

# Lab 1: Infrastructure Setup, Async-Finish Parallel Programming

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**Course wiki :** <https://wiki.rice.edu/confluence/display/PARPROG/COMP322> (includes a link to a softcopy of this handout in the Lab section)

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*NOTE: All setup and execution for today's lab can be done on your laptop or on a lab computer. We recommend doing lab exercises in pairs, but you also have the option to do it individually on your laptop. Priority for the lab machines will be given to pairs rather than individual users.*

*These setup instructions are primarily intended for Linux systems (such as your lab machines) and Mac OS systems. We will provide tips for Windows users, but we cannot guarantee that the course infrastructure will work on your Windows system. If you're having problems using the Windows machine for your work, we recommend that you use a lab machine instead.*

## 1 Coursera Setup

We will use COMP 322's Coursera site, <https://rice.coursera.org/parallelprog-001>, for quizzes and discussions. For all other information, please go to the course wiki listed above. You will need a Coursera account to access this site.

*If you can access the above site, you are done and you can move on to the next section. If not, you need to apply for a Coursera account at <http://coursera.org> or <http://rice.coursera.org> ASAP and send it to [comp322-staff@mailman.rice.edu](mailto:comp322-staff@mailman.rice.edu). This is important because you will need to use your Coursera account to complete a lab quiz today.*

## 2 CLEAR Subversion Setup

Each of you has a private directory allocated in a “cloud” hosted by Rice's CLEAR subversion system. You can always examine the most recent contents of your directory in CLEAR by visiting <https://svn.rice.edu/r/comp322/turnin/S13/your-netid>.

The directory is empty to begin with, but will be populated with folders for homeworks and labs. We have a strict naming convention for these folders — “hw\_1”, “hw\_2”, ... for homeworks and “lab\_1”, “lab\_2”, ... for labs. These names are case-sensitive.

Rice IT has provided a script called “turnin” to enable you to submit content to your CLEAR directory<sup>1</sup>. The purpose of today's setup exercise is to walk you through the steps for submitting labs and homeworks.

You can follow the steps below to submit all your labs and homeworks using turnin on CLEAR. You should do your homework and lab work on a different system from CLEAR. The instructions below include steps to copy files in a folder to CLEAR, and then to submit them. They are explained for a folder named *lab\_1*, but you can use the same instructions for any homework or lab folder.

**NOTE for Windows users:** To use the following command-line instructions on Windows, you need to use a GUI tool such as WinSCP ( [www.winscp.net](http://www.winscp.net)) to drag and drop files to CLEAR (beginner users) or (for advanced users) to install and use Cygwin.

1. Go to the folder (in your machine) that contains all the files you need to submit. For now, you can create a new folder named `lab_1`, and an empty file named `DUMMY.txt` in that folder.

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<sup>1</sup>If you are familiar with subversion and have your own svn client, you are welcome to use that instead.

2. Zip the directory you want to submit.

```
zip -r lab_1.zip lab_1
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3. Use sftp to copy the zip file to CLEAR.

```
sftp <your-netid>@ssh.clear.rice.edu
```

```
<your-password>
```

You should have the sftp prompt `'sftp>'` now.

```
mkdir comp322
```

The above command creates the comp322 directory. It may give an error message if the directory already exists, but that's fine. You can omit this step in the future once you know that the directory exists.

```
cd comp322
```

```
put lab_1.zip
```

You should see a confirmation that the zip file has been transferred

4. Login to CLEAR

```
ssh <your-netid>@ssh.clear.rice.edu
```

```
<your-password>
```

5. Go to the comp322 directory

```
cd comp322
```

6. Unzip the file

```
unzip lab_1.zip
```

7. Delete the zip file (optional)

```
rm lab_1.zip
```

8. Turnin the folder lab\_1

```
turnin comp322-S13:lab_1
```

This should show all your files being added to the subversion. The first time you issue this command you will be asked if you wish to store your password unencrypted, twice.

9. Your submission is complete. You will need to repeat these steps at the end of today's lab to submit the work that you've done today.

10. NOTE: If you have problems with any homework or lab submission during the semester, just email your submission zip file to comp322-staff@mailman.rice.edu before the deadline.

To find out more about the turnin command type the following while logged in to CLEAR: `turnin -help`

*It is possible that your turn-in userid is not properly set up as yet. To check the status of your userid, see if you can access the following URL: <https://svn.rice.edu/r/comp322/turnin/S13/your-netid>. If not, please send email to [helpdesk@rice.edu](mailto:helpdesk@rice.edu) cc'ing [comp322-staff@mailman.rice.edu](mailto:comp322-staff@mailman.rice.edu) and requesting that they fix your access. After that, you can ignore this section for now (till you get access) and move on to the next section.*

## 3 DrHJ Setup

### 3.1 Download

DrHJ is a pedagogic IDE for HJ that will be used at the start of COMP 322. You can use DrHJ to edit, compile and run HJ programs on whichever machine DrHJ is launched on. In later labs, you will be exposed to command-line interfaces to compile and run HJ programs on different parallel machines.

- Download the jar file for DrHJ from <http://www.cs.rice.edu/~vsarkar/downloads/hj/drhj.jar>
- A link to the above jar file can also be obtained by following these links from the course web page: “HJ Info” → “HJ Download and Setup”, and then searching for “Download the jar file corresponding to DrJava-HJ”

### 3.2 Testing

Here are the instructions to compile and run HJ programs using the DrHJ IDE.

- If you’re using your laptop, please check that you have version 1.6.x of JDK installed. (You can type “java -version” on the command line to check the version.)
- Open the DrHJ IDE  
*java -jar drhj.jar*  
(On most systems, you can also just launch DrHJ by double-clicking on the file icon for drhj.jar. )
- Now you should have the DrHJ IDE running. Check that the compiler options includes “HJ 1.3.1-31680” (the version number may be different in the future).
- Download the *HelloWorldError.hj* program from the Code Examples link for Lab 1 in the course web page into a directory called `lab_1`.
- Open an HJ program.  
*Click on the open button in the top panel*  
*Navigate to the folder containing HelloWorldError.hj*  
*Select HelloWorldError.hj and click open*
- Compile the HJ program  
*Click on the Compile button in the top panel*
- Look at the error messages in both the ‘Compiler Output’ tab and the ‘Console’ tab in the bottom panel. Error messages appear in red in the ‘Console’ tab. You should see an error message as follows:  
`HelloWorldError.hj:6: Could not find field or local variable "ss".`
- Fix the error by replacing “ss” by “s” and re-compiling. You should now see the message, “Compilation completed”, in the ‘Compiler Output’ tab.
- Click on the “Run” button to run the program. You can also go to the ‘Interactions’ tab in the bottom panel and run the program by typing the following.  
*run HelloWorldError*  
The `run` command is useful for providing command-line arguments to your program.

### 3.3 Issues with Windows machines

There are known issues with running DrHJ on some Windows machines. While DrHJ works properly on some Windows computers, the following errors may be encountered on others:

- The HJ compiler is not available as an option when selecting compilers.
- The HJ compiler is unable to locate standard classes such as `java.util.*`.

If your Windows machine exhibits any of the above problems, then we suggest that you run DrHj on a CLEAR machine, and Xming on your Windows machine to work with the DrHJ display. Instructions on installing Xming can be found at <https://docs.rice.edu/confluence/display/ITTUT/SSH+with+X11+forwarding+on+Windows>.

## 4 ReciprocalArraySum Program

We will now work with the simple two-way parallel array sum program introduced in Monday's lecture, with a slight modification — this program computes the sum of reciprocals of elements in an array of doubles rather than the direct sum.

You will need to report your work on this problem in a simple quiz using the Coursera. Follow the link for the Lab 1 quiz at [https://rice.coursera.org/parallelprog-001/quiz/start?quiz\\_id=17](https://rice.coursera.org/parallelprog-001/quiz/start?quiz_id=17). It will help you to see the quiz questions ahead of time as you work on this assignment.

- The goal of this exercise is to create an array of  $n$  random int's, and compute the sum of their reciprocals in two ways:
  1. Sequentially in method `seqArraySum()`
  2. In parallel using two tasks in method `parArraySum()` for the two loops in lines 40 and 42.

The profitability of the parallelism depends on the size of the array and the overhead of async creation. Your assignment is to use two-way parallelism in method `parArraySum()` to obtain a smaller execution time than `seqArraySum()`

- Download the `ReciprocalArraySum.hj` program from the Code Examples link for Lab 1 in the course web page into the `lab_1` directory.
- Compile the program by clicking on the Compile button.
- Run the program by typing the following in the Interactions page:  

```
run ReciprocalArraySum
```

Why are the answers slightly different even though the initial version of `parArraySum()` is sequential?
- Edit the current version to add two-way parallelism to method `parArraySum()`.
- Experiment with different sizes (specified as an integer  $N$ ) *e.g.*,  $10^3$ ,  $10^4$ ,  $10^5$ ,  $10^6$ ,  $10^7$ :  

```
run ReciprocalArraySum N
```

NOTE: You may get an `OutOfMemoryError` when experimenting with large values of  $N$ . You will learn how to address that in a future lab.
- What speedup (ratio of sequential to parallel time) do you see for different values of  $N$ ?

## 5 Turning in your lab work

For each lab, you will need to turn in your work before leaving, as follows. This is in addition to submitting the quiz on Coursera:

1. Check that all the work for today's lab is in the `lab_1` directory. If not, make a copy of any missing files/folders there.
2. Before you leave, create a zip file of your work by changing to the parent directory for `lab_1/` and issuing the following command, "`zip -r lab_1.zip lab_1`".
3. Use the turn-in script to submit the contents of the `lab_1.zip` file as a new `lab_1` directory in your `turnin` directory as explained in Section 2.