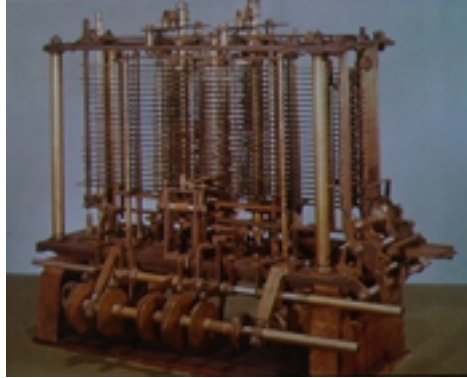
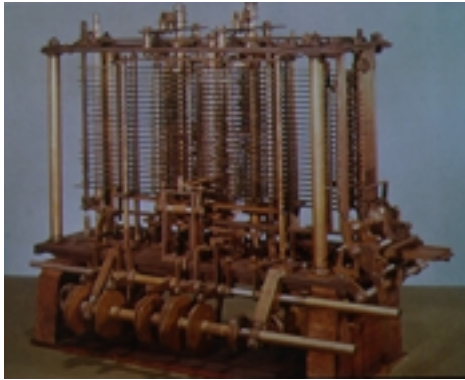


# HPC Users Guide



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# Preface

The primary purpose of the HPC Roll is to provide configured software tools that can be used to run parallel applications on your cluster.

The following software packages are included in the HPC Roll:

- MPI over ethernet environments (OpenMPI, MPICH, MPICH2)
- PVM
- Benchmarks (stream, iperf, IOzone)

# Chapter 1. Overview

**Table 1-1. Summary**

Name	hpc
Version	5.5
Maintained By	Rocks Group
Architecture	i386, x86_64
Compatible with Rocks®	5.5

The hpc roll has the following requirements of other rolls. Compatibility with all known rolls is assured, and all known conflicts are listed. There is no assurance of compatibility with third-party rolls.

**Table 1-2. Compatibility**

Requires	Conflicts
Base	
Kernel	
OS	

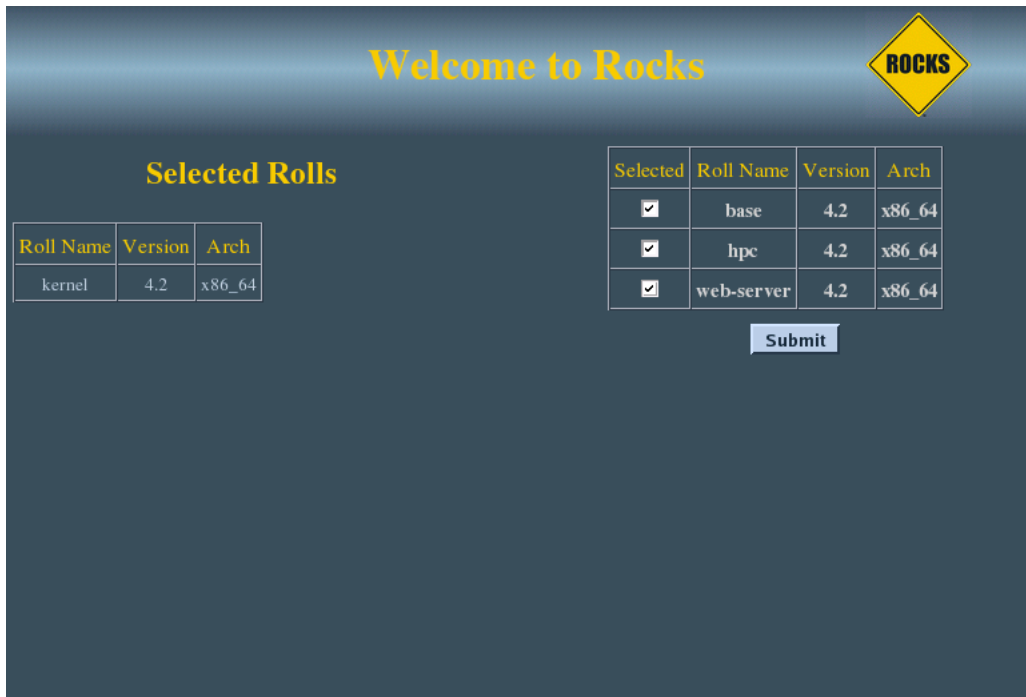


This roll has been released independent of the corresponding Rocks® release. It therefore requires the complete **OS** roll and will not function correctly if using only the **Jumbo** or incomplete set of **OS** CDROMs.

# Chapter 2. Installing

## 2.1. On a New Server

The hpc roll should be installed during the initial installation of your server (or cluster). This procedure is documented in section 1.2 of the Rocks® usersguide. You should select the hpc roll from the list of available rolls when you see a screen that is similar to the one below.



The screenshot shows a 'Welcome to Rocks' installation screen. At the top right is a yellow diamond logo with the word 'ROCKS' in black. The main heading is 'Welcome to Rocks' in yellow. Below it, the section 'Selected Rolls' is highlighted in yellow. There are two tables. The first table, on the left, has columns 'Roll Name', 'Version', and 'Arch', and contains one row: 'kernel', '4.2', 'x86\_64'. The second table, on the right, has columns 'Selected', 'Roll Name', 'Version', and 'Arch', and contains three rows: 'base', 'hpc', and 'web-server', all with version '4.2' and architecture 'x86\_64'. Each row in the second table has a checked checkbox in the 'Selected' column. Below the second table is a blue 'Submit' button.

Roll Name	Version	Arch
kernel	4.2	x86_64

Selected	Roll Name	Version	Arch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	base	4.2	x86_64
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	hpc	4.2	x86_64
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	web-server	4.2	x86_64

Submit

## 2.2. On an Existing Server

The hpc Roll may also be added onto an existing server (or frontend). For sake of discussion, assume that you have an iso image of the roll called `hpc.iso`. The following procedure will install the Roll, and after the server reboots the Roll should be fully installed and configured.

```
$ su - root
# rocks add roll hpc.iso
# rocks enable roll hpc
# cd /export/rocks/install
# rocks create distro
# rocks run roll hpc | bash
# init 6
```

# Chapter 3. Using

## 3.1. Environment Modules for OpenMPI

As of Rocks 5.5 and 6.0 (Mamba), Environment Modules are utilized to control MPI path names. By default the rocks-openmpi module is loaded and is openmpi compiled with gnu compiler and the ethernet device.

- To see the currently loaded modules:

```
% module list
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
  1) rocks-openmpi
%
```

- To see available modules:

```
% module avail
----- /usr/share/Modules/modulefiles -----
dot                module-info    null                use.own
module-cvs         modules          rocks-openmpi

----- /usr/share/Modules/modulefiles -----
dot                module-info    null                use.own
module-cvs         modules          rocks-openmpi
%
```

- To NOT load the Rocks default module Definition. Set the environment variable ROCKS\_MODULE\_USER\_DEF to a non-zero string.

```
export ROCKS_USER_MODULE_DEF=True
```



if modules are already loaded, then ROCKS\_USER\_MODULE\_DEF will not unload already loaded modules. If you do not want the Rocks default then set the above definition in your \$HOME/.bashrc or \$HOME/.cshrc files

## 3.2. Using mpirun from OpenMPI

To interactively launch a test OpenMPI program on two processors:

- Create a file in your home directory named `machines`, and put two entries in it, such as:

```
compute-0-0
compute-0-1
```

- Now launch the job from the frontend:

```
$ ssh-agent $SHELL
$ ssh-add
```



```
$ /opt/openmpi/bin/mpirun -np 2 -machinefile machines /opt/mpi-tests/bin/mpi-ring
```



You must run MPI programs as a regular user (that is, not root).

If you don't have a user account on the cluster, create one for yourself, and propagate the information to the compute nodes with:

```
# useradd username
# rocks sync users
```

### 3.3. Using mpirun from MPICH

To interactively launch a test MPICH program on two processors:

- Create a file in your home directory named `machines`, and put two entries in it, such as:

```
compute-0-0
compute-0-1
```

- Compile a test program using the MPICH environment:

```
$ cd $HOME
$ mkdir mpich-test
$ cd mpich-test
$ cp /opt/mpi-tests/src/mpi-ring.c .
$ /opt/mpich/gnu/bin/mpicc -o mpi-ring mpi-ring.c -lm
```

- Now launch the job from the frontend:

```
$ ssh-agent $SHELL
$ ssh-add
$ /opt/mpich/gnu/bin/mpirun -nolocal -np 2 -machinefile $HOME/machines \
  $HOME/mpich-test/mpi-ring
```



You must run MPI programs as a regular user (that is, not root).

If you don't have a user account on the cluster, create one for yourself, and propagate the information to the compute nodes with:

```
# useradd username
# rocks sync users
```

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version 6.0 (Mamba)

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