Introduction to GACRC Teaching Cluster

PHYS4601/6601

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GACRC

- A high-performance-computing (HPC) center at the UGA
- Provide to the UGA research and education community an advanced computing environment:
  - HPC computing and networking infrastructure located at the Boyd Data Center
  - Comprehensive collection of scientific, engineering and business applications
  - Consulting and training services

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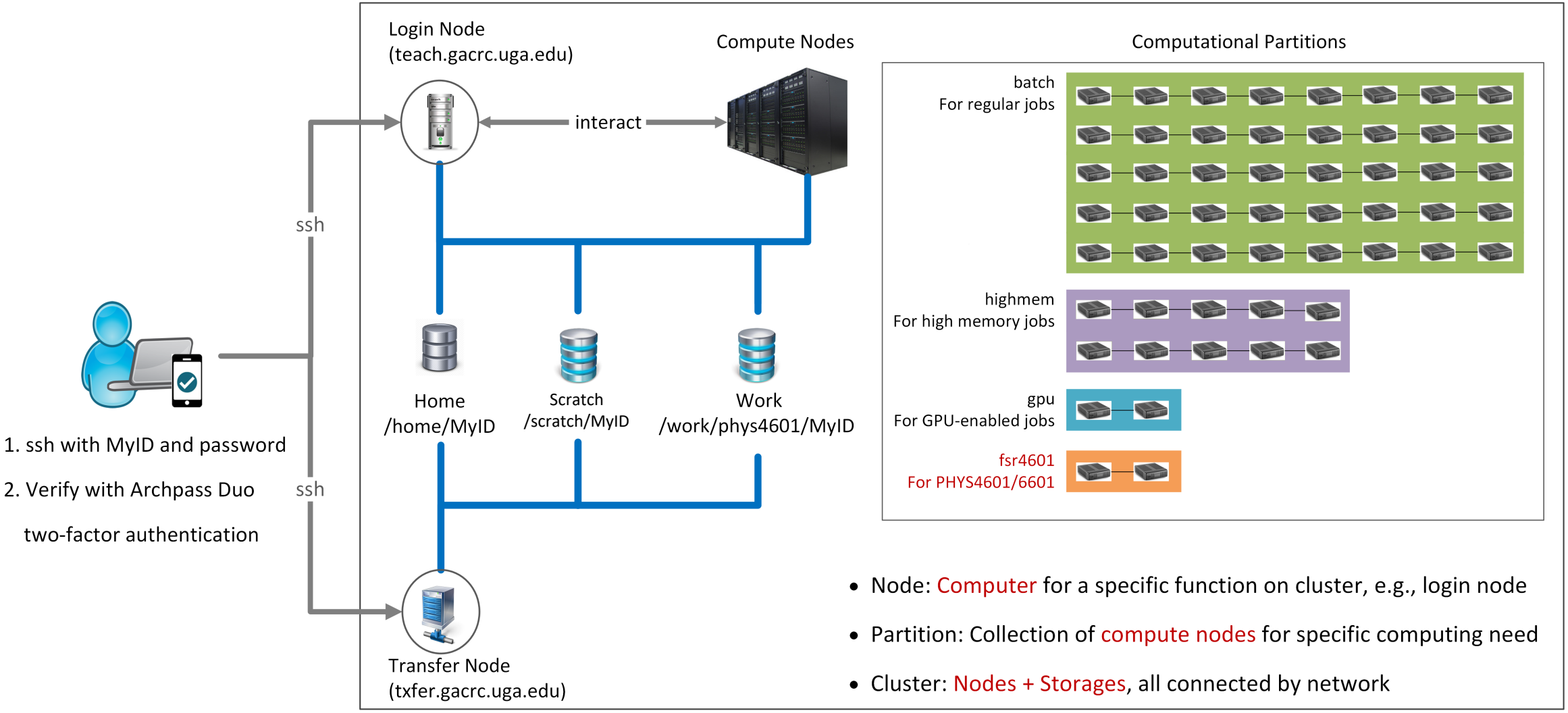
Teaching Cluster



- Node: Computer for a specific function on cluster, e.g., login node
- Partition: Collection of compute nodes for specific computing need
- Cluster: Nodes + Storages, all connected by network

Note: You need to connect to the UGA VPN at first when accessing from outside of the UGA main campus.

Working Environment

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Systems#Teaching_cluster

- Two nodes, your "username" is your MyID for both of them:
  1. For batch job workflow, the host to log into is teach.gacrc.uga.edu
  2. For file transfers, the host to log into is txfer.gacrc.uga.edu
- Three folders:
  1. /home/MyID : working space for running computational jobs
  2. /work/phys4601/MyID : data storing space for individual user in a class
  3. /work/phys4601/instructor_data : data shared with class by the instructors
- Partitions for PHYS4601/6601 class: fsr4601

Working Environment (cont.)

- Software
  1. Software names are long and have a Easybuild toolchain name associated to it
  2. Complete module name: Name/Version-toolchain, e.g., Python/3.10.4-GCCcore-11.3.0
  3. Software names are case-sensitive!
     - `module spider pattern` : Search modules using a name pattern (case-insensitive)
     - `module load/unload moduleName` : Load/remove a module
     - `module avail` : List all available modules on the cluster
     - `module list` : List modules currently loaded
     - `module purge` : Remove all modules from working environment

Submit a Computational Batch Job

1. Log on to Login node using MyID and password, and two-factor authentication with Archpass Duo: ssh MyID@teach.gacrc.uga.edu
2. Change directory to your scratch space: cd /scratch/MyID
3. Create a working subdirectory for a job : mkdir workDir
4. Change directory to workDir : cd workDir
5. Transfer data from local computer to workDir : use scp or WinSCP to connect Transfer node
   Transfer data on cluster to workDir : log on to Transfer node and then use cp or mv
6. Compile Fortran code *mult.f* into a binary code
7. Make a job submission script in workDir : nano sub.sh
8. Submit a job from workDir : sbatch sub.sh
9. Check job status : squeue --me or Cancel a job : scancel JobID

Step1: Log on to Login node

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Connecting#Connecting_to_the_teaching_cluster

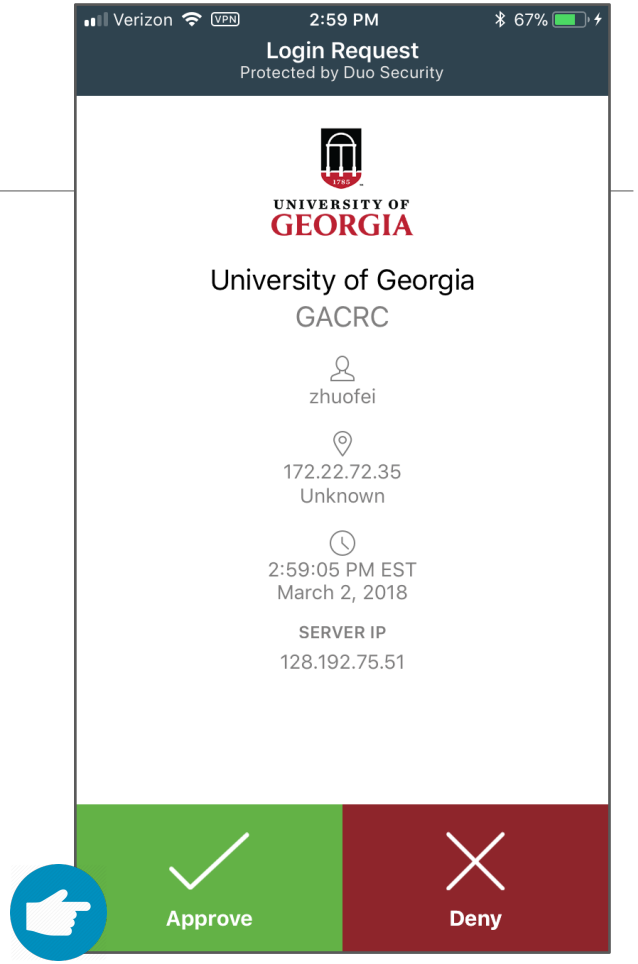
1. Teaching cluster access requires verification using two-factor authentication with Archpass Duo. If you are not enrolled in Archpass Duo, please refer to https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/tools/archpass_duo/ on how to enroll

2. If you are connecting from off-campus, please first connect to the UGA VPN and then connect to teach.gacrc.uga.edu. Information on how to use the VPN is available at https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/tools/vpn/

Step1: Log on to Login node - Mac/Linux using ssh

1. Open Terminal utility
2. Type command line: `ssh MyID@teach.gacrc.uga.edu`
3. You will be prompted for your UGA MyID password
4. You will verify your login using Archpass Duo authentication

```
ssh zhuofei@teach.gacrc.uga.edu        ← 1. use ssh to open connection

UGA DUO authentication is required for SSH/SCP access to GACRC
systems. For additional help with UGA DUO authentication or to
report an issue please visit: https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security...

Password:        ← 2. Enter your MyID password
                    When you enter password, no stars or dots will show
                    as you are typing. Please type password carefully!
Duo two-factor login for zhuofei

Enter a passcode or select one of the following options:

 1. Duo Push to XXX-XXX-5758
 2. Phone call to XXX-XXX-5758
 3. Phone call to XXX-XXX-1925
 4 5. SMS passcodes to XXX-XXX-5758 (next code starts with: 1)

Passcode or option (1-5): 1        ← 3. Select Duo option
Success. Logging you in...
Last login: Mon Aug  3 11:11:58 2020 from 172.18.114.119
zhuofei@teach-sub1 ~$        ← 4. Logged on!
```



5. Verify login using Duo

Step1 (Cont.) - Windows using PuTTY

1. Download and install PuTTY: https://www.putty.org/
2. Detailed downloading and installation instructions:

   https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/How_to_Install_and_Configure_PuTTY
3. Detailed configuring and usage instructions:

   https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/How_to_Install_and_Configure_PuTTY#Configuring_PuTTY

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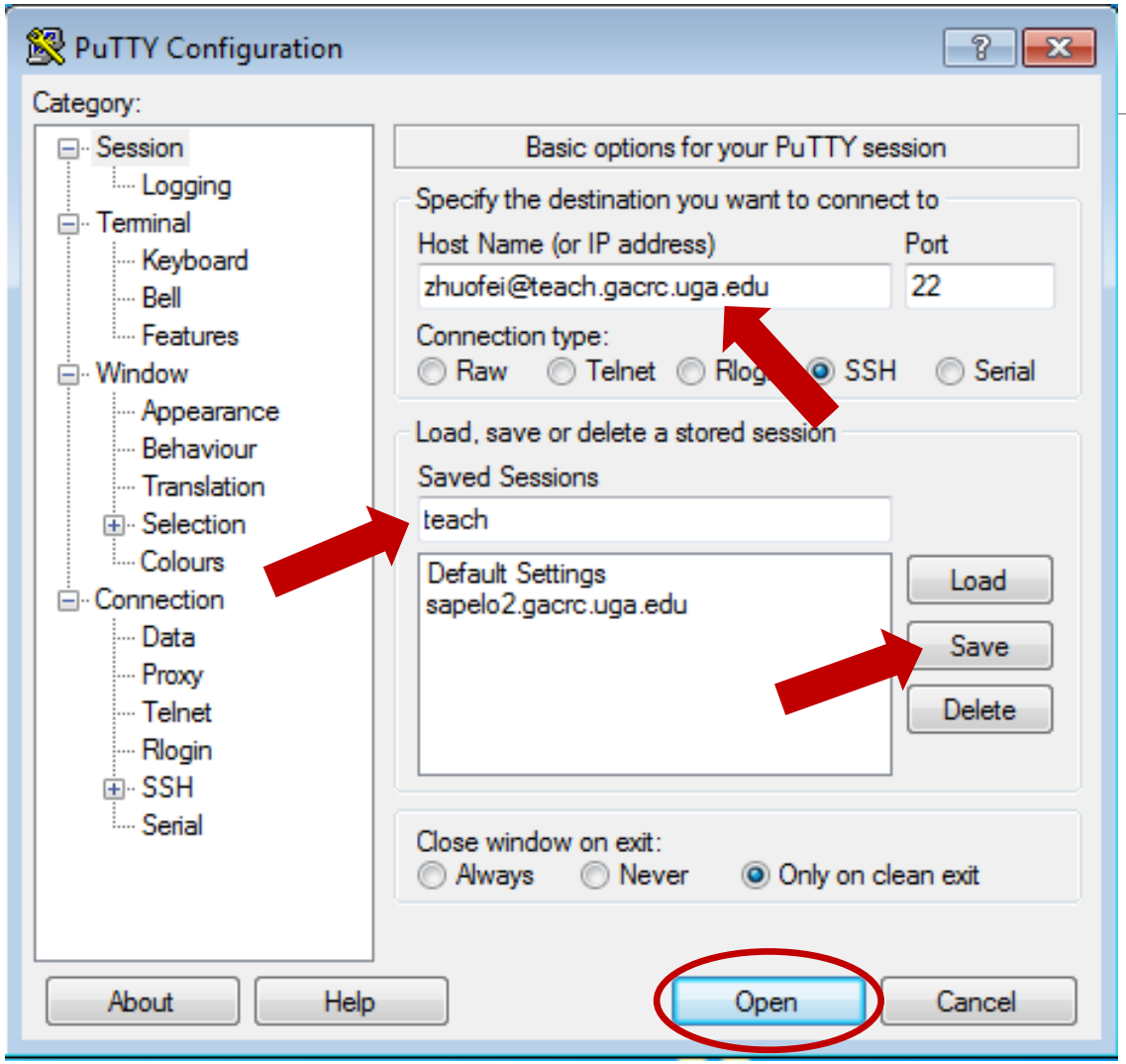
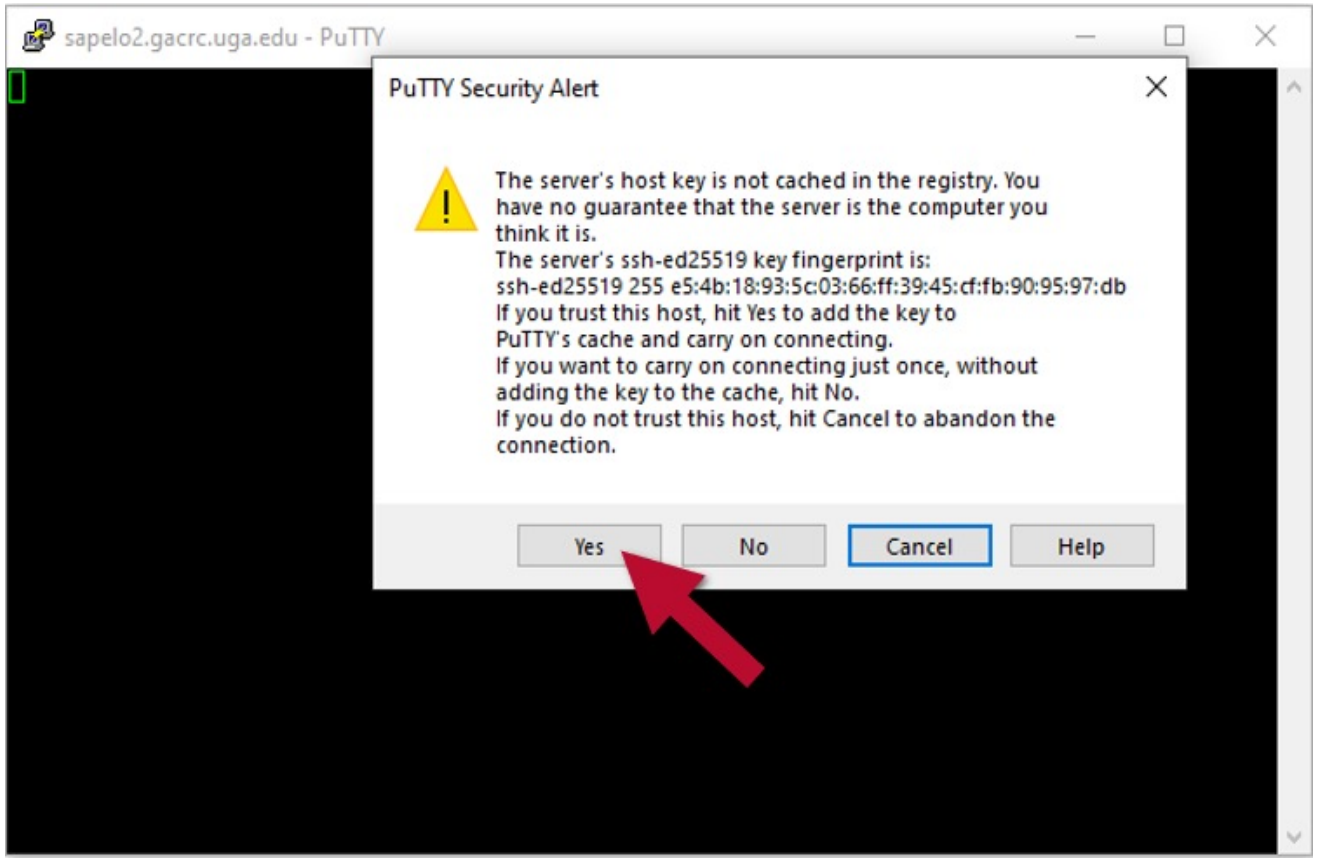
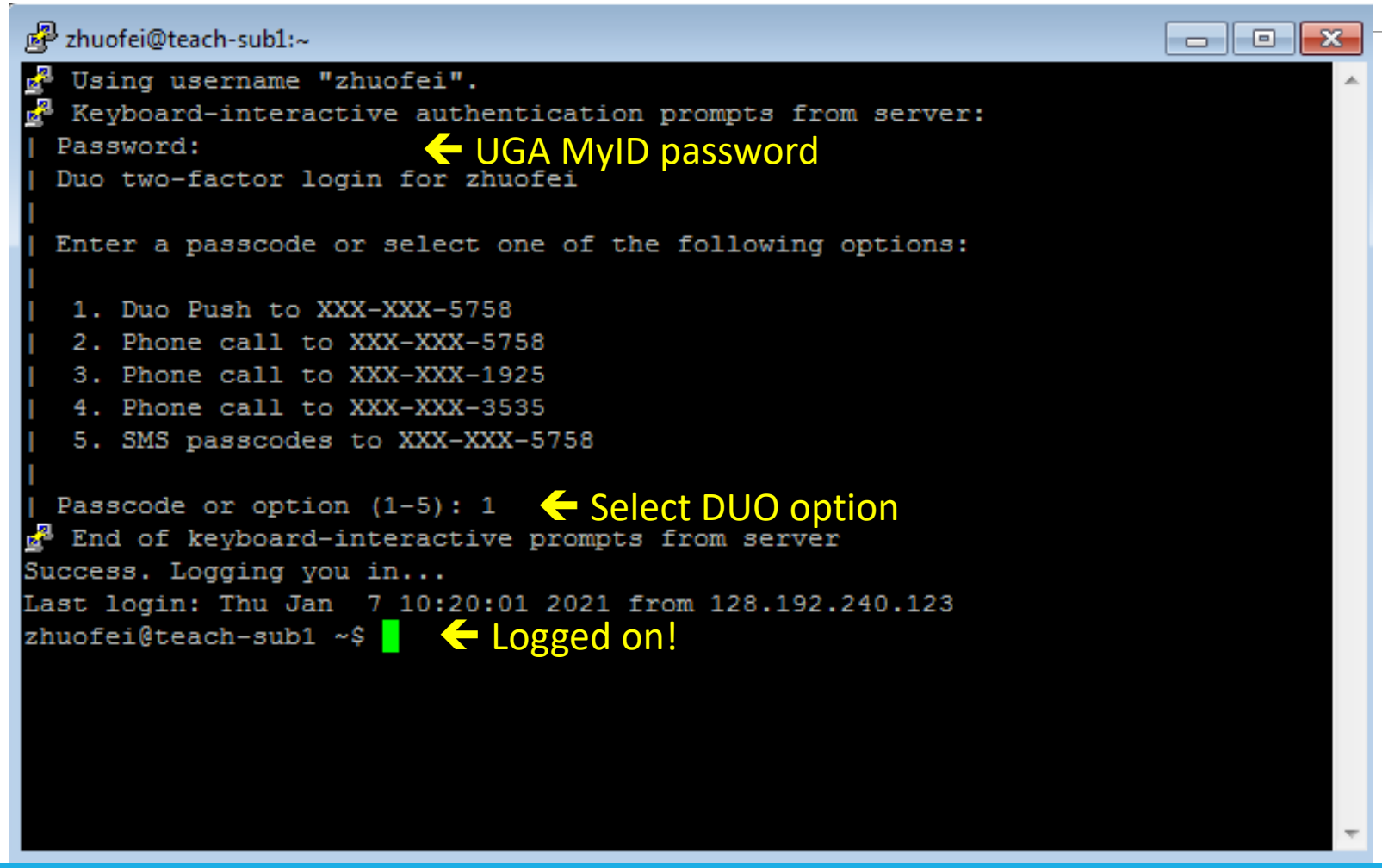


The first time you connect to login node, PuTTY will give you this security alert window. Please click "Yes"



Step1 (Cont.) - Windows using PuTTY

Next you will enter your UGA MyID password and initiate DUO authentication procedure:



Step2 - 4: cd to /scratch dir, make and cd into workDir

```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 ~$ cd /scratch/zhuofei
zhuofei@teach-sub1 zhuofei$ mkdir workDir
zhuofei@teach-sub1 zhuofei$ cd workDir/
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ ls
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$
```

← cd command to change directory

← mkdir command to create a subdirectory

← cd command to change directory

← ls command to list contents of directory

← it is empty in workDir!

Step5: Transfer data from local computer to workDir - Mac/Linux

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Transferring_Files#Using_scp_2

1. Connect to Transfer node (txfer.gacrc.uga.edu) in Terminal from your local computer
2. Use scp command: scp (-r) [Source] [Target]
3. Enter your MyID password, then select Duo option to verify connection

E.g. 1: use scp on local computer, from Local ➔ workDir on cluster

```
scp ./file zhuofei@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu:/home/zhuofei/workDir
```

```
scp -r ./folder/ zhuofei@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu:/home/zhuofei/workDir
```

E.g. 2: use scp on local computer, from workDir on cluster ➔ Local

```
scp zhuofei@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu:/home/zhuofei/workDir/file .
```

```
scp -r zhuofei@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu:/home/zhuofei/workDir/folder/ .
```

Step5 (Cont.) - Windows using WinSCP

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Transferring_Files#Using_WinSCP_2

1. You need to connect to cluster's Transfer node (txfer.gacrc.uga.edu)
2. Use WinSCP on local computer
   - WinSCP can be downloaded from https://winscp.net/eng/index.php
   - Default installation procedure is simple
3. Alternative FileZilla https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Transferring_Files#Using_FileZilla_2

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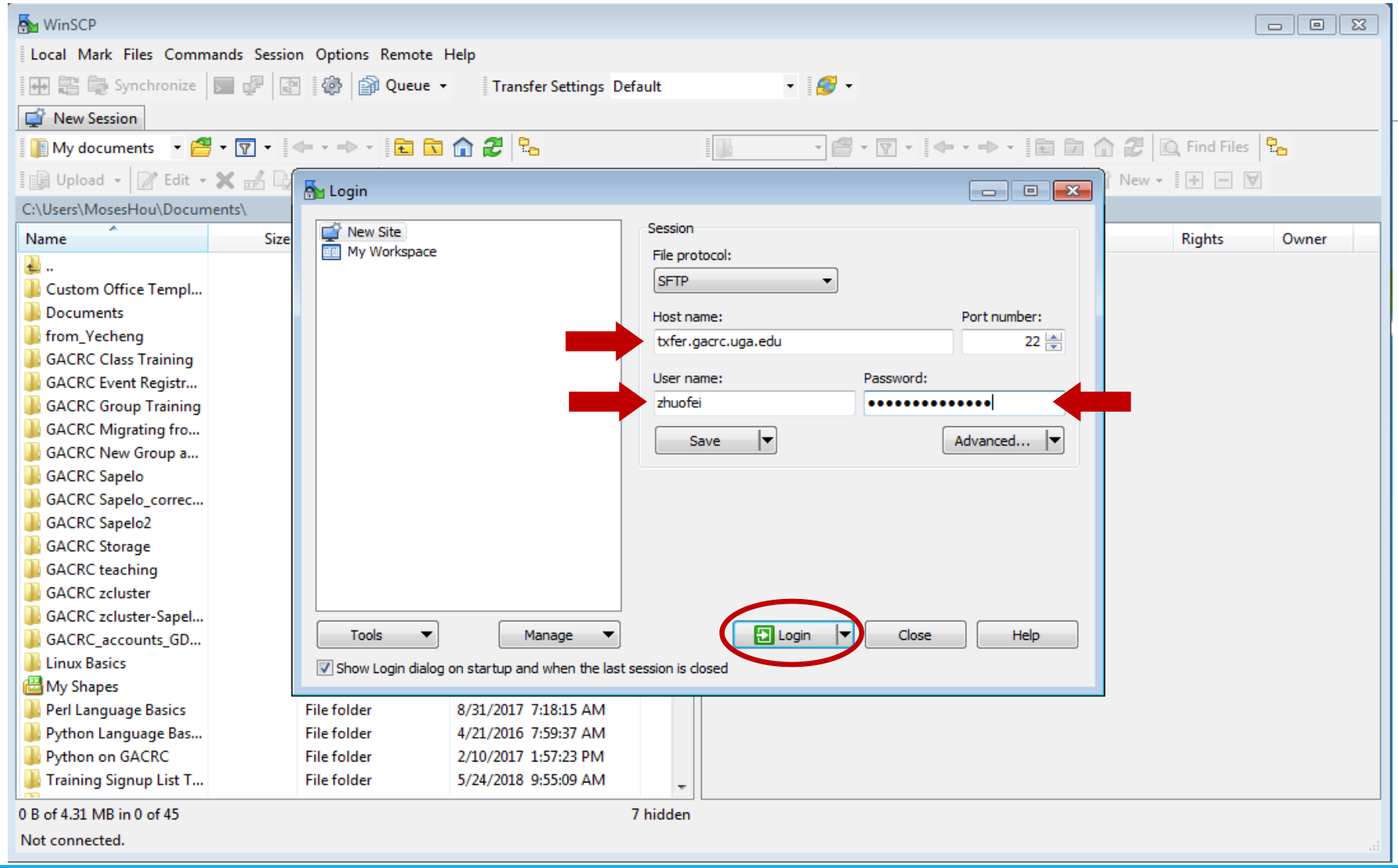

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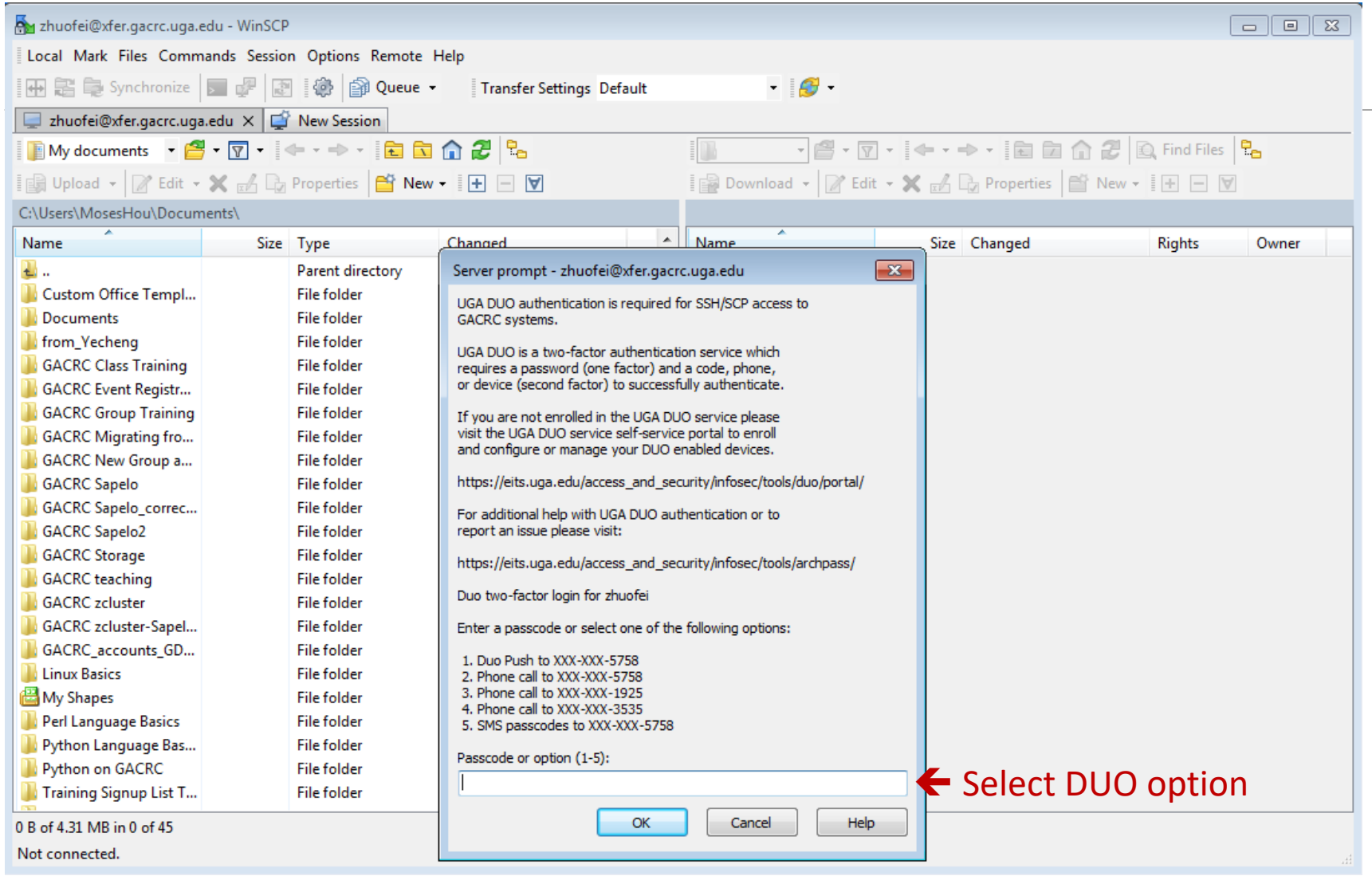

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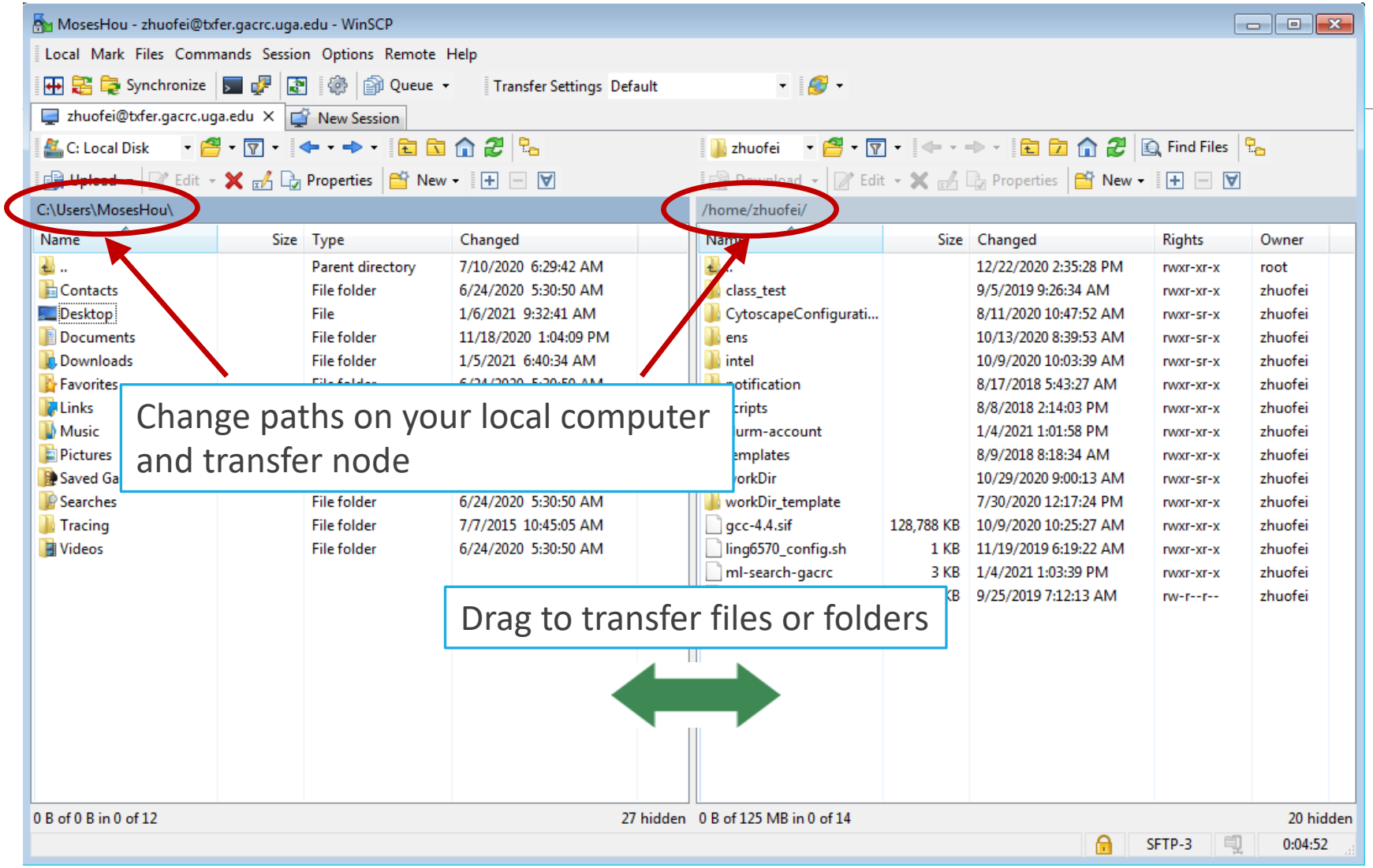

Step5 (Cont.): Transfer data on cluster to workDir

- Log on to Transfer node (txfer.gacrc.uga.edu)
  - ✓ Mac/Linux: ssh MyID@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu (page 9-10)
  - ✓ Windows: use PuTTY to log in MyID@txfer.gacrc.uga.edu (page 11-13)
- Directories you can access on transfer node:
  1. /home/MyID (Landing home)
  2. /work/phys4601/MyID
  3. /work/phys4601/instructor_data
- Transfer data between two folders on cluster using cp or mv, e.g.:

```
mv /work/phys4601/MyID/datafile /home/MyID/workDir
```

Step6: Compile Fortran code *mult.f* into a binary

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```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ interact                                  ← Start an interactive session
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ cp  /usr/local/gacrc/training/phys4601/mult.f .  ← Copy source code to your working dir
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ cat  mult.f                                   ← Show contents of source code
      Program mult
C     Multiplies two integer numbers
      implicit none
      integer i,j,iprod
      i=3
      j=4
      open(1, file='output.txt')
      iprod=i*j
      write(1,10)i,j,iprod
10    format('The product of ', I2, ' and ', I2, ' is ', I3)
      close(1)
      end
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ module load  GCC/11.3.0                       ← Load GCC compiler module
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ gfortran  mult.f  -o  mult.x                  ← Compile source code into a binary
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ ls
mult.f  mult.x                                                        ← Binary is generated in your working dir
zhuofei@rb1-11 workDir$ exit                                          ← Exit from interactive session
```

Step7: Make a job submission script *sub.sh using nano*

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```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ cp  /usr/local/gacrc/training/phys4601/sub.sh  .      ← Copy sub.sh to working dir
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ cat  sub.sh                                          ← Show contents of sub.sh
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=test                    # Job name
#SBATCH --partition=fsr4601                # Submit job to fsr4601 partition
#SBATCH --ntasks=1                         # Single task job
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1                  # Number of cores per task
#SBATCH --mem=2gb                          # Total memory for job
#SBATCH --time=00:01:00                    # Time limit hrs:min:sec; fsr4601 TIMELIMIT 1 min
#SBATCH --output=log.%j                    # Standard output and error log
#SBATCH --mail-user=MyID@uga.edu           # Where to send mail
#SBATCH --mail-type=ALL                    # Mail events (BEGIN, END, FAIL, ALL)

cd $SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR
module load GCC/11.3.0
time ./mult.x                              # run the binary code you compiled in step 5 in this job
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ nano sub.sh    ← Use nano modify sub.sh, e.g., email address
```

Step8: Submit a job from workDir using sbatch

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Running_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster#How_to_submit_a_job_to_the_batch_queue

```
$ sbatch sub.sh
Submitted batch job 5230
```

Tips: sub.sh is a job submission script for

1. specifying computing resources
2. loading compiler module using module load
3. running any Linux commands you want to run
4. running your binary code

Step9: Check job status using squeue

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Monitoring_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster

```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ squeue --me
JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER  ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
 5230    fsr4601     test   zhuofei   R       0:01      1 rb1-3

zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ squeue --me -l
Mon Jan 09 26:03:14 2024
JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER    STATE       TIME TIME_LIMI  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
 5230    fsr4601     test   zhuofei   RUNNING       0:01      1:00      1 rb1-3
```

Job State: R for Running; PD for PenDing; F for Failed

TIME: the elapsed time used by the job, not remaining time, not CPU time

Step9 (Cont.): Cancel job using scancel

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Running_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster#How_to_delete_a_running_or_pending_job

```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ scancel 5230
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ squeue --me
JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
```

Step9 (Cont.): Check job details using sacct-gacrc -X and seff

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Monitoring_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster

```
$ sacct-gacrc -X

       JobID    JobName      User  Partition  NNode NCPUS  ReqMem    CPUTime    Elapsed  Timelimit      State ExitCode NodeList
------------ ---------- --------- ---------- ----- ----- -------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- -------- ----------
        5230       test   zhuofei    fsr4601     1     1       2G   00:00:01   00:00:01   00:01:00  COMPLETED      0:0      rb1-3


$ seff 5230            # Check computing resources used by a COMPLETED job
Cluster: gacrc-teach
User/Group: zhuofei/gacrc-instruction
State: COMPLETED (exit code 0)
Cores: 1
CPU Utilized: 00:00:00
CPU Efficiency: 0.00% of 00:00:01 core-walltime
Job Wall-clock time: 00:00:01
Memory Utilized: 0.00 MB (estimated maximum)
Memory Efficiency: 0.00% of 2.00 GB (2.00 GB/node)
```

Step9 (Cont.): Check node info using sinfo

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Monitoring_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster

```
zhuofei@teach-sub1 workDir$ sinfo
PARTITION     AVAIL  TIMELIMIT      NODES     STATE     NODELIST
allnodes         up      infinite          1       mix     rb1-11
allnodes         up      infinite         12      idle     c4-23,rb1-[1-10,12]
batch            up   7-00:00:00          8      idle     rb1-[3-10]
gpu              up   7-00:00:00          1      idle     c4-23
highmem          up   7-00:00:00          2      idle     rb1-[1-2]
Interactive      up   7-00:00:00          1       mix     rb1-11
interactive      up   7-00:00:00          1      idle     rb1-12
fsr4601          up         1:00          8      idle     rb1-[3-10]
fsr8602          up        10:00          8      idle     rb1-[3-10]
```

idle = no cores in use; mix = some cores are still free; alloc = all cores are allocated

Obtain Job Details

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Running_Jobs_on_the_teaching_cluster#How_to_check_resource_utilization_of_a_running_or_finished_job

Option 1: `seff` for details of computing resource usage of a finished job

Option 2: `sacct-gacrc` for details of computing resource usage of a running or finished job

Option 3: Email notification from finished jobs (completed, canceled, or crashed), if using:

```
#SBATCH --mail-user=username@uga.edu

#SBATCH --mail-type=ALL
```

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Transfer File:

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Transferring_Files#The_File_Transfer_node_for_the_teaching_cluster_.28txfer.gacrc.uga.edu.29

Sample Job Scripts:

https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Sample_batch_job_submission_scripts_on_the_teaching_cluster

Linux Command: https://wiki.gacrc.uga.edu/wiki/Command_List

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➢ Job Troubleshooting:

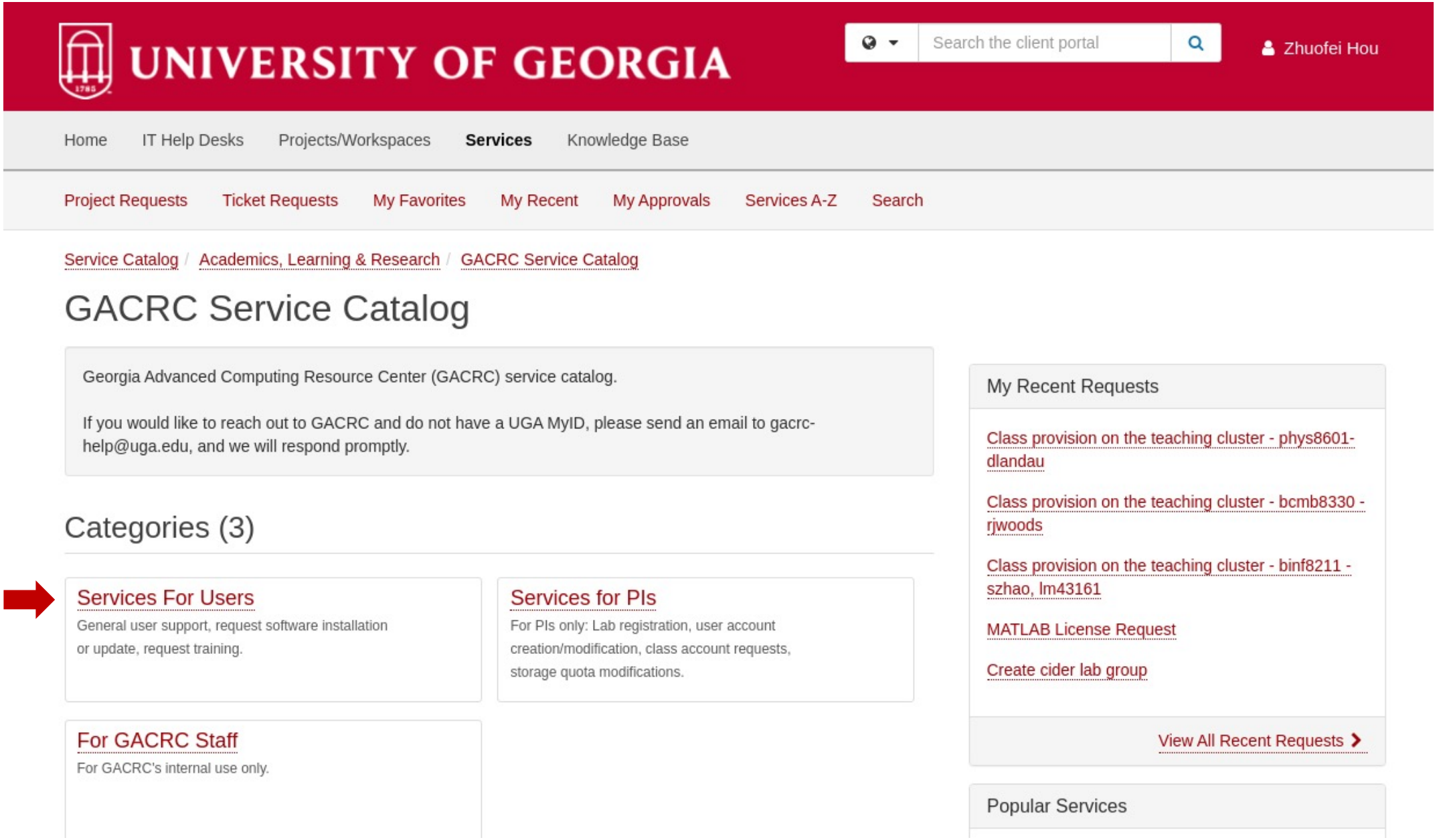
Please tell us details of your question or problem, including but not limited to:

- ✓ Your user name
- ✓ Your job ID
- ✓ Your working directory
- ✓ The partition name and command you used to submit the job

➢ Software Installation:

- ✓ Specific name and version of the software
- ✓ Download website
- ✓ Supporting package information if have

Please note to make sure the correctness of datasets being used by your jobs!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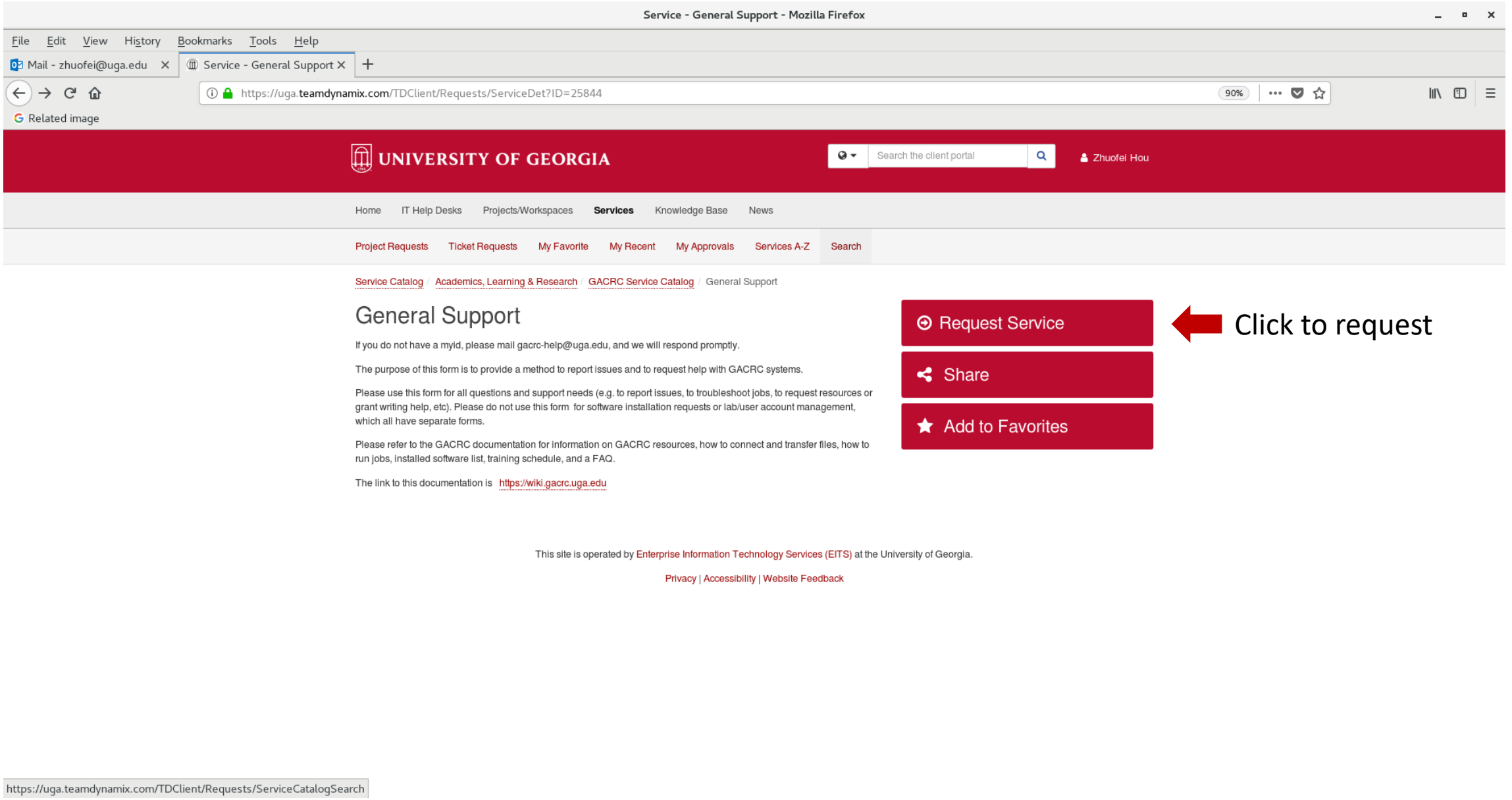
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