatcher.lsf.LSF'>, 'PBS': <class
        'dpdispatcher.pbs.PBS'>, 'Shell': <class 'dpdispatcher.shell.Shell'>, 'Slurm':
        <class 'dpdispatcher.slurm.Slurm'>}

```

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```
class dpdispatcher.pbs.PBS(context)

    check_finish_tag(job)
    check_status(job)
    default_resources(resources)
    do_submit(job)
        submit a single job, assuming that no job is running there.
    gen_script(job)
    gen_script_header(job)

class dpdispatcher.shell.Shell(context)

    check_finish_tag(job)
    check_status(job)
    check_status_(job)
    default_resources(resources)
    do_submit(job)
        submit a single job, assuming that no job is running there.
    gen_script(job)
    gen_script_header(job)

class dpdispatcher.slurm.Slurm(context)

    check_finish_tag(job)
    check_status(job, retry=0, max_retry=3)
    default_resources(resources)
    do_submit(job, retry=0, max_retry=3)
        submit a single job, assuming that no job is running there.
    gen_script(job)
    gen_script_header(job)

class dpdispatcher.ssh_context.SSHContext(local_root, remote_root, remote_profile,
                                           clean_asynchronously=False)

    bind_submission(submission)
    block_call(cmd)
    block_checkcall(cmd, asynchronously=False, stderr_whitelist=None)
        Run command with arguments. Wait for command to complete. If the return code was zero then return,
        otherwise raise RuntimeError.

        cmd: str The command to run.

        asynchronously: bool, optional, default=False Run command asynchronously. If True, nohup will be
        used to run the command.

    call(cmd)
```

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```

check_file_exists(fname)
check_finish(cmd_pipes)
clean()
close()
download(submission, check_exists=False, mark_failure=True, back_error=False)
get_job_root()
get_return(cmd_pipes)
kill(cmd_pipes)
classmethod load_from_dict(context_dict)
read_file(fname)
property sftp
property ssh
upload(submission, dereference=True)
write_file(fname, write_str)

class dpdispatcher.ssh_context.SSHSession(hostname, username, password=None, port=22,
                                             key_filename=None, passphrase=None, timeout=10)

static arginfo()
close()
ensure_alive(max_check=10, sleep_time=10)
exec_command(cmd, retry=0)
    Calling self.ssh.exec_command but has an exception check.
get_ssh_client()
property sftp
    Returns sftp. Open a new one if not existing.

class dpdispatcher.submission.Job(job_task_list, *, resources, machine=None)
    Job is generated by Submission automatically. A job ususally has many tasks and it may request computing
    resources from job scheduler systems. Each Job can generate a script file to be submitted to the job scheduler
    system or executed locally.

    job_task_list [list of Task] the tasks belonging to the job
    resources [Resources] the machine resources. Passed from Submission when it constructs jobs.
    machine [machine] machine object to execute the job. Passed from Submission when it constructs jobs.

    classmethod deserialize(job_dict, machine=None)
        convert the job_dict to a Submission class object
    submission_dict [dict] path-like, the base directory of the local tasks

    submission [Job] the Job class instance converted from the job_dict

get_hash()

```

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```
get_job_state()
    get the jobs. Usually, this method will query the database of slurm or pbs job scheduler system and get the results.

    this method will not submit or resubmit the jobs if the job is unsubmitted.

handle_unexpected_job_state()

job_to_json()

register_job_id(job_id)

serialize(if_static=False)
    convert the Task class instance to a dictionary.

    if_static [bool] whether dump the job runtime infomation (job_id, job_state, fail_count, job_uuid etc.) to the dictionary.

task_dict [dict] the dictionary converted from the Task class instance

submit_job()

class dpdispatcher.submission.Resources(number_node, cpu_per_node, gpu_per_node, queue_name,
                                         group_size, *, custom_flags=[], strategy={'if_cuda_multi_devices': False}, para_deg=1,
                                         source_list=[], **kwargs)
Resources is used to describe the machine resources we need to do calculations.

number_node [int] The number of node need for each job.

cpu_per_node [int] cpu numbers of each node.

gpu_per_node [int] gpu numbers of each node.

queue_name [str] The queue name of batch job scheduler system.

group_size [int] The number of tasks in a job.

custom_flags [list of Str] The extra lines pass to job submitting script header

strategy [dict] strategies we use to generation job submitting scripts. if_cuda_multi_devices : bool
    If there are multiple nvidia GPUS on the node, and we want to assign the tasks to different GPUS.
    If true, dpdispatcher will manually export environment variable CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES to different task. Usually, this option will be used with Task.task_need_resources variable simultaneously.

para_deg [int] Decide how many tasks will be run in parallel. Usually run with strategy['if_cuda_multi_devices']

source_list [list of Path] The env file to be sourced before the command execution.

static arginfo()

classmethod deserialize(resources_dict)

classmethod load_from_dict(resources_dict)

classmethod load_from_json(json_file)

serialize()
```

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```
class dpdispatcher.submission.Submission(work_base, machine=None, resources=None,  
                                     forward_common_files=[], backward_common_files=[], *,  
                                     task_list=[])
```

A submission represents a collection of tasks. These tasks usually locate at a common directory. And these Tasks may share common files to be uploaded and downloaded.

**work\_base** [Path] path-like, the base directory of the local tasks

**machine** [Machine] machine class object (for example, PBS, Slurm, Shell) to execute the jobs. The machine can still be bound after the instantiation with the bind\_submission method.

**resources** [Resources] the machine resources (cpu or gpu) used to generate the slurm/pbs script

**forward\_common\_files** [list] the common files to be uploaded to other computers before the jobs begin

**backward\_common\_files** [list] the common files to be downloaded from other computers after the jobs finish

**task\_list** [list of Task] a list of tasks to be run.

**bind\_machine(*machine*)**

bind this submission to a machine. update the machine's context remote\_root and local\_root.

**machine** [Machine] the machine to bind with

**check\_all\_finished()**

check whether all the jobs in the submission.

This method will not handle unexpected job state in the submission.

**clean\_jobs()**

**classmethod deserialize(*submission\_dict*, *machine=None*)**

convert the submission\_dict to a Submission class object

**submission\_dict** [dict] path-like, the base directory of the local tasks

**submission** [Submission] the Submission class instance converted from the submission\_dict

**download\_jobs()**

**generate\_jobs()**

After tasks register to the self.belonging\_tasks, This method generate the jobs and add these jobs to self.belonging\_jobs. The jobs are generated by the tasks randomly, and there are self.resources.group\_size tasks in a task. Why we randomly shuffle the tasks is under the consideration of load balance. The random seed is a constant (to be concrete, 42). And this insures that the jobs are equal when we re-run the program.

**get\_hash()**

**get\_submission\_state()**

check whether all the jobs in the submission.

this method will not handle unexpected (like resubmit terminated) job state in the submission.

**handle\_unexpected\_submission\_state()**

handle unexpected job state of the submission. If the job state is unsubmitted, submit the job. If the job state is terminated (killed unexpectedly), resubmit the job. If the job state is unknown, raise an error.

**register\_task(*task*)**

**register\_task\_list(*task\_list*)**

**run\_submission(\*, *exit\_on\_submit=False*, *clean=True*)**

main method to execute the submission. First, check whether old Submission exists on the remote machine, and try to recover from it. Second, upload the local files to the remote machine where the tasks to be

executed. Third, run the submission defined previously. Forth, wait until the tasks in the submission finished and download the result file to local directory. if exit\_on\_submit is True, submission will exit.

**serialize(if\_static=False)**

convert the Submission class instance to a dictionary.

**if\_static** [bool] whether dump the job runtime infomation (like job\_id, job\_state, fail\_count) to the dictionary.

**submission\_dict** [dict] the dictionary converted from the Submission class instance

**classmethod submission\_from\_json(json\_file\_name='submission.json')**

**submission\_to\_json()**

**submit\_submission()**

submit the job belonging to the submission.

**try\_recover\_from\_json()**

**upload\_jobs()**

**class dpdispatcher.submission.Task(command, task\_work\_path, forward\_files=[], backward\_files=[], outlog='log', errlog='err')**

A task is a sequential command to be executed, as well as the files it depends on to transmit forward and backward.

**command** [Str] the command to be executed.

**task\_work\_path** [Path] the directory of each file where the files are dependent on.

**forward\_files** [list of Path] the files to be transmitted to remote machine before the command execute.

**backward\_files** [list of Path] the files to be transmitted from remote machine after the comand finished.

**outlog** [Str] the filename to which command redirect stdout

**errlog** [Str] the filename to which command redirect stderr

**classmethod deserialize(task\_dict)**

convert the task\_dict to a Task class object

**task\_dict** [dict] the dictionary which contains the task information

**task** [Task] the Task class instance converted from the task\_dict

**get\_hash()**

**serialize()**

**class dpdispatcher.dpcloudserver.retcodes.RETCODE**

**DATAERR = '2002'**

**DBERR = '2000'**

**IOERR = '2003'**

**LOGINERR = '2100'**

**NODATA = '2300'**

**OK = '0000'**

**PARAMERR = '2101'**

```
PWDERR = '2104'  
REQERR = '2200'  
ROLEERR = '2103'  
THIRDERR = '2001'  
UNDERDEBUG = '2301'  
UNKOWNERR = '2400'  
USERERR = '2102'  
VERIFYERR = '2105'  
  
dpdispatcher.dpcloudserver.zip_file.is_selected(arcname, selected)  
dpdispatcher.dpcloudserver.zip_file.unzip_file(zip_file, out_dir='.')  
dpdispatcher.dpcloudserver.zip_file.zip_file_list(root_path, zip_filename, file_list=[])  
dpdispatcher.dpcloudserver.zip_file.zip_files(root_path, out_file, selected=[])
```



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