

Getting Started with QC

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What is QC?

QC stands for “Quality Control”

ANITA and ARA both have simulation packages

- Icemu for ANITA: <https://github.com/anitaNeutrino/icemu>
- AraSim for ARA: <https://delos.mps.ohio-state.edu/RadioSim/AraSim/>

They can change quickly (few times per month)

These QCs:

- Download the new versions of the software
- Run the simulation to generate fake data
- Make plots of that data for us to examine and check for problems.

What are we gonna do to start?

start, we're just gonna learn how to make plots out of the emc/AraSim data output

What's the focus of this starting document

Step 0: Get Familiar with the Command Line

All of our work will be done on computing clusters. To interact with the computing cluster, we will need to use the *command line*. The command line will allow us to go inside files, delete them, make new ones, run programs, etc.

Follow this link to learn how to use it:

<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-the-command-line>

Step 1: Get a Unity Account

For the time being, let's start by having you all do your work on the computing cluster known as "unity"

is maintained by the College of Arts and Sciences here at OSU. Contact your QC coordinator (Brian, Amy, etc.) to get you an account

Step 2: Prepare to Log-In

Log-into unity, you will need to be on the arts and sciences network

You can either plug into an ethernet port in the PRB

or you must set up a VPN (virtual private network)

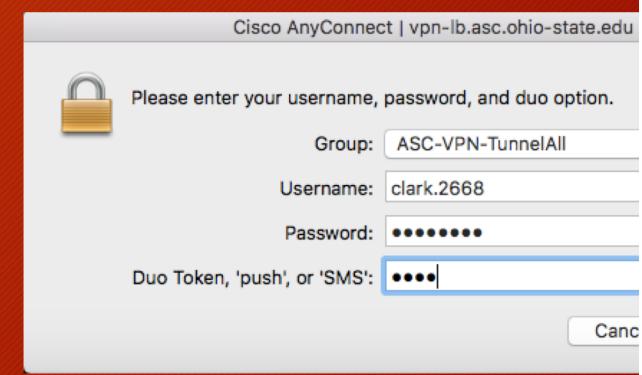
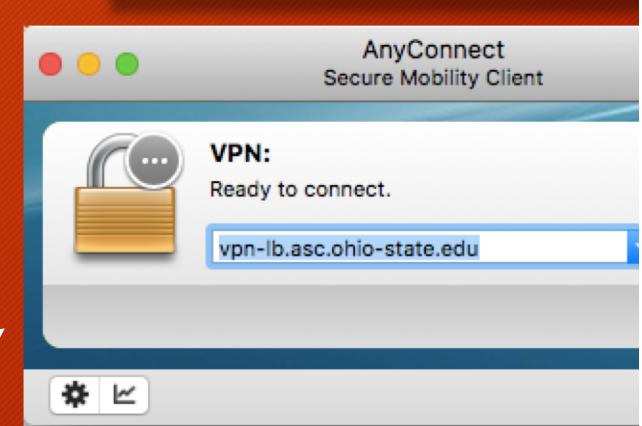
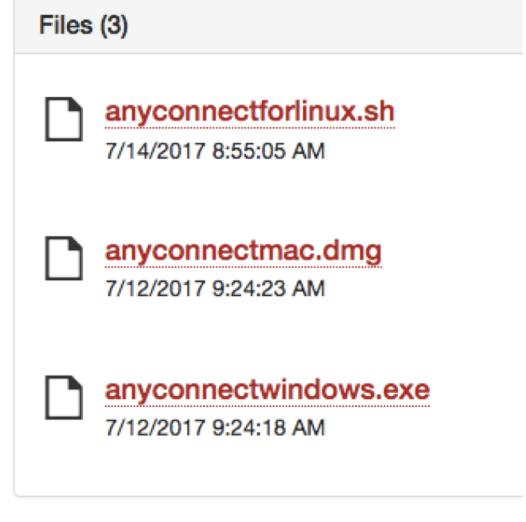
To set up a VPN, follow the instructions here:

<http://osuasc.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/KB/ArticleDet?ID=12>

Load and install the appropriate software for your computer (mac, linux, windows); it'll be on the right of the slide

Open the software and open the VPN software; enter “vpn.asc.ohio-state.edu” into connect window, press connect

Your username will be your “name.#”, your password is your buckeyelink password, and use whatever Duo option you may use to log-in to buckeyelink (I recommend push)



Step 3: Log-In

Now to log in!

Linux or Mac:

Open the terminal, and type “`ssh name.#@unity.asc.ohio-state.edu`”

It might ask you to agree to an SSH security token; say yes
and enter your Buckeyelink password

You will need to download and install an *ssh tunneling client*.
The easiest is one called “putty”: <https://www.putty.org/>

Install putty, and then open it:

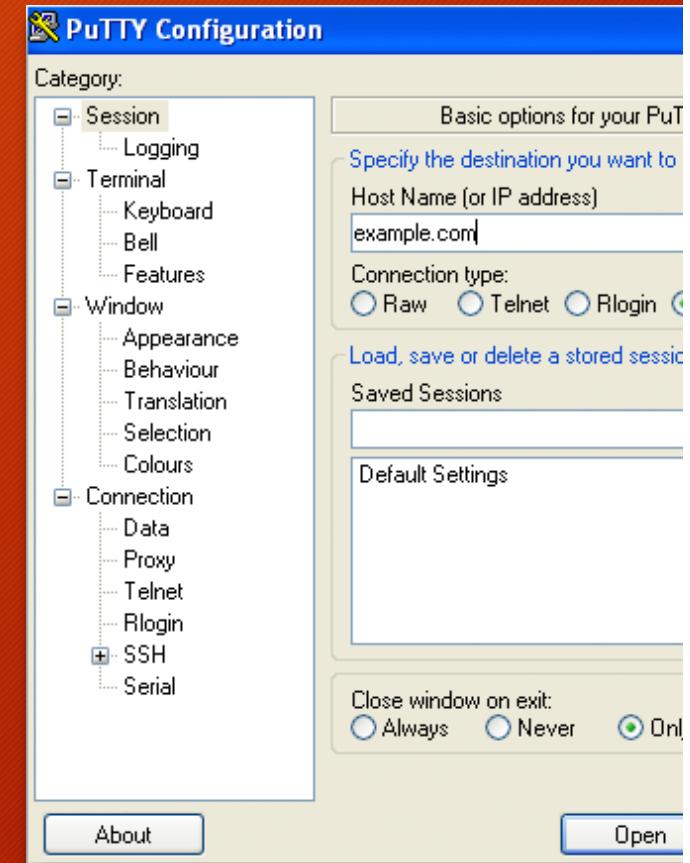
For “Host Name”, put “unity.asc.ohio-state.edu”

For Port choose “22”

For “Connection type” choose “SSH”

Click “Open”

You will then enter your `name.#` as your username, and your
Buckeyelink password as your password



Step 4: Learn How to Transfer Files

But your time working on any supercomputer, you'll need to transfer files

The best way to transfer files is by using a file transfer client

I recommend Filezilla: <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Download and install it

Launch it

Create a "New Site"

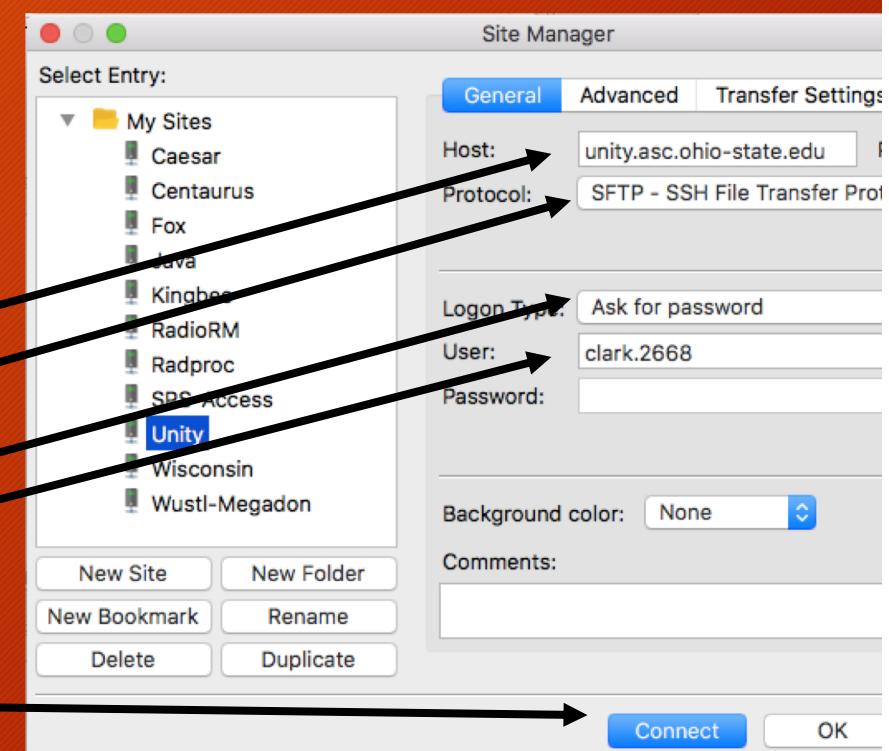
Under "Host" put "unity.asc.ohio-state.edu"

Under "Protocol" select "SFTP"

Under "Logon Type" put "Ask for password"

Under "User" put "clark.2668"

Then click "connect"



Step 4: Pt 2

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ft panel of your screen is *your* computer
ght panel of the screen is the remote machine
nsfer files you literally drag them from one screen
next

it

re some nice tutorial:

[ps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUNQphoGVwQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUNQphoGVwQ)

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Step 5: Set Up Your Shell Environment

your *shell environment* defines variables you want to use first, put the files “bashrc_qctools_arasim.sh” and “bashrc_qctools_icemc.sh” into your home directory.

Open your “.bashrc” file and copy the contents of “sample_bashrc.sh” into it. Do the same with “.bash_profile”.

If you want to do work with AraSim, go into your .bashrc and uncomment the line before “bashrc_qctools_arasim.sh”. If you want to do work with icemc, uncomment the line before “bashrc_qctools_icemc.sh”.

I’m having you do this because it will *source* several pieces of software you will need (like ROOT) that I’ve already installed for you to save me

Step 6: Download a copy of AraSim

When we download a copy of AraSim we are going to use a piece of software called “svn”

This is what’s known as a version control system, which allows developers to track how a piece of code evolves

We won’t use that feature for a while; for now, we’re just gonna use it to access the AraSim Code

Follow the instructions here: <http://ara.physics.ohio-state.edu/documentation/svndirections.php>

Step 7: Compile AraSim

Navigate to the AraSim/trunk directory

Type “make” to compile the code

If the code compile fails, chat with your other QC folks to try and find a solution

Step 8: Test Run AraSim

Now we'll run a basic test of AraSim

First, move the file “test_setup.txt” into your AraSim/trunk directory

Now, execute the command “./AraSim test_setup.txt”

This will simulate 100 neutrinos at the energy of 10^{21} eV

Check if it executes successfully; also, you should check the outputs directory for a file called AraOut.root

If it did, well done!

Step 9: Make your First Plot

Now that we have data, we can make our first plot!

the following two files into your AraSim/trunk directory:

`plotting_example`”: the **makefile**, which tells the computer how to put together our code

`Plotting_example.cc`”: the code to be put together

make `-f M.plotting_example`” (the `-f` says “use this file”)

execute the plot making code: `“./plotting_example outputs/AraOut`

will produce a plot! Revel in your brilliance.

our result in our Dropbox folder, under Daily Updates, in a folder with the date name.

should actually *read* “`plotting_example.cc`” **very carefully** to understand what it’s doing (the explanations are in the comments)

Step 10: Make More Plots

The first goal here is to replicate most of the plots originally put together by Steven Hoover:

https://www.phys.hawaii.edu/elog/anita_notes/32

You can do this for AraSim first, and then we can transition to emc