

Shell Initialisation Scripts

Shell initialisation scripts include `.profile`, `.bash_profile` and `.bashrc` for Bash, and `.login` and `.tcshrc` for TCSH/CSH.

These scripts are a great way to set up aliases (to save typing), set up the terminal (e.g. colour output, change the command prompt) and some environment variables such as `SQUEUE_FORMAT`.

You are strongly discouraged from doing anything that will interfere with running batch jobs or logging in. This includes:

Activity	Reason
any module statements, such as "module use", "module load"	This makes your environment difficult to reproduce by colleagues or Pawsey staff
running any programs	May not be available on all systems / architectures. Any mistakes/changes may prevent login. May break scp
altering <code>PATH</code> , <code>LD_LIBRARY_PATH</code> , <code>MODULEPATH</code>	This makes your environment difficult to reproduce by colleagues or Pawsey staff
anything that produces output	May break scp

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