Cloud access with DIRAC

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VMDIRAC Federated cloud tests Prospects for the french cloud federation Conclusions



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Cloud access





Contextualization

- Standard (golden) VM image, e.g. CERNVM, is complemented by a context image
 - Containing the DIRAC software
 - Security token, e.g. VM host certificate
- The contextualization mechanism allows to configure the VM to start the Pilot script at boot time
 - Provides also the necessary configuration parameters to the pilot
- The contextualization mechanism is rather complicated
 - Different for different cloud managers
 - cernym
 - amiconfig
- Ad hoc images
 - No contextualization, everything is put in the image for a particular endpoint (software, certificates)



Simple SSH contextualization





Federated cloud test



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- DIRAC + VMDIRAC installation at PIC (dirac.pic.es)
 - Configuration
 - VM metadata from MarketPlace (copy by hand)
 - VM images uploaded to end-points manually
 - Cloud manager configuration static in the DIRAC CS
 - VM scheduler:
 - Decisions to schedule VMs based on the status of the DIRAC Task Queue, VMs already launched, prices, etc.
 - VM Launcher instantiates VMs using specific cloud plugins
 - VM Manager follows the VM status, stops idle VMs



Test setup (2)

- Total 250 VM slots at 3 sites
 - USC, PIC, CC/IN2P3 with 3 different cloud managers
 - I virtual CPU, 2GB RAM
- LHCb standard MC production application
 - Software distribution by CVMFS
 - 2000 jobs each producing 50 events



Test installation (2)

PIC

- > 90 VM slots
- OpenNebula, OCCI-0.8 driver
- VM image: cernvm-batch-node 2.6
- Contextualization
 - OpenNebula .ISO context (software and tools)
 - context section on the OpenNebula VM creation (endpoint)



Test installation (3)

USC

- ▶ 10 VM slots
- CloudStack, CloudStack 2 dirver, libcloud
- ad hoc VM image: CentOS 5.5 + preinstalled DIRAC + CVMFS
- Contextualization: none



- CC/IN2P3
 - 150 VM slots
 - OpenStack, libcloud + nova 1.1 python client
 - VM image: cernvm-batch-node 2.6
 - Contextualization:
 - Amiconfig: *userdata* (software and tools), *metadata* (endpoint))
 - Golden image with DIRAC public key + ssh contextualization



VM scheduling

- VM scheduling compromise
 - Each VM launching has a price
 - The more VMs scheduled the faster user job turnaround but less efficiency
- VM scheduler:
 - 1 VM instantiated per minute, per cloud
 - *CPUPerInstance* parameter to limit the number of VMs to instantiate
 - VM stopped after 5 minutes of "no job" waiting time
- With more experience more sophisticated VM scheduling policies will be elaborated



Running VMs



- > 219 VM at plateau
 - No failed jobs
 - Several failed VMs in OpenStack timeout while setting up network interfaces (floating IP's)



Next steps

- French Federated cloud setup
 - VMDIRAC is installed as part of FG-DIRAC
 - Configuration is to be done following the PIC example
 - Update to vOr7 (includes fixes from the tests)
 - StratusLab resources incorporation
 - Based on libcloud driver
 - Straightforward to implement
 - OpenNebul<mark>a s</mark>ites
 - OCCI 0.8 (1.1) driver
 - Contextualization?
 - Tests with other applications
 - Biomed ?
 - Manpower is a problem



Next steps (2)

- MarketPlace incorporation
 - VM image metadata catalog dynamic look up
 - VM image provisioning service
- Cloud access authorization
 X509, VOMS in addition to login/password
- Cloud status information monitoring
 - EGI Federated Cloud TF standard (?), Helix Nebula (?)
- Cloud usage accounting
 - Incorporate into the DIRAC Accounting service



- VMDIRAC tests accessing 3 different clouds are successful including OpenStack/CC
- This is a good basis to incorporate other clouds in France: StratusLab, OpenNebula clouds
- Demonstrations with other applications than the ones of LHCb are to be done
- Manpower is an issue