

Business Matters

- The next meeting is on 13 September 2017 in Hull
- Hull have offered to host a workshop in Hull on 14 September:
 - There has been interest, both on the mailing list and at the previous meeting (February 2017) meeting around containers and Docker. However, Cambridge are running a 2-day workshop on 29/30 June (<https://rse-cambridge.github.io/hpc-container-workshop/>), which will include some hands-on sessions
 - We should involve the RCUK Cloud Working Group (<https://cloud.ac.uk/>) in planning this workshop if we decide on this theme for the workshop
 - We do not want to reproduce this but maybe widen the conversation beyond that workshop. This might include discussions/presentations on:
 - how a cloud (either on-premises or public) cloud offering can extend the range of services offered by a central Research Computing service
 - how the traditional HPC community (most of the SIG) integrates on-site and/or public cloud into central Research Computing offerings
 - how , or if, traditional HPC (in this context, applications requiring parallel computing) can be provided as an on-demand service
 - the economics of cloud computing in a research environment
- Other topics of interest for future meetings or workshops were suggested:
 - The background and practicalities of ASSENT (<https://www.jisc.ac.uk/assent>)
 - SAFE background and demonstration (<https://www.archer.ac.uk/safe/>), including the reporting facilities in SAFE
- Steve Chapman at Bath has included allocation and finance tracking in SLURM and would be willing to share this, although this is quite bespoke for Bath's system and setup – contact Steve (s.a.chapman@bath.ac.uk) if interested.