

# UL HPC School 2017

## PS8: MATLAB (interactive, passive and sequential jobs)

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## Latest versions available on **Github**:



UL HPC tutorials:

<https://github.com/ULHPC/tutorials>

UL HPC School:

<http://hpc.uni.lu/hpc-school/>

PS8 tutorial sources:

<https://github.com/ULHPC/tutorials/tree/devel/advanced/MATLAB1>





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## Tutorial files

### Sample MATLAB scripts used in the tutorial

- download only the scripts:

```
(frontend)$> mkdir $HOME/matlab-tutorial
(frontend)$> cd $HOME/matlab-tutorial
(frontend)$> wget
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ULHPC/tutorials/devel/advanced/MATLAB1/code/example1.m
(frontend)$> wget
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ULHPC/tutorials/devel/advanced/MATLAB1/code/example2.m
(frontend)$> wget
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ULHPC/tutorials/devel/advanced/MATLAB1/code/google_finance_data.m
```

- *or* download the full repository and link to the MATLAB tutorial:

```
(frontend)$> git clone https://github.com/ULHPC/tutorials.git
(frontend)$> ln -s tutorials/advanced/MATLAB1/ $HOME/matlab-tutorial
```



## X Window System

In order to see locally the MATLAB graphical interface, a package providing the X Window System is required:

- on OS X: **XQuartz** <http://xquartz.macosforge.org/landing/>
- on Windows: **VcXsrv** <http://sourceforge.net/projects/vcxsrv/>

Now you will be able to connect with X11 forwarding enabled:

- on Linux & OS X:  

```
$> ssh access-gaia.uni.lu -X
```
- on Windows, with Putty  
Connection → SSH → X11 → **Enable X11 forwarding**



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- using script (.m) files
- plotting data, saving the plots to file



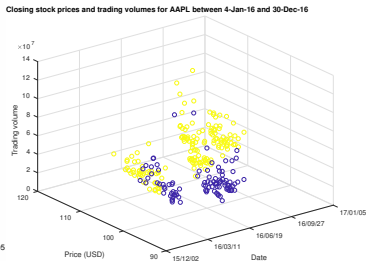
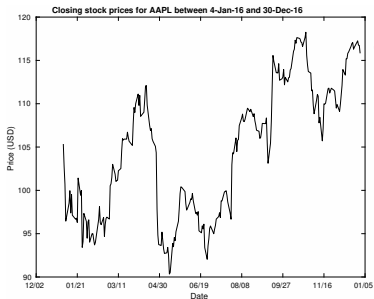
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## Scripts and plots

**example1.m:** non-interactive script that shows:

- the use of a stopwatch timer
- how to use an external function (financial data retrieval)
- how to use different plotting methods
- how to export the plots in different graphic formats





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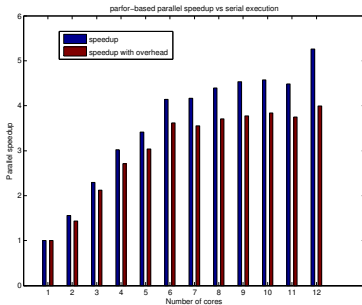
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**example2.m:** non-interactive script that shows:

- the serial execution of time consuming operations
- Revisited in MATLAB2 tutorial:
  - ↪ the parallel execution and relative speedup vs serial execution
  - ↪ setting the # of parallel threads through environment variables
  - ↪ GPU-based parallel execution







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# Exercises

- Read and understand the MATLAB tutorial

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↪ all provided scripts are fully commented

- Run all the examples

↪ launching interactive/passive mode MATLAB

↪ plotting script

↪ parallel execution script



## Useful links

- Getting Started with Parallel Computing Toolbox

<http://nl.mathworks.com/help/distcomp/getting-started-with-parallel-computing-toolbox.html>

- Parallel for-Loops (parfor) documentation

<https://nl.mathworks.com/help/distcomp/parfor.html>

- GPU Computing documentation

<https://nl.mathworks.com/discovery/matlab-gpu.html>



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## What we've seen so far

- MATLAB execution modes on the **UL HPC Platform**
- Checking for available toolboxes and licenses
- Plotting

### Perspectives

- Personalize the UL HPC launchers with the MATLAB commands
- Check the second example M-file for insight into basic parallel execution
- Parallelize your own tasks using `parfor`/GPU-enabled instructions



Thank you for your attention...

## Questions?

<http://hpc.uni.lu>

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