

AFLOW V 3.1.111

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AFLOW SCRIPTING MODE

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aflow --justbefore=string < something
Prints all the strings (defined by EOL) present in the
file (also stdout) "something" until the first occurrence
of "string".

aflow --justafter=string < something
Prints all the strings (defined by EOL) present in the
file (also stdout) "something" after the first occurrence
of "string".

aflow --justbetween=string_start[,string_stop] < something
Prints all the strings (defined by EOL) present in the
file (also stdout) "something" between the first occurrence
of "string_start" to the first occurrence of "string_stop".
If no string_stop is specified, the default is
"START.string_start"
"STOP.string_start"

aflow --qsub=N,file
perform N times the command "qsub file" (useful for rapid aflow submissions)

aflow --qdel=aaa,nnn:mmm,aaa,bbb,ccc
qdel all the jobs specified between "," and the
list of jobs between ":" in increments of 1.
For instance aflow --qdel 10:20,99,102
qdel 10,11,12...20,99,102

aflow --bsub=N,file
perform N times the command "bsub < file" (useful for rapid aflow submissions)

aflow --bkill=aaa,nnn:mmm,aaa,bbb,ccc
bkills all the jobs specified between "," and the
list of jobs between ":" in increments of 1.
For instance aflow --bkill 10:20,99,102
bkills 10,11,12...20,99,102

aflow --sbatch=N,file
perform N times the command "sbatch file" (useful for rapid aflow submissions)

aflow --scancel=aaa,nnn:mmm,aaa,bbb,ccc
scancels all the jobs specified between "," and the
list of jobs between ":" in increments of 1.
For instance aflow --scancel 10:20,99,102
scancels 10,11,12...20,99,102

aflow --kill=aaa,nnn:mmm,aaa,bbb,ccc
kills all the jobs specified between "," and the
list of jobs between ":" in increments of 1.
For instance aflow --kill 10:20,99,102
kills -9 10,11,12...20,99,102

aflow --multish Very useful option for scripting.
if you have a "file" containing a gazillion of instructions,
one per line, such as
command_perform ./directory1
command_perform ./directory2
.....
command_perform ./directory..
then the instruction
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aflow --multish --np=XX --FILE file
will pipe the instruction in a push-pop list and feed XX cpus in a
multithreaded environment. You can substitute "--np=XX" with "--npmax"
(or omit it at all) and use the max number of available cores in the
machine. Instead of --FILE you can use "--F | -F | --f | -f".
If you omit the --FILE option, then the last argument will
be taken as the name of the file.
Note that due to the variable nature of the time requested for each line,
you might lose causality in the whole process (most of the times
you do not need it, though).
These are examples of proper commands:
    aflow --multish --np=12 --FILE file      (run file in 12 cores)
    aflow --multish --np=12 file            (run file in 12 cores)
    aflow --multish file                    (run file in all your cores)

aflow --multizip [--prefix=PREFIX] [--size=SSSS] [--add] --F file | -D directory1 directory2 ...
If you have a huge amount of directories to zip then you can clusterize them, so that
each subzip contains no more than SSSS entries.
The "prefix=" is optional, the default is "m"
The "size=" is optional, the default is 100.
If you add --add then, if zips are present, they will be added with the new files.
This is a very useful option because many file systems do not allow big files.
I usually use:
    aflow --multizip --prefix=magnetic --size=500 'find . -name EIGENVAL.bands.bz2'
To make life easier, this option clears up the words
"LOCK,aflow.in,OUTCAR.relax2.bz2,EIGENVAL.bands.bz2" from the directory names.

aflow --multibzip2 --np=XX --FILE file file2 file3...
if you have a huge amount of files to bzip2 then you can multithread the bzip2 so there are XX (np) cores.
If --np= is not specified then the code will take 1 core.
The filenames with ".bz2" extension are neglected.

aflow --multibunzip2 --np=XX --FILE file.bz2 file2.bz2 file3.bz2...
Same as --multibzip2 but for un-bzipping.
The filenames without ".bz2" extension are neglected.

aflow --multigzip --np=XX --FILE file file2 file3...
if you have a huge amount of files to gzip then you can multithread the gzip so there are XX (np) cores.
If --np= is not specified then the code will take 1 core.
The filenames with ".gz" extension are neglected.

aflow --multibunzip --np=XX --FILE file.gz file2.gz file3.gz...
Same as --multigzip but for un-bzipping.
The filenames without ".gz" extension are neglected.

aflow --getTEMP [--runstat | --runbar | --refresh=X | --warning_beep=T | --warning_halt=T | --mem=XX ]
If available, the command outputs the hostname and temperatures of the machine. Useful to find hardware
with --runstat the command continuously prints the temperature, refreshing every XX refresh seconds;
with --runbar the command prints a bar with the temperature, refreshing every XX refresh seconds;
with --refresh=X you can specify the refresh time (DEFAULT below)
with --warning_beep=T, if the max temp goes beyond T(C, DEFAULT below), the command beeps the computer
with --warning_halt=T, if the max temp goes beyond T(C, DEFAULT below), the command halts the computer
with --max=X | --maxmem=XX, it kills vasp/mpivasp using more than XX% of memory.
DEFAULT VALUES in aflow.h
#define AFLOW_CORE_TEMPERATURE_BEEP_      56.0 // Celsius
#define AFLOW_CORE_TEMPERATURE_HALT_     65.0 // Celsius, you need to run aflow as root to halt
#define AFLOW_CORE_TEMPERATURE_REFRESH_  5.0 // seconds

aflow --monitor [--mem=XX]
This is a wrap up set of commands to be sent in the background so that the node is monitored for health.
It kills vasp/mpivasp using more than XX% of memory.
The default for XX is 95%/NCPUs, so even in the worst scenario there should be enough RAM to resuscitate
a soon-to-be-frozen machine/node.

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