# Hands-on introduction to HPC for life scientists 

## PRACE \& BioExcel

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Training and Dissemination


## Activity: Human barometer

## Sticky dots

## Have you ever been to Edinburgh before?

1 - No first time ever, London is the furthest North I generally go
2
3
4
5 - I grew up here

*     - Wildcard - Where is Edinburgh, aren't we in London?

How familiar are you with linux?


What is you programming expertise?


Have you attended any previous courses dedicated to HPC (or with a large HPC component)?


How freaked out are you about the prospect of working in an HPC environment


How much support do you have in your home institute?


Have you used an HPC machine before?


Do you know how to gain access to time on an HPC machine?


## BioExcel Competency Profile

Group related competencies together into areas


## Parallel Computing Competencies

- Assess computational workflow systems and their potential benefits
- Apply knowledge of batch system
- Write computer programs that can run on a parallel computer
- Assess advantages and limitations for deploying, executing and optimising computations in a cloud/grid/HPC environment
- Apply knowledge of performance profiling to measure suitability of computing platforms


## Activity - Benchmarking

How are your skills developing over time?

- Pre-course
- Post-course
- 6-12 months


## Note:

- Survey in email also rates generic computing
Competencies
- Link to full profile

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## Competency rating after the course

Please fill following survey

- Generic Computing Competencies (8)
- Parallel Computing Competencies (5)
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