

Modules on LUMI

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Module environments



- Modules are used on HPC systems to enable users to create custom environments and select between multiple versions of applications
 - And applications on HPC systems are installed in non-standard places
- 3 systems in use
 - Original module tool written in C with modules in Tcl, development halted
 - New implementation in Tcl with many new features, developed at INRIA
 - Not supported by HPE Cray
 - Lmod, an implementation in Lua with native module files in Lua but support for most Tcl module files
- We chose Lmod for LUMI

Exploring modules with Lmod



- Contrary to some other module systems, not all modules are immediately available for loading
 - Installed modules: All modules on the system that can be loaded one way or another
 - Available modules: Can be loaded without first loading another module
- Examples in the HPE Cray PE:
 - cray-mpich requires a compiler module and network target module first
 - Many of the performance monitoring tools require perftools-base first
 - cray-fftw only becomes available when a processor target module is loaded
- Tools
 - module avail searches in the available modules
 - module spider and module keyword search in the installed modules

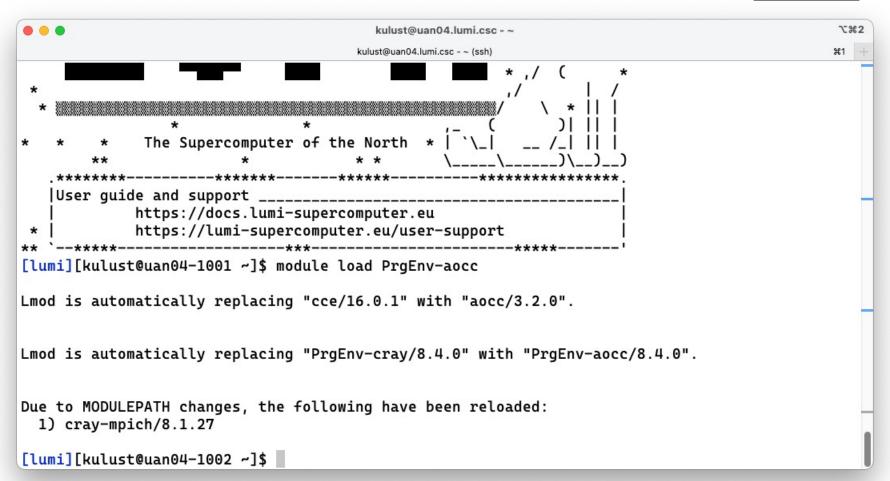
Benefits of a hierarchy



- When well designed, you get some protection from loading modules that do not work together well
 - Only partially implemented on LUMI
- When "swapping" a module that makes other modules available with a different one, Lmod will try to look for equivalent modules in the new hierarchy
 - Example: Try module load PrgEnv-aocc in the default login environment and see what happens

module load PrgEnv-aocc





Module names and families



- In Lmod you cannot have two modules with the same name loaded together
 - On LUMI, when loading a new module the other one with the same name will be automatically unloaded
 - Automatic protection from conflicts
- Extension: family concept: No two modules of the same family can be loaded together
 - E.g., make compilers member of the family "compiler"
 - On LUMI, the conflicting module of the same family will be unloaded automatically

Extensions



- It would not make sense to have a separate module for each of the hundreds of R packages or tens of Python packages a software stack may contain.
 - Would actually also create a performance problem due to excess metadata access and long PATH variables
 - Bundle related packages in a single module
- Lmod solution: A module can define a list of extensions, basically other packages provided by the module.
 - And the regular commands can be used to search for these
 - Unfortunately not used in the HPE Cray PE cray-python and cray-R modules

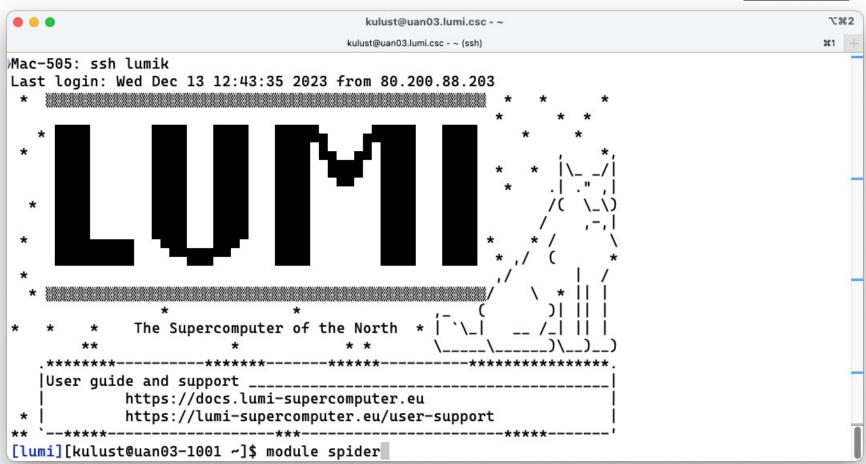
module spider



- module spider: Long list of all installed software with short description
 - Will also look into modules for "extensions" and show those also, marked with an "E"
- module spider FFTW: Look for the FFTW libraries on the system
- module spider cray-fftw/3.3.10.5: Look for this specific version
 - But this immediately shows the problems with the HPE Cray PE
 - Some of the lines don't make much sense (see later)
 - Some options are missing also

module spider (command)(1)





module spider (command) (2)



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kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~
                                       kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
The following is a list of the modules and extensions currently available:
  ARMForge: ARMForge/22.0.1
    Arm Forge debugging and profiling tools
  Autoconf: Autoconf/2.71 (E)
  Autoconf-archive: Autoconf-archive/2021.02.19 (E), ...
  Automake: Automake/1.16.5 (E)
  Bison: Bison/3.8.2 (E)
  Blosc: Blosc/1.21.1-cpeAMD-22.08, Blosc/1.21.1-cpeAOCC-21.12, Blosc/1.21.1-cpeAOCC-22.08, ...
    Blosc is an extremely fast, multi-threaded, meta-compressor library
  Boost: Boost/1.77.0-cpeAOCC-21.12, Boost/1.77.0-cpeCray-21.12, Boost/1.77.0-cpeGNU-21.12, ...
    Boost provides free peer-reviewed portable C++ source libraries.
  Brotli: Brotli/1.0.9-cpeAMD-22.08, Brotli/1.0.9-cpeAMD-22.12, Brotli/1.0.9-cpeAMD-23.09, ...
lines 1-22
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module spider (command) (3)



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  zlib: zlib/1.2.11-cpeAOCC-21.12, zlib/1.2.11-cpeCray-21.12, zlib/1.2.11-cpeGNU-21.12, ...
    Free lossless data-compression library, not covered by any patents.
  zstd: zstd/1.5.0-cpeAOCC-21.12, zstd/1.5.0-cpeCray-21.12, zstd/1.5.0-cpeGNU-21.12, ...
Names marked by a trailing (E) are extensions provided by another module.
To learn more about a package execute:
   $ module spider Foo
where "Foo" is the name of a module.
To find detailed information about a particular package you
must specify the version if there is more than one version:
   $ module spider Foo/11.1
[lumi][kulust@uan03-1002 ~]$
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module spider FFTW



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module spider cray-fftw/3.3.10.5



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                                      kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
                                                                                             #1
  cray-fftw: cray-fftw/3.3.10.5
    You will need to load all module(s) on any one of the lines below before the "cray-fftw/3.3
.10.5" module is available to load.
     LUMI/21.12
                 partition/C
                               craype-x86-genoa
     LUMI/21.12 partition/C craype-x86-milan
     LUMI/21.12 partition/C craype-x86-milan-x
     LUMI/21.12 partition/C craype-x86-rome
     LUMI/21.12 partition/C craype-x86-spr
     LUMI/21.12
                 partition/C
                               cravpe-x86-trento
     LUMI/21.12 partition/G craype-x86-genoa
     LUMI/21.12 partition/G
                               craype-x86-milan
     LUMI/21.12 partition/G craype-x86-milan-x
     LUMI/21.12
                  partition/G
                               craype-x86-rome
     LUMI/21.12 partition/G craype-x86-spr
     LUMI/21.12 partition/G
                               craype-x86-trento
     LUMI/21.12 partition/L
                               craype-x86-genoa
     LUMI/21.12
                 partition/L
                               cravpe-x86-milan
lines 1-21
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module spider cray-fftw/3.3.10.5 (2)



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                                      kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
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      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/C
                               cravpe-x86-genoa
                  partition/C
                               craype-x86-milan
      LUMI/21.12
      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/C
                               craype-x86-milan-x
                 partition/C
      LUMI/21.12
                               cravpe-x86-rome
      LUMI/21.12
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                               craype-x86-spr
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      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/G
                               craype-x86-genoa
      LUMI/21.12 partition/G
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      LUMI/21.12
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      LUMI/21.12
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                 partition/L
      LUMI/21.12
                               craype-x86-genoa
                               craype-x86-milan
      LUMI/21.12
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                               craype-x86-milan-x
     LUMI/21.12
      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/L
                               craype-x86-rome
                               craype-x86-spr
      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/L
      LUMI/21.12
                  partition/L
                               craype-x86-trento
   Help:
      Documentation: `man intro_fftw3`
[lumi][kulust@uan03-1005 ~]$
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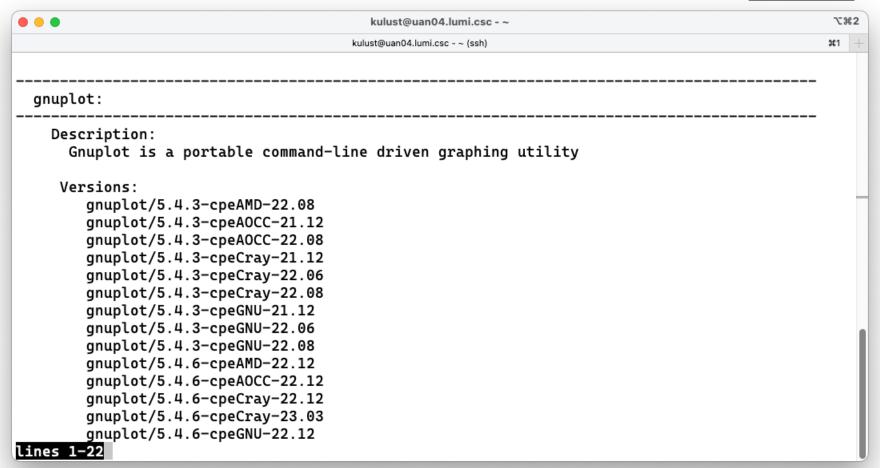
module spider for a regular package



- module spider gnuplot: Shows all versions of gnuplot on the system
- module spider gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09: Shows help information for the specific module, including what should be done to make the module available

module spider gnuplot





module spider gnuplot (2)



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. . .
                                          kulust@uan04.lumi.csc - ~
                                        kulust@uan04.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
                                                                                                 #1
        gnuplot/5.4.3-cpeCray-22.06
        gnuplot/5.4.3-cpeCray-22.08
        gnuplot/5.4.3-cpeGNU-21.12
        gnuplot/5.4.3-cpeGNU-22.06
        gnuplot/5.4.3-cpeGNU-22.08
        gnuplot/5.4.6-cpeAMD-22.12
        gnuplot/5.4.6-cpeAOCC-22.12
        gnuplot/5.4.6-cpeCray-22.12
        gnuplot/5.4.6-cpeCray-23.03
        gnuplot/5.4.6-cpeGNU-22.12
        gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeAMD-23.09
        gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeAOCC-23.09
        gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09
 For detailed information about a specific "gnuplot" package (including how to load the module
s) use the module's full name.
  Note that names that have a trailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.
  For example:
     $ module spider gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09
[lumi][kulust@uan04-1002 ~]$
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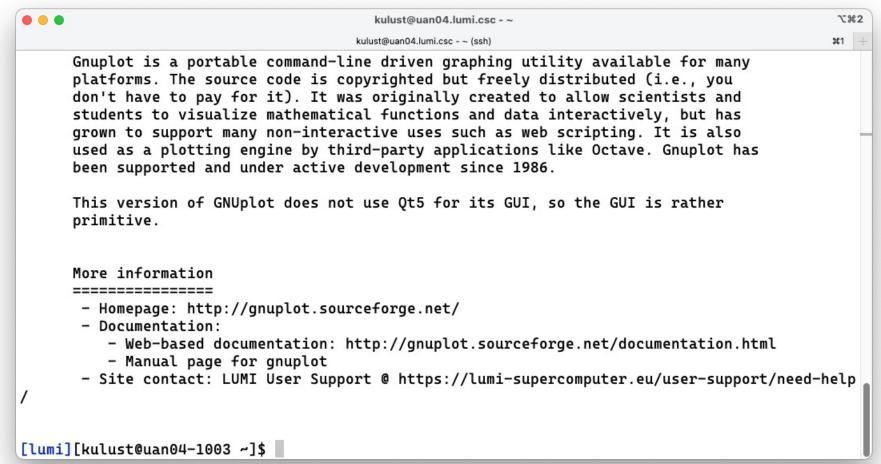
module spider gnuplot/5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09



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	kulust@uan04.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)	#1	+
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gnuplot: gnuplo	t/5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09		
Description:			
•	a portable command-line driven graphing utility		_
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	to load all module(s) on any one of the lines below before the "gnuplot/5.	4.8	3
-среско-23.69" шо	dule is available to load.		
LUMI/23.09	partition/C		
-	partition/G		
LUMI/23.09	partition/L		
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Help:			
Description			
Gnuplot is	a portable command-line driven graphing utility available for many		1
•	The source code is copyrighted but freely distributed (i.e., you		-1
•	to pay for it). It was originally created to allow scientists and		-1
	visualize mathematical functions and data interactively, but has		
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module spider gnuplot/ 5.4.8-cpeGNU-23.09 (2)





module spider for extensions



- No example in the default Cray modules, so examples come from the LUMI software stacks
- module spider CMake
- module spider CMake/3.27.7: Will tell you which module contains this version of CMake and how to load it

module spider CMake



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	kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)	#1	+
CMake:			
Versions:			
CMake/3.22.2 (E)			
CMake/3.23.2 (E)			
CMake/3.24.0 (E)			
CMake/3.25.2 (E)			
CMake/3.27.7 (E)			
Names marked by a trailing (E) a	re extensions provided by another module.		
use the module's full name.	a specific "CMake" package (including how to load the modul	.es))
For example:	ailing (E) are extensions provided by other modules.		
<pre>\$ module spider CMake/3.27.</pre>	7		
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module spider CMake/3.27.7



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                                       kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
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     $ module spider CMake/3.27.7
[lumi][kulust@uan03-1002 ~]$ module spider CMake/3.27.7
  CMake: CMake/3.27.7 (E)
    This extension is provided by the following modules. To access the extension you must load
one of the following modules. Note that any module names in parentheses show the module locatio
n in the software hierarchy.
       buildtools/23.09 (LUMI/23.09 partition/L)
       buildtools/23.09 (LUMI/23.09 partition/G)
       buildtools/23.09 (LUMI/23.09 partition/C)
       buildtools/23.09 (CrayEnv)
Names marked by a trailing (E) are extensions provided by another module.
[lumi][kulust@uan03-1003 ~]$
```

module keyword



- Searches in the module short description for the keyword.
 - E.g., try module keyword https
- We do try to put enough information in the modules to make this a suitable additional way to discover software that is already installed on the system

module keyword https



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kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)	 #1	+
The following modules match your search criteria: "https"		
cURL: cURL/7.78.0-cpeAOCC-21.12, cURL/7.78.0-cpeCray-21.12, cURL/7.78.0-cpeGNU-21.12, Command line tool and library for transferring data with URLs.		
wget: wget/1.21.2-cpeAOCC-21.12, wget/1.21.2-cpeCray-21.12, wget/1.21.2-cpeGNU-21.12, wget - GNU wget, a free software package for retrieving files using HTTP, HTTPS and FTP		
To learn more about a package execute:		
\$ module spider Foo		
where "Foo" is the name of a module.		
To find detailed information about a particular package you must specify the version if there is more than one version: Lines 1-22		

module keyword https (2)



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                                          kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~
                                        kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
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  cURL: cURL/7.78.0-cpeAOCC-21.12, cURL/7.78.0-cpeCray-21.12, cURL/7.78.0-cpeGNU-21.12, ...
    Command line tool and library for transferring data with URLs.
  wget: wget/1.21.2-cpeAOCC-21.12, wget/1.21.2-cpeCray-21.12, wget/1.21.2-cpeGNU-21.12, ...
    wget - GNU wget, a free software package for retrieving files using HTTP, HTTPS and
    FTP
To learn more about a package execute:
   $ module spider Foo
where "Foo" is the name of a module.
To find detailed information about a particular package you
must specify the version if there is more than one version:
   $ module spider Foo/11.1
[lumi][kulust@uan03-1010 ~]$
```

Sticky modules and module purge



- On some systems, you will be taught to avoid module purge (which unloads all modules)
- Sticky modules are modules that are not unloaded by module purge, but reloaded.
 - They can be force-unloaded with module --force purge and module --force unload
- Used on LUMI for the software stacks and modules that set the display style
 of the modules
 - But keep in mind that the modules are reloaded which could have side-effects, e.g., if you have manually overwritten an environment variable set by a module

module av



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	kulust	@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)	ж 1 +
ARMForge/22.0.1 Vampir/10.0.0 Vampir/10.2.1 (D)	EasyBuild ma lumi-tools/23.03 (\$) lumi-tools/23.04 (\$) lumi-tools/23.11 (\$,	lumi-workspaces/0.1	lumio/1.0.0
	HPE	-Cray PE modules	
PrgEnv-amd/8.3.3		cray-mpich-abi/8.1.27	
PrgEnv-amd/8.4.0	(D)	cray-mpich/8.1.27	(_,8.1.18:8.1.23:8.1.25)
PrgEnv-aocc/8.3.3		cray-mpixlate/1.0.0.6	
PrgEnv-aocc/8.4.0	(D)	cray-mpixlate/1.0.1.10	
PrgEnv-cray-amd/8.3.3	12.2	cray-mpixlate/1.0.2	(D)
PrgEnv-cray-amd/8.4.0	(D)	cray-mrnet/5.0.4	4.5
PrgEnv-cray/8.3.3		cray-mrnet/5.1.1	(D)
PrgEnv-cray/8.4.0	(L, D)	cray-openshmemx/11.5.6	
PrgEnv-gnu-amd/8.3.3	(5)	cray-openshmemx/11.5.7	
PrgEnv-gnu-amd/8.4.0	(D)	cray-openshmemx/11.5.8	(2)
PrgEnv-gnu/8.3.3	(5)	cray-openshmemx/11.6.1	(D)
PrgEnv-gnu/8.4.0	(D)	cray-pals/1.2.0	
amd-mixed/5.2.3	(5 0 0 5 0 0)	cray-pals/1.2.5	
amd/5.2.3	(5.0.2:5.2.0)	cray-pals/1.2.11	(5)
aocc-mixed/3.2.0		cray-pals/1.2.12	(D)
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module av (2)

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aocc/3.2.0		cray-parallel-netcdf/1.12	.2.5	
atp/3.14.13		cray-parallel-netcdf/1.12	2.3.1	
atp/3.14.16		cray-parallel-netcdf/1.12	1.3.3	
atp/3.14.18		cray-parallel-netcdf/1.12	.3.7 (D)	
atp/3.15.1	(D)	cray-pmi-lib/6.0.17		
cce-mixed/14.0.2		cray-pmi/6.0.17		
cce-mixed/15.0.0		cray-pmi/6.1.3		
cce-mixed/15.0.1		cray-pmi/6.1.8		
cce-mixed/16.0.1	(D)	cray-pmi/6.1.10		
cce/14.0.2		cray-pmi/6.1.12	(D)	
cce/15.0.0		cray-python/3.9.12.1		
cce/15.0.1		cray-python/3.9.13.1		
cce/16.0.1	(L,D)	cray-python/3.10.10	(D)	
cpe/22.08		cray-stat/4.11.12		
cpe/22.12		cray-stat/4.11.13		
cpe/23.03		cray-stat/4.12.1	(D)	
cpe/23.09	(D)	craype/2.7.17		
cray-R/4.1.3.1		craype/2.7.19		
cray-R/4.2.1.1		craype/2.7.20		
cray-R/4.2.1.2	(D)	craype/2.7.23	(L,D)	
cray-ccdb/4.12.13	A1000000	craypkg-gen/1.3.25		
cray-ccdb/5.0.1	(D)	craypkg-gen/1.3.28		
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module av (3)



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		kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)		#1 十
cray-cti/2.15.13		craypkg-gen/1.3.30	(D)	
cray-cti/2.15.14		gcc-mixed/11.2.0		
cray-cti/2.16.0		gcc-mixed/12.2.0	(D)	
cray-cti/2.17.1		gcc/10.3.0		
cray-cti/2.17.2		gcc/11.2.0		
cray-cti/2.18.1	(D)	gcc/12.2.0	(D)	
cray-dsmml/0.2.2		gdb4hpc/4.14.2		
cray-dyninst/12.1.1		gdb4hpc/4.14.6		
cray-dyninst/12.3.0	(D)	gdb4hpc/4.14.7		
cray-fftw/3.3.8.13		gdb4hpc/4.15.1	(D)	
cray-fftw/3.3.10.1		iobuf/2.0.10		
cray-fftw/3.3.10.3		papi/6.0.0.15		
cray-fftw/3.3.10.5	(D)	papi/6.0.0.17		
cray-hdf5-parallel/1.12.1.5		papi/7.0.0.1		
cray-hdf5-parallel/1.12.2.1		papi/7.0.1.1	(D)	
cray-hdf5-parallel/1.12.2.3		perftools-base/22.06.0		
cray-hdf5-parallel/1.12.2.7	(D)	perftools-base/22.12.0		
cray-hdf5/1.12.1.5		perftools-base/23.03.0		
cray-hdf5/1.12.2.1		perftools-base/23.09.0	(L,D)	
cray-hdf5/1.12.2.3		perftools-lite-events		
cray-hdf5/1.12.2.7	(D)	perftools-lite-gpu		
cray-libpals/1.2.0		perftools-lite-hbm		
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module av (4)



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	kulust@ua	an03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)		第1 +
cray-libpals/1.2.5 cray-libpals/1.2.11 cray-libpals/1.2.12 cray-libsci/21.08.1.2	(D)	perftools-lite-loops perftools-lite perftools-preload perftools		
cray-libsci/22.08.1.1 cray-libsci/22.12.1.1 cray-libsci/23.02.1.1		rocm/5.2.3 sanitizers4hpc/1.0.1 sanitizers4hpc/1.0.4	(D:5.0.2:5.2.0)	
cray-libsci/23.09.1.1 cray-libsci_acc/22.08.1.1 cray-libsci_acc/22.12.1.1		sanitizers4hpc/1.1.1 valgrind4hpc/2.12.10 valgrind4hpc/2.12.11	(D)	
cray-libsci_acc/23.09.1.1	(D)	valgrind4hpc/2.13.1	(D)	
lmod settarg		od/lmod/modulefiles/Core		
craype-accel-amd-gfx908 craype-accel-amd-gfx90a craype-accel-amd-gfx940 craype-accel-host craype-accel-nvidia70 craype-accel-nvidia80 lines 67-88	craype-hugepages25 craype-hugepages2G craype-hugepages2M craype-hugepages32 craype-hugepages4M craype-hugepages51	craype-x86-genoa craype-x86-milan-x craype-x86-milan craype-x86-rome	(<u>L</u>)	

module av (5)



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. . .
                                  kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~
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                                kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
                      craype-hugepages64M
                                           craype-x86-spr
  craype-arm-grace
                                      craype-x86-trento
  craype-hugepages128M
                      craype-hugepages8M
  craype-hugepages16M
                      craype-network-none
  craype-hugepages1G
                      craype-network-ofi (L)
                         ----- Software stacks -----
  CrayEnv ($) LUMI/22.12 ($) LUMI/23.09 ($)
                                             spack/22.08-2 spack/23.03-2 (D)
  LUMI/22.08 (S,D) LUMI/23.03 (S) spack/22.08
                                             spack/23.03
                   ----- Modify the module display style -----
                         ModuleLabel/label (S,L,D)
  ModuleColour/off (S)
                                                    ModuleStyle/default
  ModuleColour/on (S,D)
                         ModuleLabel/PEhierarchy (S)
                                                    ModuleStyle/reset (D)
  ModuleExtensions/hide ($)
                         ModuleLabel/system (S)
  ModuleExtensions/show (S,D)
                         ModulePowerUser/LUMI (S)
     init-lumi/0.2 (S,L)
             chapel/1.28.0
  cray-lustre-client-ofed/2.15.0.4_rc2_cray_179_gb09cfbe-2.4_17.8__gb09cfbe6c5.shasta
  dvs/2.15_4.4.234-2.4_49.1__gfd0d6e85
lines 89-110
```

module av (6)



```
. . .
                                              kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~
                                                                                                         ℃#2
                                                                                                        #1 +
                                            kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
                                                                                         (1)
   libfabric/1.15.2.0
                                                                                         (5.0.2:5.2.0)
   rocm/5.2.3
   xpmem/2.5.2-2.4_3.50__gd0f7936.shasta
  ------ This is a list of module extensions "module --nx avail ..." to not show.
    rclone (E) restic (E) s3cmd (E)
These extensions cannot be loaded directly, use "module spider extension_name" for more information.
  Where:
             Module is loaded
  S:
             Module is Sticky, requires --force to unload or purge
   Aliases: Aliases exist: foo/1.2.3 (1.2) means that "module load foo/1.2" will load foo/1.2.3
             Default Module
   D:
             Extension that is provided by another module
   E:
Additional ways to search for software:
* Use "module spider" to find all possible modules and extensions.
* Use "module keyword key1 key2 ..." to search for all possible modules matching any of the "keys".
See the LUMI documentation at https://docs.lumi-supercomputer.eu/runjobs/lumi_env/Lmod_modules/ for more
information on searching modules.
lines 111-131
```

[lumi][kulust@uan03-1013 ~]\$



```
. . .
                                              kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~
                                                                                                         ℃#2
                                            kulust@uan03.lumi.csc - ~ (ssh)
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If then you still miss software, contact LUMI User Support via https://lumi-supercomputer.eu/user-support
/need-help/.
```

Changing how the module list is displayed



- You may have noticed that you don't see directories in the module view but descriptive texts
- This can be changed by loading a module
 - ModuleLabel/label: The default view
 - ModuleLabel/PEhierarchy: Descriptive texts and unfolded PE hierarchy
 - ModuleLabel/system: Module directories
- Turn colour on or off using ModuleColour/on or ModuleColour/off
- Show or hide the module extensions with ModuleExtensions/show or ModuleExtensions/hide
- Show some hidden modules with ModulePowerUser/LUMI
 - This will also show undocumented/unsupported modules!
- More customisation possible via LMOD environment variables

Getting help



- module help is the command to get help information for available modules
 - Without further arguments: help about the module command
 - We do try to add a bit more help information about what a module provides to the modules than default EasyBuild or Spack installations tend to do.

• Examples:

```
module help cray-mpich
module help cray-python/3.10.10
module help buildtools/23.09
```

 module whatis can produce a short description module whatis Subversion module whatis Subversion/1.14.2

A note on caching



- Large module system = lots of small module files = Lustre not very happy
 - But Lmod does use caches by default
 - Currently no system cache, only a user cache in \$HOME/.cache/lmod
- Cache refreshed automatically every 24 hours
 - You'll notice when the spider or available commands are slow
 - But you may need to clean the cache after installing new software as on LUMI Lmod does not always detect the change
- Also clear the cache if you notice very strange answers from module spider.
 - Looks like the HPE Cray PE sometimes causes cache problems

A note on other commands



- module load, module unload, module list are fairly standard commands and the basic operation is the same in all module systems
 - Note that module list may also show inactive modules: Modules that were loaded at some point but got unloaded when a module closer to the root of the hierarchy got unloaded

module swap:

- Equivalent to an unload followed by a load
- For two modules of the same family module swap is more efficient as Lmod does not first have to discover the family conflict
- And it is not essential as LUMI has autoswap enabled