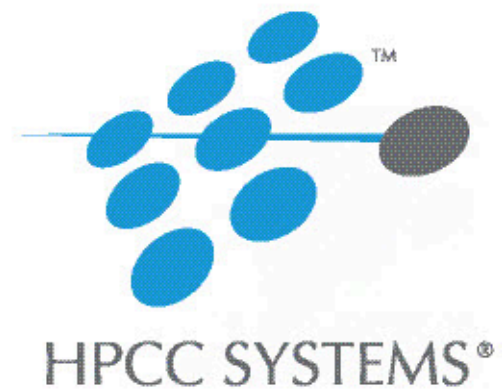


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# Introduction

These instructions will guide you through installing and running an HPCC Systems<sup>®1</sup> on a single node inside a Linux virtual machine running on a Windows host.

Packaged to run inside a virtual machine, this version provides a hands-on experience with HPCC Systems. You can experiment with it and even create real-world data analytics applications-all on your desktop or laptop PC.

This version includes the tools and functionality of an HPCC Systems without the need for a physical cluster of servers. It provides enough for you to evaluate HPCC Systems and learn to use ECL<sup>2</sup>. Naturally, you do not get the power of parallel processing, but you can use this version as an evaluation, learning, and experimentation tool.



Reading this document in its entirety before beginning. The steps in this document can take an hour or two, depending on your download speed.

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<sup>1</sup>High Performance Computing Cluster (HPCC) is a massively parallel processing computing platform that solves Big Data problems. See <http://hpccsystems.com/Why-HPCC/How-it-works> for more details.

<sup>2</sup>Enterprise Control Language (ECL) is a declarative, data-centric programming language used to manage all aspects of the massive data joins, sorts, and builds that truly differentiate HPCC Systems<sup>®</sup> from other technologies in its ability to provide flexible data analysis on a massive scale.

# **System Requirements**

Running HPCC Systems in a virtual machine requires (at minimum):

- A personal computer running Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7 (either 32- or 64-bit) or newer.
- A minimum of 2 GB ram, with at least 1.5 GB of free memory available. We recommend 4 GB or more
- Intel Pentium D (or better) or AMD Athlon64/Opteron/Phenom processor
- Minimum 5 GB of available disk space, we recommend 20 GB
- Oracle VM VirtualBox<sup>®</sup> (version 5.2.8 or later)
- Internet Explorer<sup>®</sup> 11, Google Chrome 10, Safari 10, or Firefox<sup>™</sup> 3.0 (or later)

Users should have familiarity with installing and running Windows applications.

To run the HPCC Systems platform in a virtual machine, hardware virtualization must be enabled in the BIOS of your machine. This setting may be called VT-x or AMD-V.

# Getting the Tools and the VM Image

To run the virtual machine version of the HPCC Systems platform, you need virtualization software. These packages allow you to run virtual images inside a single host. There are a several different vendors who make virtualization software, while any or all of these could work, we support Oracle VM VirtualBox®.

## VM VirtualBox

Oracle's virtualization software, VM VirtualBox is supported for running the HPCC Systems virtual machine image.

In the following section(s), you will:

- Download and install the VM VirtualBox
- Download the HPCC Systems virtual machine image from HPCC Systems.
- Open and import the image in VM VirtualBox

## Download and Install the VM VirtualBox

If you already have the VM VirtualBox installed, skip to step number 6, and verify the network configuration settings.

1. Go to the VirtualBox site: <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>.
2. Click on the appropriate link for your operating system. For example *VirtualBox for Windows hosts*.
3. Download the VirtualBox Installation file. Save to a folder on your machine.
4. Double-click on the installation file to install VirtualBox.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation of VirtualBox.
6. Start the VM VirtualBox application.

## Import the HPCC Systems Virtual Image File

1. Download the latest HPCC Systems virtual machine image file from:

<http://hpccsystems.com/download/hpcc-vm-image>

**Note:** You may need to register to login.

Choose the VM Image file for VirtualBox. The *filename.ova* file is appropriate for the VirtualBox.

2. Save the file to a folder on your machine.
3. Open VM VirtualBox.
4. From the **File** menu select **Import Appliance...** (**Ctrl + I**)
5. Press the **Open appliance...** button from the dialog to select the appliance to import.
6. Navigate to the folder where you saved the downloaded file and select it.

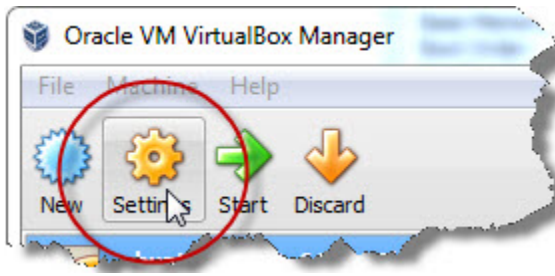
For example (**HPCCSystemsVM-n.n.n.n.ova** , where n.n.n.n is the version number).

7. Press the **Open** button to start the import. Follow the prompts in the import process pressing **Next** as appropriate, then press **Import**.

Wait for the HPCC Systems virtual machine to import. This may take a few minutes.

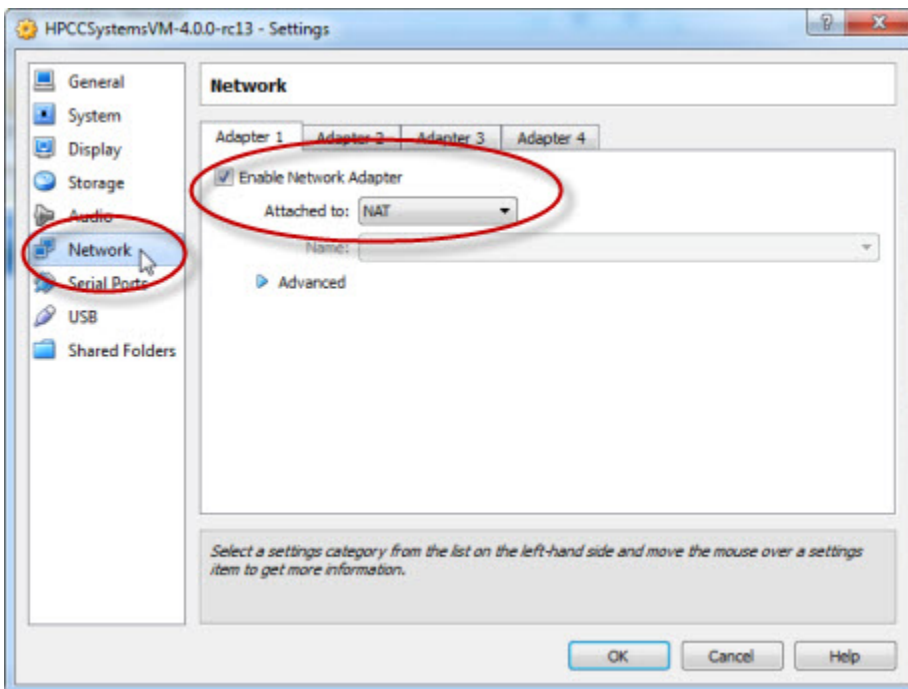
8. At the main window, the newly imported virtual machine is now listed.
9. Select the new virtual machine.
10. Click on the **Settings** Icon, this will open up the settings dialog window.

**Figure 1. VirtualBox Settings Icon**



11. Select the **Network** menu option. On the *Adapter 1* tab check the *Enable Network Adapter* box, and set the *Attached to:* option to **NAT**.

**Figure 2. VM VirtualBox Network Adapter 1**

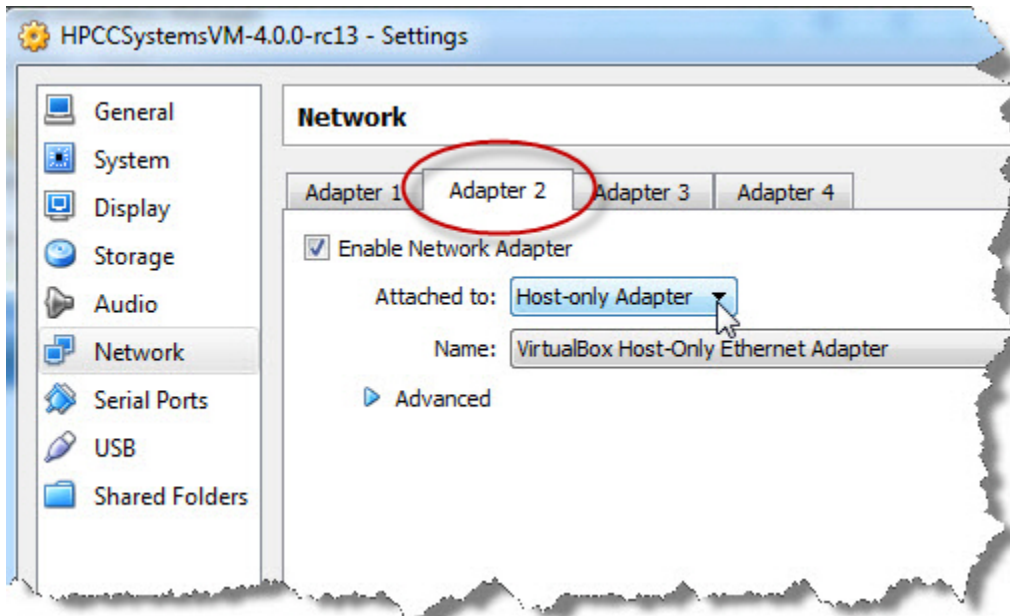


**Note:** These settings may be set as required by default. If so just verify that they are correct.



12. From the same *Network - Settings* window, select the tab for *Adapter 2*. Check the *Enable Network Adapter* box, and set the *Attached to:* option to **Host-only Adapter**.

**Figure 3. VM VirtualBox Network Adapter 2**



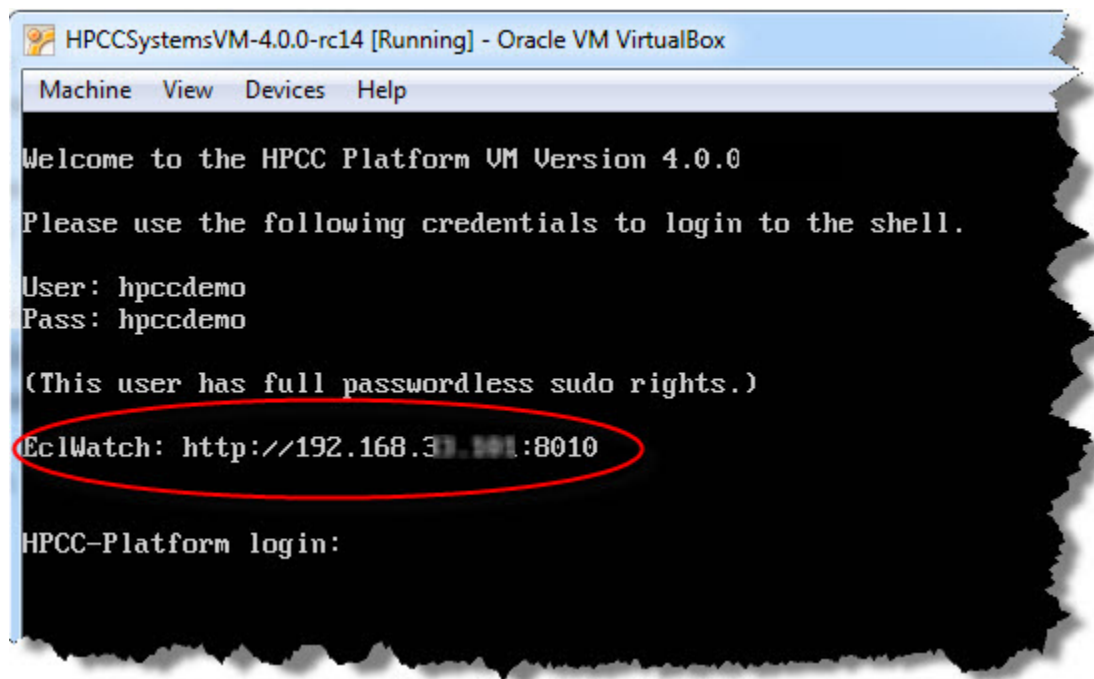
13. Press the **OK** button.

14. Double-click on that virtual machine to start it.

**TIP:** If you get any Network Error messages, please review the steps in the section called “Download and Install the VM VirtualBox” and verify that all the network settings are set appropriately.

15. Once the VM initialization completes, you will see a window similar to the following:

**Figure 4. VirtualBox Welcome Screen**



Your virtual IP address could be different from the ones provided in the example images. Please use the IP address provided by **your** installation.

Do not resize this window, you will not interact with it. In addition, there is no need to Login.

**TIP:** If you click on the window, it can capture your keyboard/mouse. Press the **Right Ctrl** to regain control of your mouse.

Note the IP address provided. You will use this address to connect to ECL Watch, and interact with HPCC Systems.

# Running the HPCC Systems VM

In this section, we will access the HPCC Systems using the web-based interface: ECL Watch<sup>1</sup>. From ECL Watch, we will download the ECL IDE<sup>2</sup>. If you already have the ECL IDE installed, you can skip this section and continue at *Running the HPCC Systems ECL IDE when you had a previous version installed*.

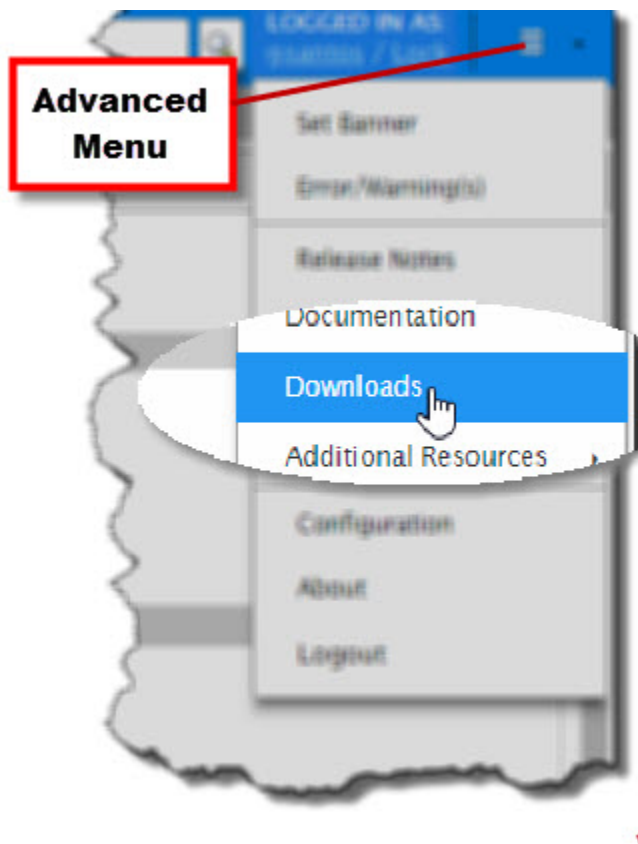
1. In your browser, go to the **ECL Watch** URL displayed (circled in red) in the Figure above, *VirtualBox Welcome Screen*. For example, <http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:8010>, where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your Virtual Machine's IP address.



Your virtual IP address could be different from the ones provided in the example images. Please use the IP address provided by **your** installation.

2. From the ECL Watch Advanced menu, select the **Downloads** link.

**Figure 5. ECL Watch Resource Page**



Follow the link to the HPCC Systems portal download page.

3. Click on the **ECL IDE** link. (on the right hand side in the Download column, under the Free Community Edition heading)

<sup>1</sup>ECL Watch is a Web-based interface to your HPCC Systems instance. It enables you to examine and manage many aspects of HPCC Systems and allows you to see information about jobs you run, data files, and system metrics.

<sup>2</sup>The ECL IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is the tool used to create queries into your data and ECL files with which to build your queries. This is a Windows application.


4. Follow the instructions on the web page to install the ECL IDE.
5. Install the ECL IDE, following the prompts in the installation program. Once the ECL IDE is installed successfully, you can proceed.

**Note:** The ECL IDE only runs on Windows operating systems.

# Running the ECL IDE for the first time

In this section, we will configure the ECL IDE.

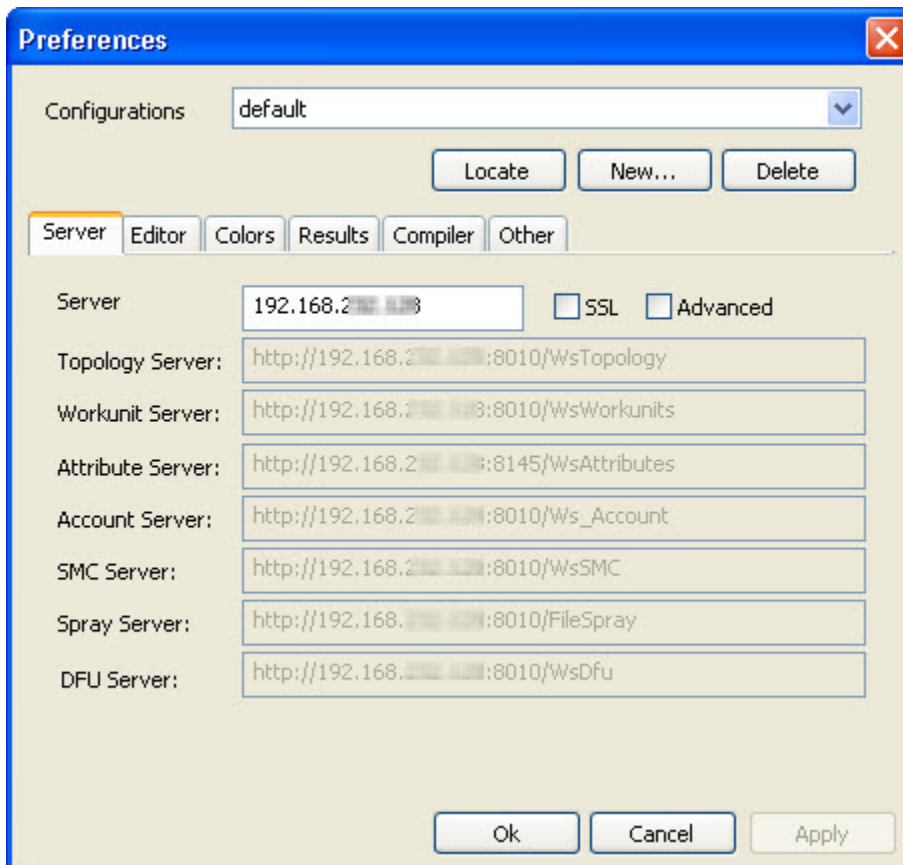
1. Open the ECL IDE, from your start menu. (Start >> All Programs >> HPCCSystems >> ECL IDE).



You can create a shortcut on your desktop to provide quick access to the ECL IDE.

2. Enter the IP Address shown in the Virtual Box welcome screen for the server in the **Server** box (as shown in Figure 6, “ECL IDE Preferences”) and press the **OK** button.

**Figure 6. ECL IDE Preferences**



The image shows the 'Preferences' dialog box for the ECL IDE. The 'Configurations' dropdown is set to 'default'. Below it are 'Locate', 'New...', and 'Delete' buttons. The 'Server' tab is selected, showing a list of server settings. The 'Server' field is set to '192.168.252.103'. The 'SSL' and 'Advanced' checkboxes are unchecked. The other server settings are as follows:

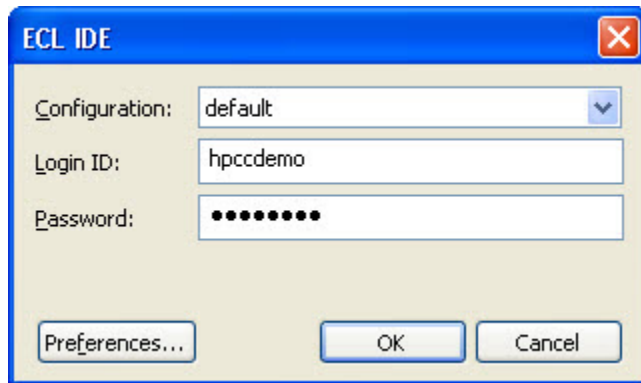
Server	URL
Topology Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/WsTopology
Workunit Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/WsWorkunits
Attribute Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8145/WsAttributes
Account Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/Ws_Account
SMC Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/WsSMC
Spray Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/FileSpray
DFU Server:	http://192.168.252.103:8010/WsDfu

At the bottom are 'Ok', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons.

3. Enter the **Login ID** and **Password** provided in the Login dialog.

Login ID	hpccdemo
Password	hpccdemo

**Figure 7. Login Window**



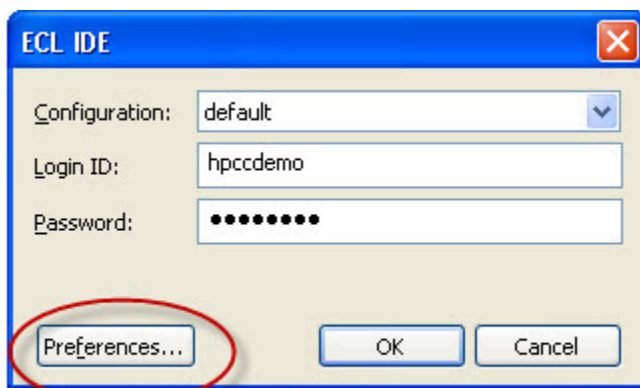
4. Press the **OK** button.

At this point you are now connected and ready to work with the HPCC Systems!

## Running the HPCC Systems ECL IDE when you had a previous version in- stalled

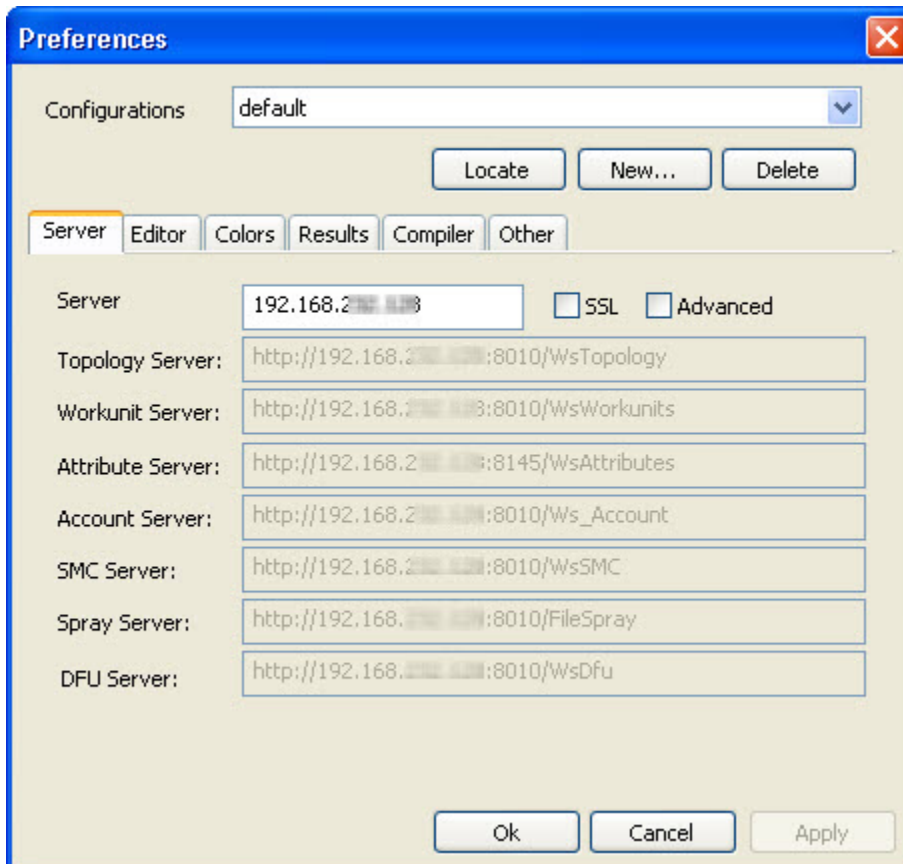
1. Open the ECL IDE, from your Start menu. (Start >> All Programs >> HPCCSystems >> ECL IDE >> ECL IDE)
2. Press the **Preferences** button in the Login dialog that displays upon start up.

**Figure 8. Login Window**



3. Enter the IP Address shown in Virtual Box welcome screen for the server in the **Server** box (as shown in Figure 9, “ECL IDE Preferences”) and press the **OK** button.

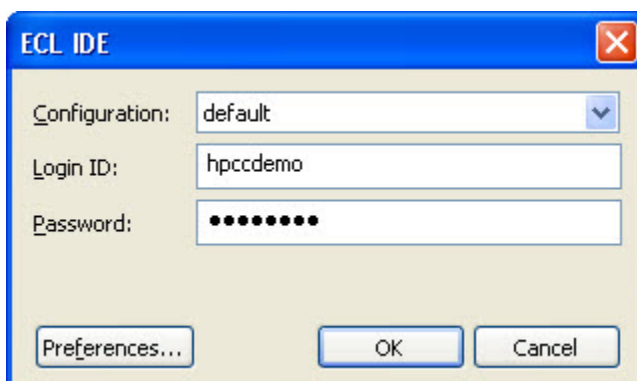
**Figure 9. ECL IDE Preferences**



4. Enter the **Login ID** and **Password** provided in the Login dialog.

Login ID	hpccdemo
Password	hpccdemo

**Figure 10. Login Window**





5. Press the **OK** button.

You are now connected and ready to work with the HPCC Systems platform!

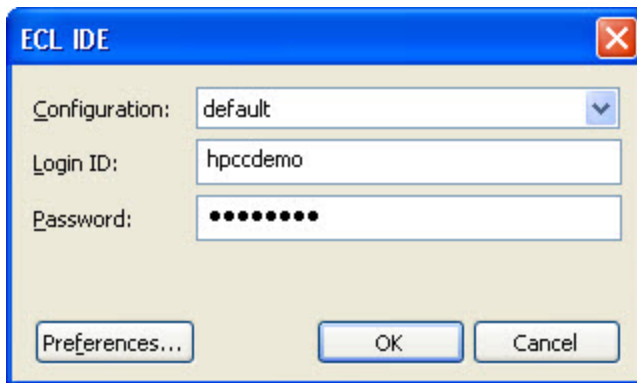
## Write some ECL

Let's write, compile, and execute a simple "Hello World" program on our HPCC Systems platform.

1. Open ECL IDE, from your Start menu. (Start >> All Programs >> HPCCSystems >> ECL IDE or use the desktop shortcut, if you have created one.)

The Login Window displays.

**Figure 11. Login Window**



2. Provide your credentials (hpccdemo) then press the **OK** button.
3. Open a new **Builder Window** (CTRL+N) and write the following code:

```
OUTPUT('Hello World');
```

This could also be written as:

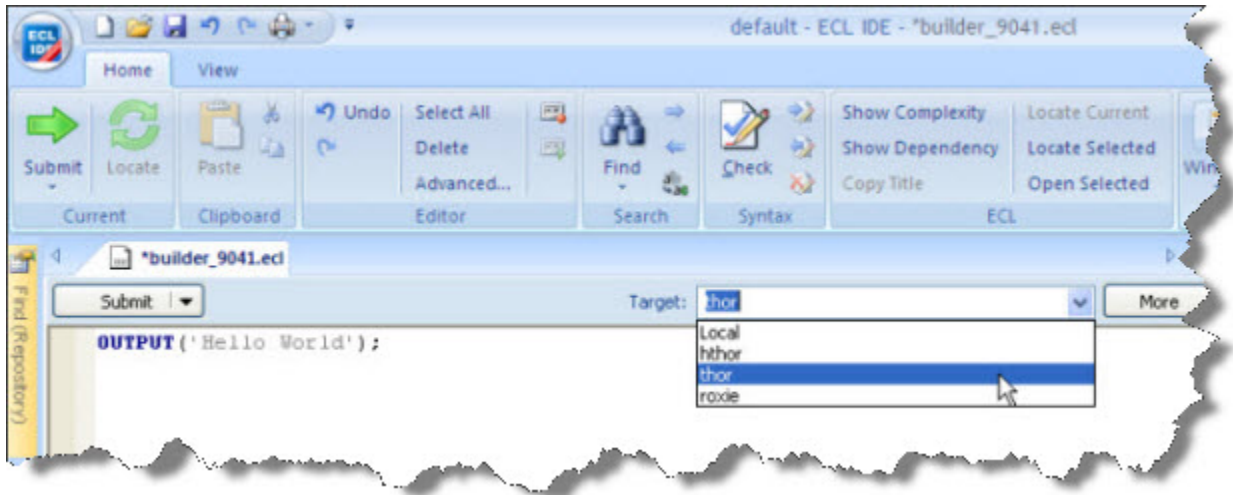
```
'Hello World';
```

In the second program listing, the OUTPUT keyword is omitted. This is possible because the language is declarative and the OUTPUT action is implicit.

4. Select **thor** as your target cluster.

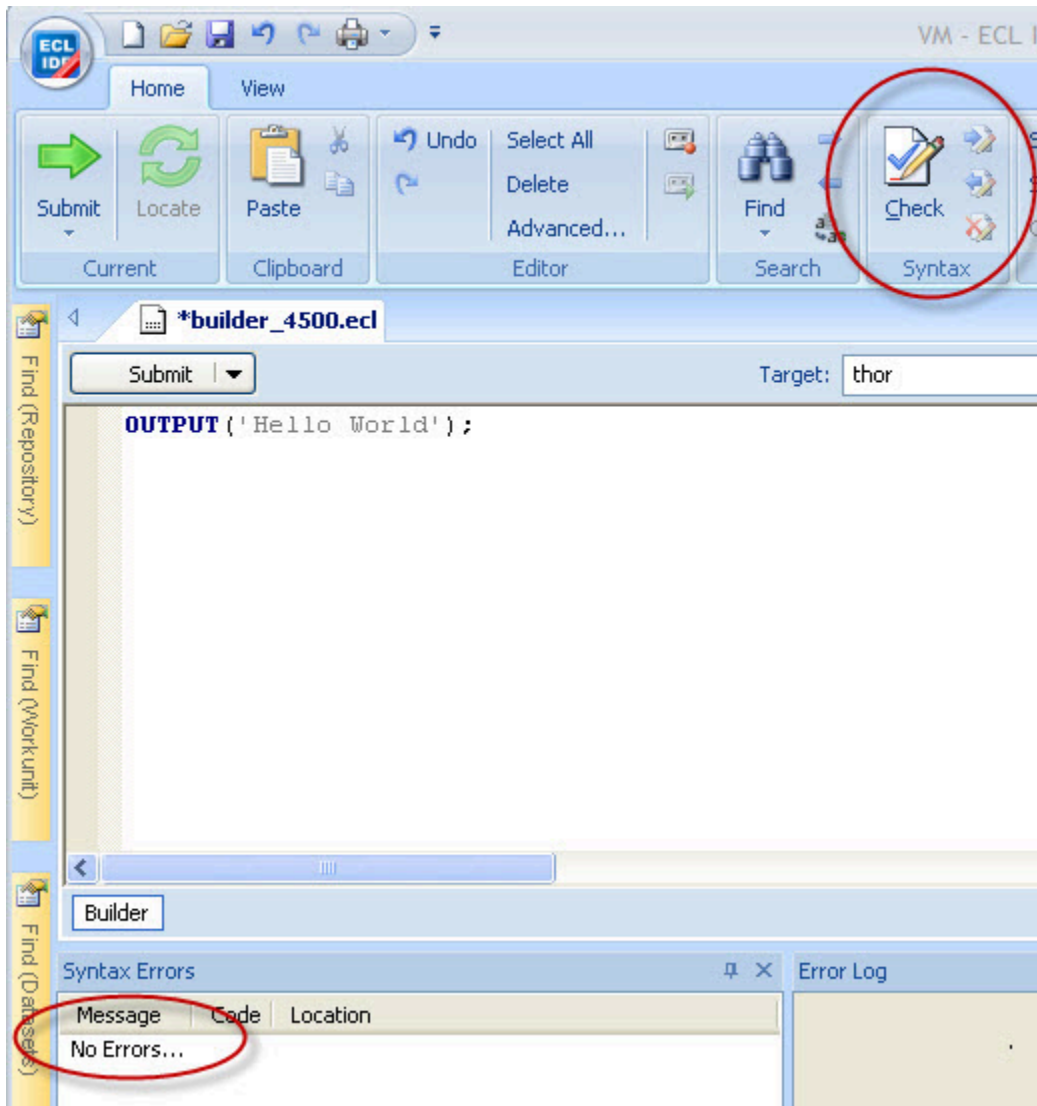
**Thor** is the Data Refinery component of your HPCC Systems. It is a massively parallel computer cluster, optimized for sorting, manipulating, and transforming massive data. This process is also known as ETL (Extract, Transform, and Load)

**Figure 12. Select target**



5. Press the syntax check button on the main toolbar (or press F7).

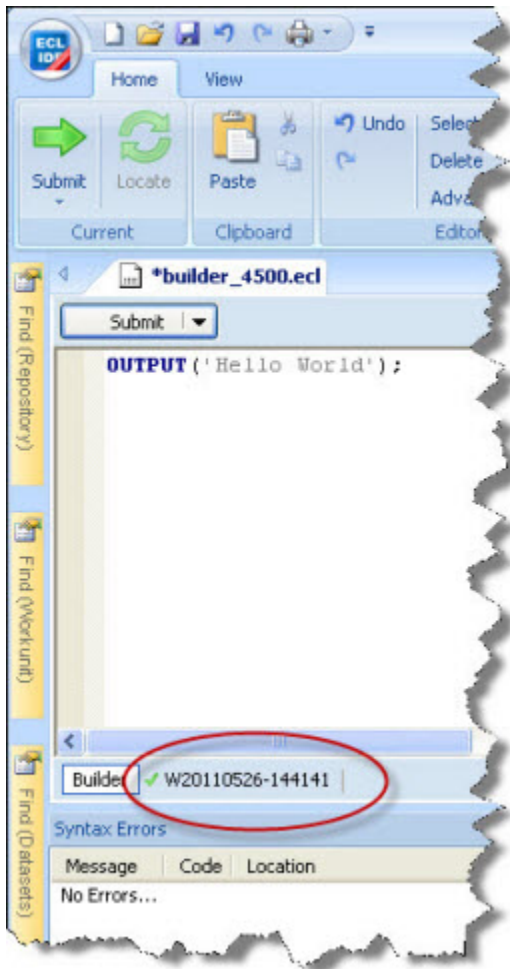
**Figure 13. Syntax Check**



A successful syntax check displays the "No Errors" message.

6. Press the **Submit** button (or press CTRL+ENTER).

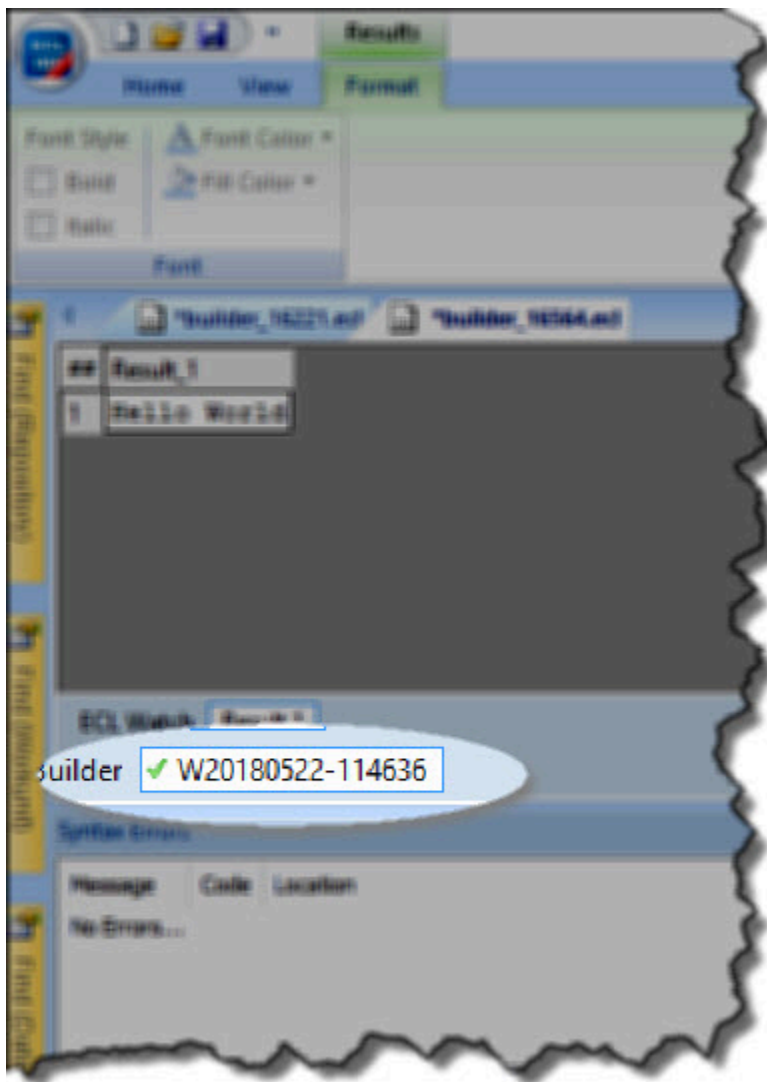
**Figure 14. Completed job**



The green check mark indicates successful completion.

7. Click on the workunit number tab and then on the Result 1 tab to see the output.

**Figure 15. Completed job output**



# Working with ECL

Now that you have submitted some ECL code, it's time to try some more complex operations.

The following examples are provided to get you started.

## ECL Example: Anagram1

This example takes a STRING and produces every possible anagram from it. This code is the basis for a second example which evaluates which of these are actual words using a word list data file.

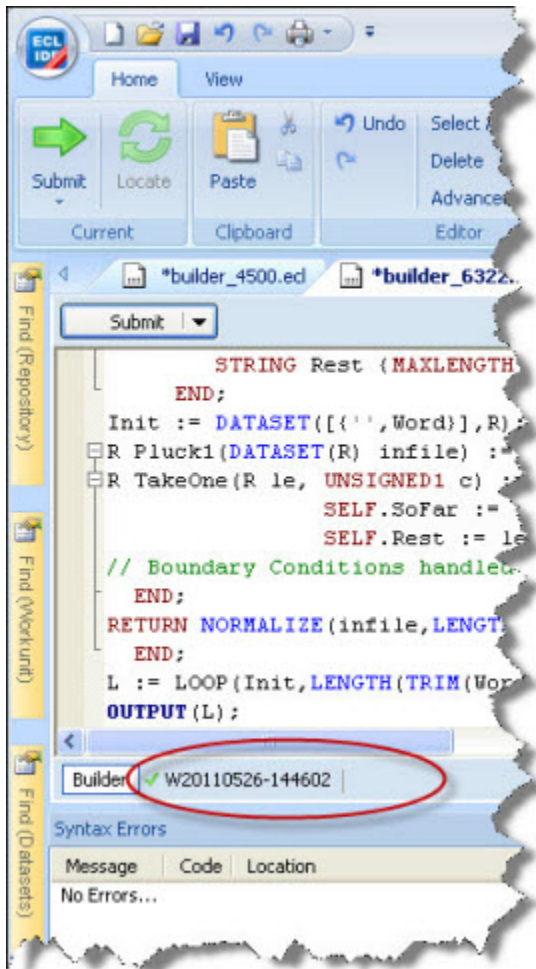
1. Open the ECL IDE (Start >> All Programs >> HPCC Systems >> ECL IDE) and login to your HPCC Systems platform instance.
2. Open a new **Builder Window** (CTRL+N) and write the following code:

```
STRING Word := 'FRED' :STORED('Word');
R := RECORD
    STRING SoFar {MAXLENGTH(200)};
    STRING Rest {MAXLENGTH(200)};
END;
Init := DATASET([{'',Word}],R);
R Pluck1(DATASET(R) infile) := FUNCTION
R TakeOne(R le, UNSIGNED1 c) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.SoFar := le.SoFar + le.Rest[c];
    SELF.Rest := le.Rest[..c-1]+le.Rest[c+1..];
// Boundary Conditions handled automatically
END;
RETURN NORMALIZE(infile,LENGTH(LEFT.Rest),TakeOne(LEFT,COUNTER));
END;
L := LOOP(Init,LENGTH(TRIM(Word)),Pluck1(ROWS(LEFT)));
OUTPUT(L);
```

3. Select **thor** as your target cluster.
4. Press the syntax check button on the main toolbar (or press F7)

5. Press the **Submit** button (or press ctrl+enter).

**Figure 16. Completed job**

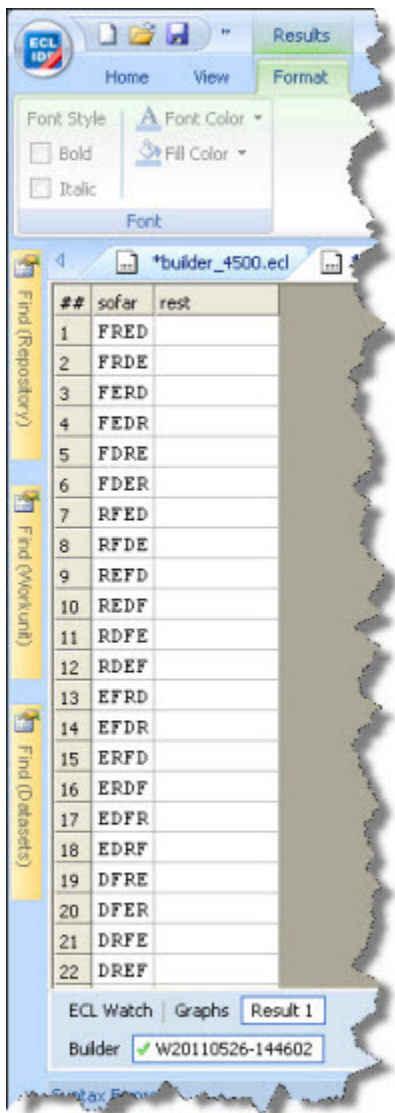


The green check mark indicates successful completion.



6. Click on the workunit number tab and then on the Result 1 tab to see the output.

**Figure 17. Completed job output**



##	sofar	rest
1	FRED	
2	FRDE	
3	FERD	
4	FEDR	
5	FDRE	
6	FDER	
7	RFED	
8	RFDE	
9	REFD	
10	REDF	
11	RDFE	
12	RDEF	
13	EFRD	
14	EFDR	
15	ERFD	
16	ERDF	
17	EDFR	
18	EDRF	
19	DFRE	
20	DFER	
21	DRFE	
22	DREF	

## Roxie Example: Anagram2

In this example, we will download an open source data file of dictionary words, spray that file to our Thor cluster, then validate our anagrams against that file so that we determine which are valid words. The validation step uses a JOIN of the anagram list to the dictionary file. Using an index and a keyed join would be more efficient, but this serves as a simple example.

### Download the word list

We will download the word list from <http://wordlist.aspell.net/12dicts>

1. Download the *Official 12 Dicts* Package. The files are available in tar.gz or ZIP format.
2. Extract the package contents and save the **2of12.txt** file (typically found in the American sub-folder) to a folder on your local machine.

### Load the Dictionary File to your Landing Zone

In this step, you will copy the data files to a location from which it can be sprayed to your HPCC Systems cluster. A Landing Zone is a storage location attached to your HPCC Systems platform. It has a utility running to facilitate file spraying to a cluster.

For smaller data files, maximum of 2GB, you can use the upload/download file utility in ECL Watch. This data file is only ~400 kb.

Next you will distribute (or Spray) the dataset to all the nodes in the HPCC Systems cluster. The power of HPCC Systems comes from its ability to assign multiple processors to work on different portions of the data file in parallel. Even though the VM Edition only has a single node, the data must be sprayed to the cluster.

1. In your browser, go to the **ECL Watch** URL. For example, <http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:8010>, where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your ESP Server's IP address.

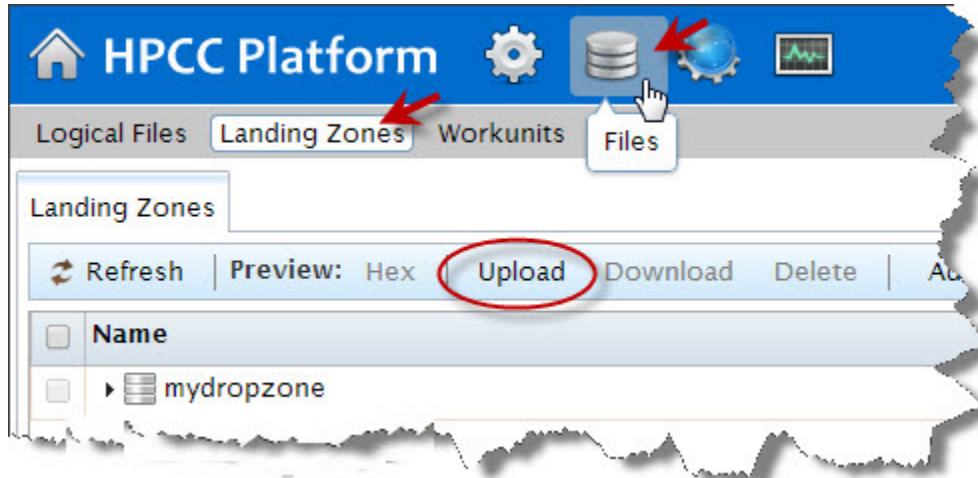


Your IP address could be different from the ones provided in the example images. Please use the IP address provided by **your** installation.

- From ECL Watch click on the **Files** icon, then click the **Landing Zones** link from the navigation sub-menu.

Press the **Upload** action button.

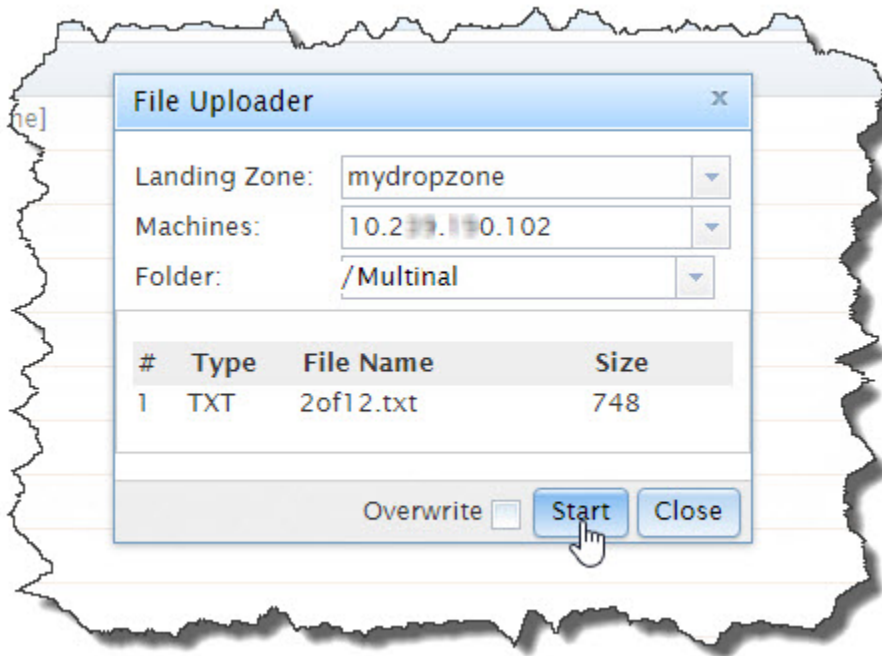
**Figure 18. Upload**



- A dialog opens. **Browse** to and select the file to upload and then press the **Open** button.

The file you selected should appear in the **File Name** field. The data file is named: **2of12.txt**.

- Figure 19. Start File Upload**



Press the **Start** button to complete the file upload.

## Spray the Data File to your *Data Refinery (Thor) Cluster*

To use the data file in our HPCC Systems cluster, we must "spray" it to all the nodes. A *spray* or *import* is the relocation of a data file from one location (such as a Landing Zone) to multiple file parts on nodes in a cluster.

The distributed or sprayed file is given a *logical-file-name* as follows: **~thor::word\_list\_csv** The system maintains a list of logical files and the corresponding physical file locations of the file parts.

1. Open ECL Watch using the following URL:

**http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:pppp(where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your ESP Server's IP Address and pppp is the port. The default port is 8010)**

2. Click on the **Files** icon, then click the **Landing Zones** link from the navigation sub-menu. Select the appropriate landing zone (if there are more than one landing zones). Click the arrow to the left of your landing zone to expand it.
3. Select the file from your drop zone by checking the box next to it.

4. Check the box next to 2of12.txt, then press the **Delimited** button.

**Figure 20. Spray Delimited**

The screenshot shows the 'DFU Spray Delimited' configuration window. At the top, there are tabs for 'Delimited', 'XML', 'JSON', 'Variable', and 'BLOB'. The 'Target' section contains the following fields: 'Group' (mythor), 'Queue' (dfuserver\_queue), 'Target Scope' (~thor), and 'Target Name' (word\_list\_csv). The 'Options' section includes: 'Format' (ASCII), 'Max Record Length' (8192), 'Separators' (\.), 'Omit Separator' (unchecked), 'Escape' (empty), 'Line Terminators' (\n,\r\n), 'Quote' (empty), 'Overwrite' (checked), 'Replicate' (checked), 'Compress' (unchecked), 'Record Structure Present' (unchecked), 'Fail If No Source File' (unchecked), 'Quoted Terminator' (unchecked), and 'Expire in (days)' (empty). A 'Spray' button is located at the bottom right.

The **DFU Spray Delimited** page displays.

5. Select mythor in the Target Group drop list.
6. Complete the Target Scope as *thor*.

7. Fill in the rest of the parameters (if they are not filled in already).

- Max Record Length 8192
- Separator \,
- Line Terminator \n,\r\n
- Quote: '

8. Fill in the Target Name using the rest of the Logical File name desired: word\_list\_csv

9. Make sure the **Overwrite** box is checked.

If available, make sure the **Replicate** box is checked. (The Replicate option is only available on systems where replication has been enabled.)

10. Press the **Spray** button.

A tab displays the DFU Workunit where you can see the progress of the spray.

## Run the query on Thor

1. Open a new **Builder Window** (CTRL+N) and write the following code:

```
IMPORT Std;
layout_word_list := record
  string word;
end;
File_Word_List := dataset('~thor::word_list_csv', layout_word_list,
                        CSV(heading(1),separator(','),quote('')));
STRING Word := 'teacher' :STORED('Word');
STRING SortString(STRING input) := FUNCTION
  OneChar := RECORD
    STRING c;
  END;
  OneChar MakeSingle(OneChar L, unsigned pos) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.c := L.c[pos];
  END;
  Split := NORMALIZE(DATASET([input],OneChar), LENGTH(input),
    MakeSingle(LEFT,COUNTER));
  SortedSplit := SORT(Split, c);
  OneChar Recombine(OneChar L, OneChar R) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.c := L.c+R.c;
  END;
  Recombined := ROLLUP(SortedSplit, Recombine(LEFT, RIGHT),ALL);
  RETURN Recombined[1].c;
END;

STRING CleanedWord := SortString(TRIM(Std.Str.ToUpperCase(Word)));

R := RECORD
  STRING SoFar {MAXLENGTH(200)};
  STRING Rest {MAXLENGTH(200)};
END;
Init := DATASET([{'',CleanedWord}],R);
R Pluck1(DATASET(R) infile) := FUNCTION
  R TakeOne(R le, UNSIGNED1 c) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.SoFar := le.SoFar + le.Rest[c];
    SELF.Rest := le.Rest[..c-1]+le.Rest[c+1..];
    // Boundary Conditions
    // handled automatically
```

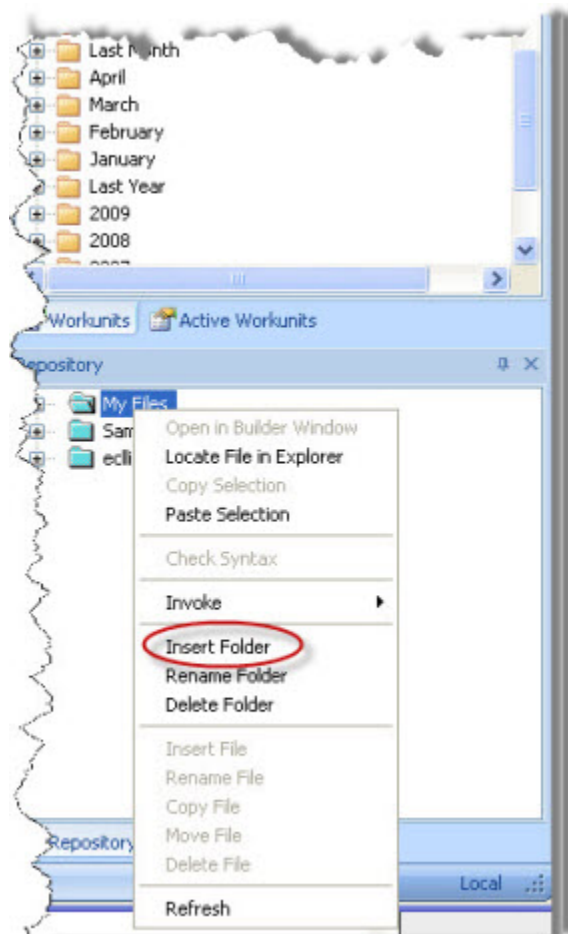
```
END;  
RETURN DEDUP(NORMALIZE(infile,LENGTH(LEFT.Rest),TakeOne(LEFT,COUNTER))) ;  
END;  
L := LOOP(Init,LENGTH(CleanedWord),Pluck1(ROWS(LEFT))) ;  
ValidWords := JOIN(L,File_Word_List,  
LEFT.Sofar=Std.Str.ToUpperCase(RIGHT.Word),TRANSFORM(LEFT)) ;  
OUTPUT(CleanedWord) ;  
COUNT(ValidWords) ;  
OUTPUT(ValidWords)
```

2. Select **thor** as your target cluster.
3. Press the syntax check button on the main toolbar (or press F7)
4. Press the **Submit** button.
5. When it completes, select the Workunit tab, then select the Result tab.
6. Examine the result.

## Compile and Publish the query to Roxie

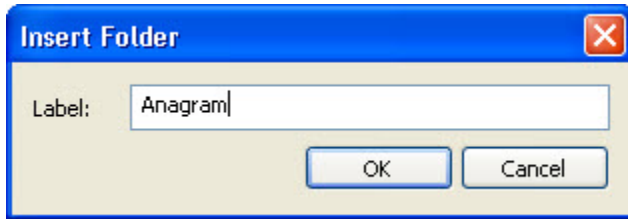
1. Right-click on the **My Files** folder in the Repository window, and select **Insert Folder** from the pop-up menu.

**Figure 21. Insert Folder**



2. Enter **Anagram** for the label, then press the OK button.

**Figure 22. Enter Folder Label**



3. Right-click on the **Anagram** Folder, and select **Insert File** from the pop-up menu.
4. Enter **ValidateAnagrams** for the label, then press the OK button.

A Builder Window opens.

**Figure 23. Builder Window**



5. Write the following code (you can copy the code from the other builder window):

```
IMPORT Std;
layout_word_list := record
  string word;
end;
File_Word_List := dataset('~thor::word_list_csv', layout_word_list,
                        CSV(heading(1),separator(','),quote('')));
STRING Word := 'teacher' :STORED('Word');
STRING SortString(STRING input) := FUNCTION
  OneChar := RECORD
    STRING c;
  END;
  OneChar MakeSingle(OneChar L, unsigned pos) := TRANSFORM
```



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    SELF.c := L.c[pos];
END;
Split := NORMALIZE(DATASET([input],OneChar), LENGTH(input),
MakeSingle(LEFT,COUNTER));
SortedSplit := SORT(Split, c);
OneChar Recombine(OneChar L, OneChar R) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.c := L.c+R.c;
END;
Recombined := ROLLUP(SortedSplit, Recombine(LEFT, RIGHT),ALL);
RETURN Recombined[1].c;
END;

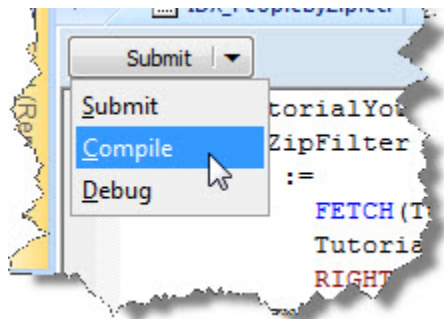
STRING CleanedWord := SortString(TRIM(Std.Str.ToUpperCase(Word)));

R := RECORD
    STRING SoFar {MAXLENGTH(200)};
    STRING Rest {MAXLENGTH(200)};
END;
Init := DATASET([{'',CleanedWord}],R);
R Pluck1(DATASET(R) infile) := FUNCTION
    R TakeOne(R le, UNSIGNED1 c) := TRANSFORM
        SELF.SoFar := le.SoFar + le.Rest[c];
        SELF.Rest := le.Rest[..c-1]+le.Rest[c+1..];
        // Boundary Conditions
        // handled automatically
    END;
    RETURN DEDUP(NORMALIZE(infile,LENGTH(LEFT.Rest),TakeOne(LEFT,COUNTER)));
END;
L := LOOP(Init,LENGTH(CleanedWord),Pluck1(ROWS(LEFT)));
ValidWords := JOIN(L,File_Word_List,
LEFT.SoFar=Std.Str.ToUpperCase(RIGHT.Word),TRANSFORM(LEFT));
OUTPUT(CleanedWord);
COUNT(ValidWords);
OUTPUT(ValidWords)

```

6. Select **Roxie** as your target cluster.
7. Press the syntax check button on the main toolbar (or press F7)
8. In the Builder window, in the upper left corner the **Submit** button has a drop down arrow next to it. Select the arrow to expose the **Compile** option.

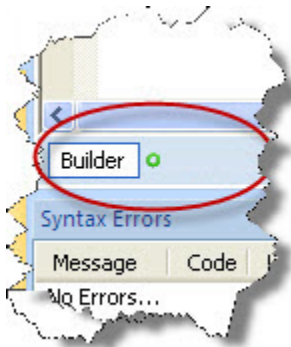
**Figure 24. Compile**



9. Select **Compile**
10. When it completes, select the Workunit tab, then select the Result tab.

11. When the workunit finishes, it will display a green circle indicating it has compiled.

**Figure 25. Compiled**

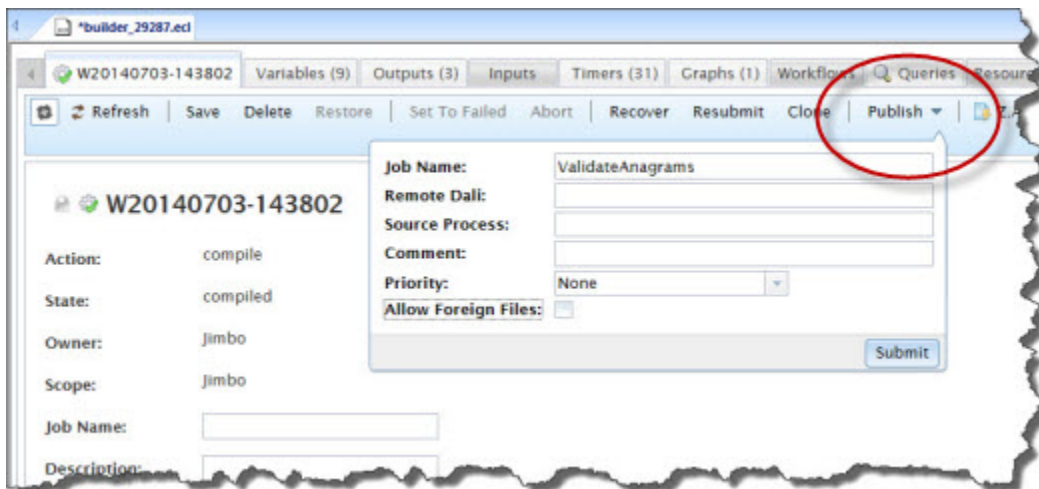


## Publish the Roxie query

Next we will publish the query to a Roxie Cluster.

1. Select the workunit tab for the ValidateAnagrams that you just compiled.
2. Select the ECL Watch tab.
3. Press the **Publish** button, complete the dialog, and press **Submit**.

**Figure 26. Publish Query**



When it successfully publishes, a confirmation message displays.

## Run the Roxie Query in WsECL

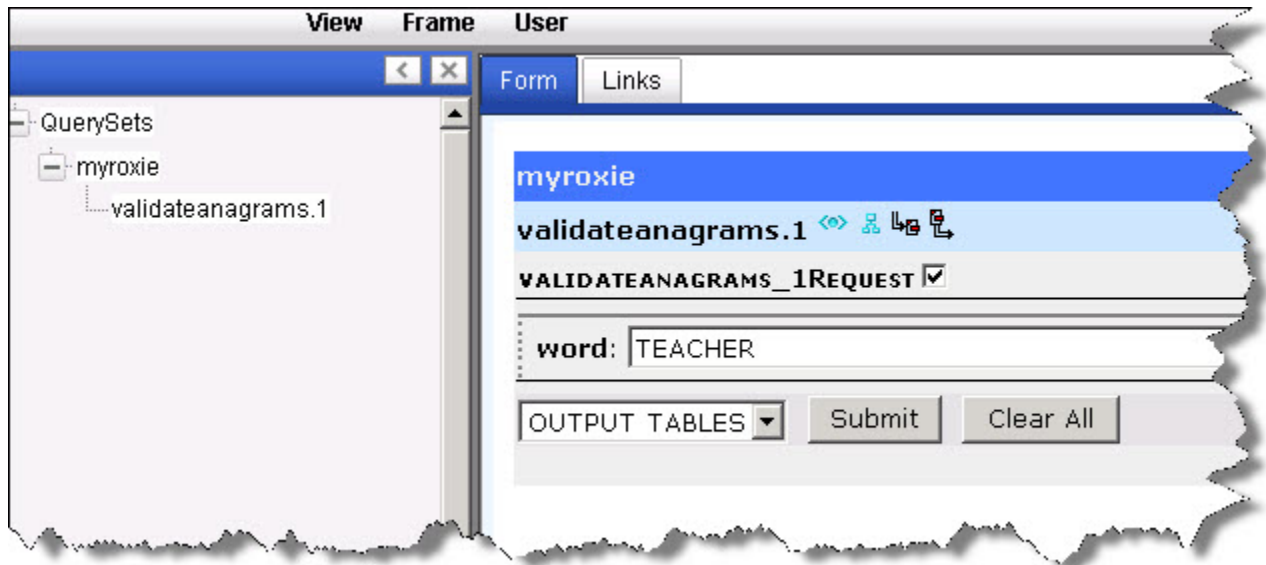
Now that the query is published to a Roxie cluster, we can run it using the WsECL service. WsECL is a web-based interface to queries on an HPCC Systems platform. Use the following URL:

**http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:pppp** (where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your ESP Server's IP address and pppp is the port. The default port is 8002)

1. Click on the + sign next to **myroxie** to expand the tree.
2. Click on the **ValidateAnagrams.1** hyperlink.

The form for the service displays.

**Figure 27. RoxieECL**

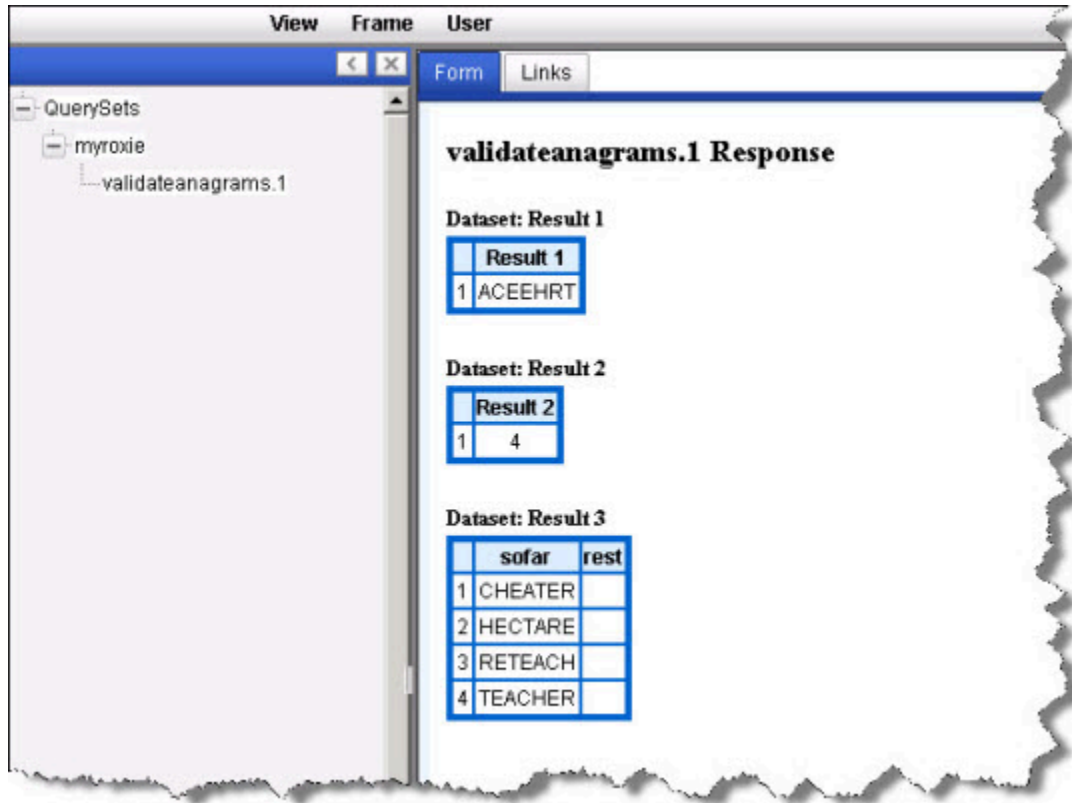


3. Select Output Tables in the drop list.

4. Provide a word to make anagrams from (e.g., TEACHER), then press the Submit button.

The results display.

**Figure 28. RoxieResults**



## Working with data files

Once you start working with your HPCC Systems, you will want to process some real data, this section shows you how to load data to your HPCC Systems platform.

### Before you begin

A typical production HPCC Systems platform would have much more data capacity than using a virtual system for testing purposes. The size of the file you wish to work with is limited by the size of your virtual machine.

- The virtual machine has a limit of 20GB.
- The size of the file(s) you can work with in your virtual machine is also limited by your machine's available disk space. Make sure you have adequate disk space available.



If you exceed the file size limits your VM state will not be saved and you risk losing your work. Make sure that you have ample space to not only store your data, but your virtual machine's "state" to be able to save your work.

## Uploading a file

For smaller data files, maximum of 2GB, you can use the upload/download file utility in ECL Watch.

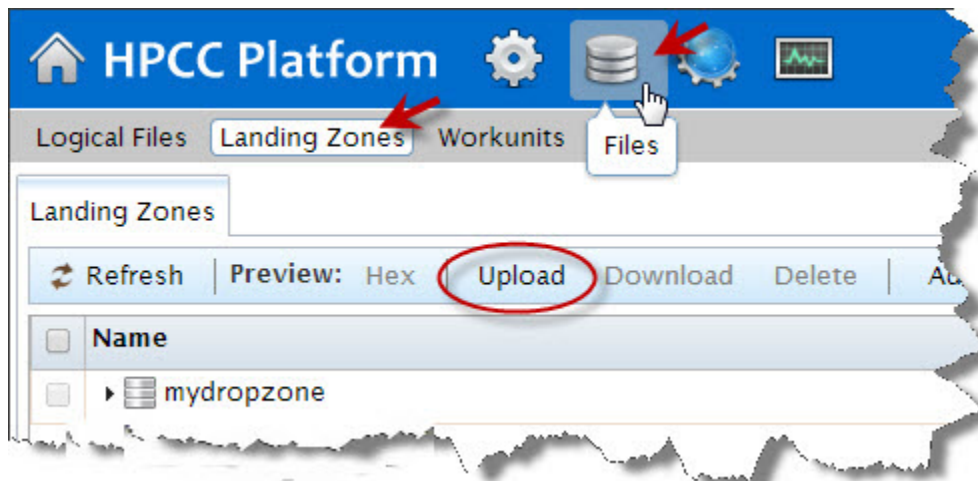
1. In your browser, go to the **ECL Watch** URL displayed (circled in red) in Virtual Box welcome screen. For example, <http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:8010>, where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your Virtual Machine's IP address.



Your virtual IP address could be different from the ones provided in the example images. Please use the IP address provided by **your** installation.

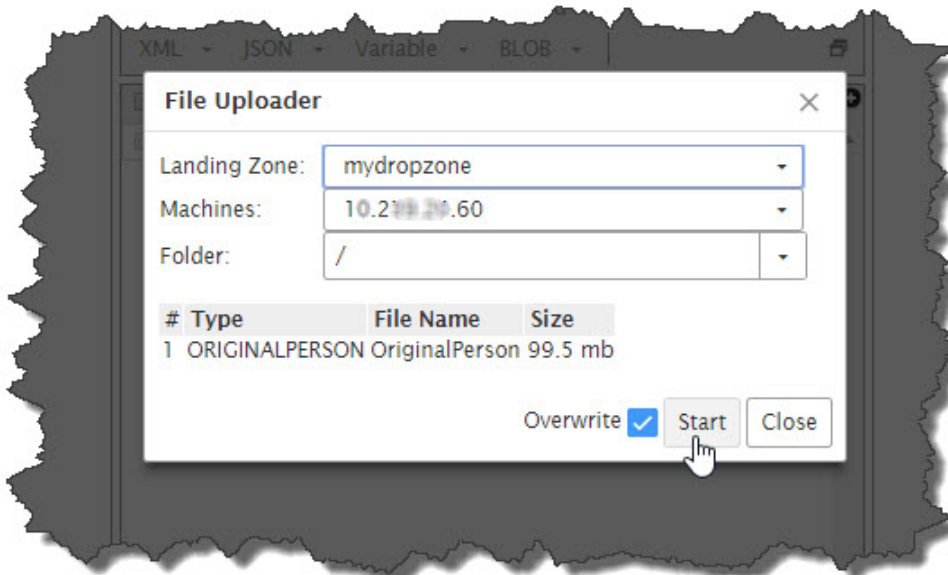
2. From ECL Watch page, click on the **Upload/download File** link in the menu on the left side.

**Figure 29. Upload/download**



Once you click on the Upload/download file link, it will take you to the dropzones and files page, where you can choose to **Browse** your machine for a file to upload:

**Figure 30. Dropzones**



3. Press the **Browse** button to browse the files on your local machine, select the file to upload and then click **Open** button.

The file you selected should appear in the **Select a file to upload** field.

4. Press on **Upload Now** to complete the file upload.
5. Now that the file is on your Landing Zone, you can spray the file to your cluster and write ECL code to process it.

## Uploading files with a Secure Copy Client

To upload a large file for processing to your virtual machine, you will need a tool that supports the secure copy protocol. In this section, we discuss using WinSCP. There are other tools available, but the steps are similar.

1. Open the WinSCP tool, and login to your Virtual Machine's IP address using the username and password given.

Login ID:	hpccdemo
Password:	hpccdemo

2. Once logged in, it should, navigate automatically to the landing zone folder. (/var/lib/HPCCSystems/mydropzone)
3. Navigate to where your local file is in the left part of the window.

### Figure 31. WinSCP

4. Select the data file to send and copy it to the landing zone, using drag-and-drop.
5. Now that the file is on your Landing Zone, you can spray the file to your cluster and write ECL code to process it.



## Next Steps

Available from the menu in ECL Watch are several documents which provide details on various aspects of the HPCC Systems.

Figure 32. ECL Watch Resource Page

**HPCC Systems** **EclWatch** Enterprise Serv Platform

Click a link below to download a version from your installation.  
You may visit <http://hpccsystems.com/download> for other versions.

**clienttools:**

Name	Version	Description
<a href="#">ECL IDE Installer</a>	ver-5_8_3_6_682_0	Windows installer for ECL IDE

**documentation:**

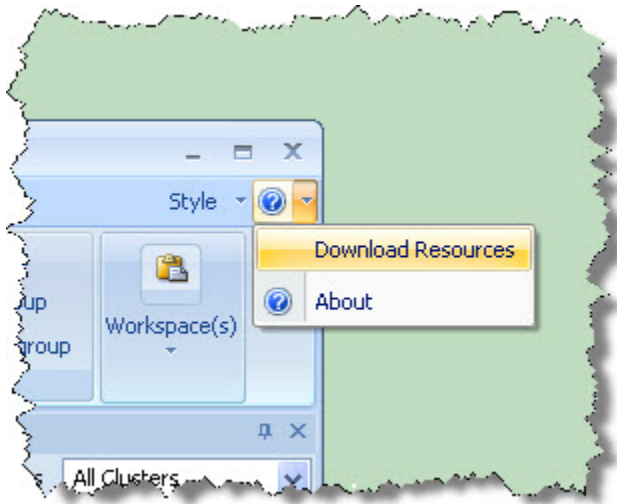
Name	Version	Description
<a href="#">HPCC Data Tutorial</a>	B.4	HPCC Data Tutorial
<a href="#">ECL Language Reference</a>	B.4	ECL Language Reference
<a href="#">HPCC Getting Started</a>	B.4	HPCC Getting Started
<a href="#">ECL Programmers Guide</a>	B.4.003	ECL Programmers Guide
<a href="#">IMDB Kevin Bacon Example</a>	B.4	IMDB Kevin Bacon Example
<a href="#">HPCC Client Tools</a>	B.4	HPCC Client Tools
<a href="#">Running HPCC in a Virtual Machine</a>	B.4.06	Running HPCC in a Virtual Machine
<a href="#">HPCC Data Handling</a>	B.4	HPCC Data Handling

**graphcontrol:**

Name	Version	Description
<a href="#">Graph Control Installer</a>	20110523	Windows installer for Graph Control

You can also access them from the help menu: Help >> Download Resources.

**Figure 33. Help Menu**



To familiarize yourself with what your system can do, we recommend:

- The **HPCC Systems Data Tutorial**

This is a simple, step-by-step tutorial that shows the end-to-end process from receiving a receiving a raw data file to publishing a web-based query to search the data. Along the way, you will learn how to process the data, index it, then write and publish a query to search the data. The self-led tutorial and accompanying data file is available on the ECL Watch Resource Page.

- The **Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon Example**

This is a more complex example (\*also available on the ECL Watch Resource Page) that uses a database of movie data to find the degree of separation between actors in films.

- The HPCC Systems® Portal (<http://hpccsystems.com>) is another valuable resource for more information including:
  - Video Tutorials
  - Additional examples
  - White Papers
  - Documentation
  - Support Forums

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I run the VM while connected to my network using a Virtual Private network (VPN)?  
No. Most VPN clients take control of your network device and routing and do not allow split tunnels.
2. Can I install this virtual machine on multiple nodes?  
No. If you want to evaluate a multi-node system, you should use the Community version available from the HPCC Systems® Portal at <http://hpccsystems.com>.
3. What are the limits of this version?  
The HPCC Systems VM Edition runs on a single node, has a limit of 20 GB in its workspace, and doesn't support custom configurations.
4. Can I run the VM on my Linux machine?  
You can run the HPCC Systems VM using the Linux VM Player. The HPCC Systems ECL IDE is a Windows application, but can run under WINE. See the Client Tools Manual for details.
5. Can I run the VM on my Mac?  
Not at this time. There is no Mac version of the VM Player.
6. Can I run the VM on my Windows Server?  
Yes, You can run on Windows Server 2003 or 2008, providing you have access to it using Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP).
7. Do I need a 64-bit processor to run the VM Edition?  
No. The VM Player runs in either 32- or 64-bit environments and does not require a 64-bit processor.
8. Do I need a 64-bit processor to run the Community Edition?  
Yes. Community Edition binaries run natively on 64-bit Linux server(s). You can access HPCC Systems from any Windows workstation (32- or 64-bit) that can run the ECL IDE and a supported browser.
9. What happens to my work when I close the virtual machine?  
The VM Player saves the state of your system when it closes. It saves all of your workunit information, data files, and published query sets as long as there is available space. The maximum size of the saved session is 20 GB.
10. Why won't my VM allow access to my network interface?  
Check your Firewall settings. You may need to disable the Firewall for your VM's network interface.
11. Will this version utilize my multi-core processor?  
This VM is designed to utilize a single core.
12. The VM Fails to start on Mac OSx after upgrading to OSx 10.9 Mavericks. How can I correct this?  
To correct this issue run the following command:

```
sudo launchctl load  
/Library/LaunchDaemons/org.virtualbox.startup.plist
```

**13.** Where can I find more information?

Visit the HPCC Systems® Portal at <http://HPCCsystems.com>.