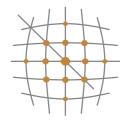
Cloud infrastructure for the on demand provisioning of Worker Nodes

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- Observation
- Idea
- Implementation
- Demo
- Source code



Our observations (last Spring)

• Scientific applications performance penalty in the range 5%-25%





- Create and save an image preconfigured to act as a WN
- Whenever a high demand on Computing Resources is at place:
 - Boot up a predefined number of Virtual WNs
 - Configure them appropriately under the CREAM service
- Once the demand is low again remove resources from the CREAM service and terminate instances



- Which are the thresholds (i.e. when to boot up or terminate instances)
- Where to run the service (i.e. on the CREAM service)
- Image creation and templating
- Network connectivity & firewall configuration
- Instance sizes (wrt instance size options available)
- Yaim functions



- Simplistic approach
 - When jobs on queue exceed a pre-fixed number fire up Virtual WNs, else terminate them if any exist

$$(w(t)>a(t=0))$$
 ? $add(n(t))$: $check_n_remove(n(t))$;

- w(t): waiting jobs at time t
- a(t=0): available job slots at t=0 (fixed number)
- n(t): Number of Virtual WNs to boot/terminate

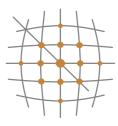
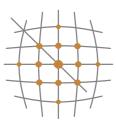
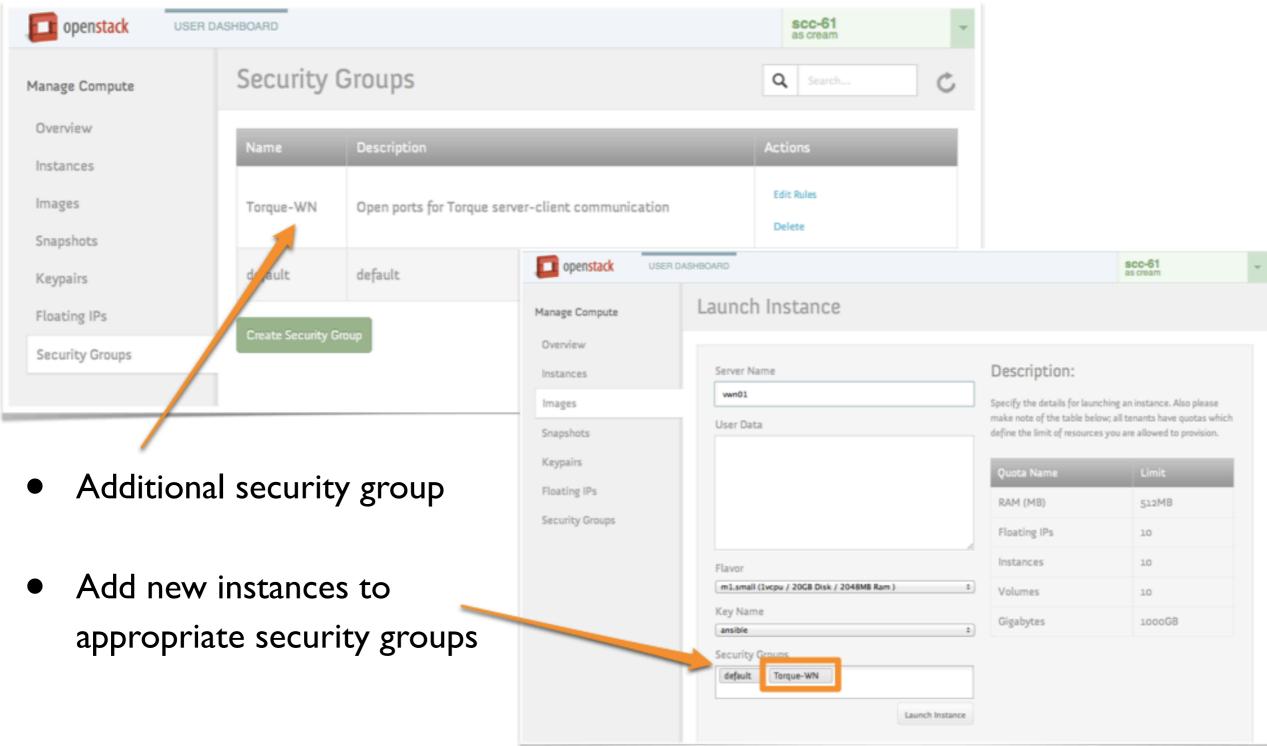


Image creation and templating

- EMI-2 based WNs
 - OS: CentOS 6.3 base image with small (EC2) size is sufficient
 - Additional repositories: EMI, EGI-Trustanchors
 - Additional packages:
 - gluster-fuse
 - emi-wn
 - emi-torque-client
 - Additional configuration:
 - munge key & service
 - Supported VO files & yaim configuration files
 - Post-boot scripts to configure instances via yaim (in /etc/rc.local)

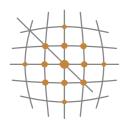


Networking and firewalling

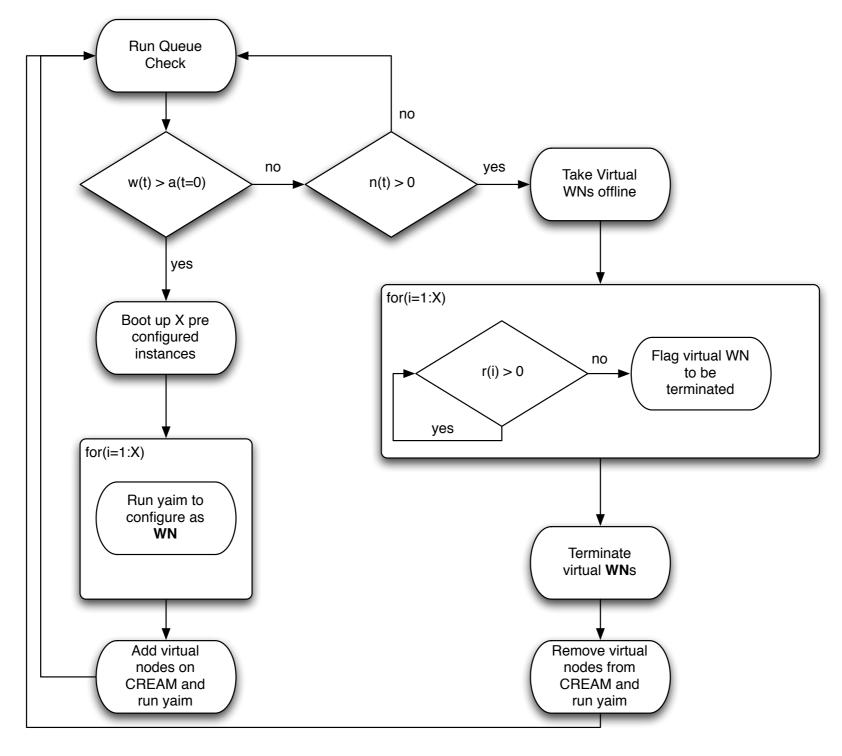


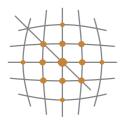
Where to run the service

- No need to induce further load on CREAM instance
- Service may run as a cron job on any other machine that can access
 - using ssh the
 - CREAM service and the
 - Virtual WNs (instances)
 - using REST API the
 - Nova compute node



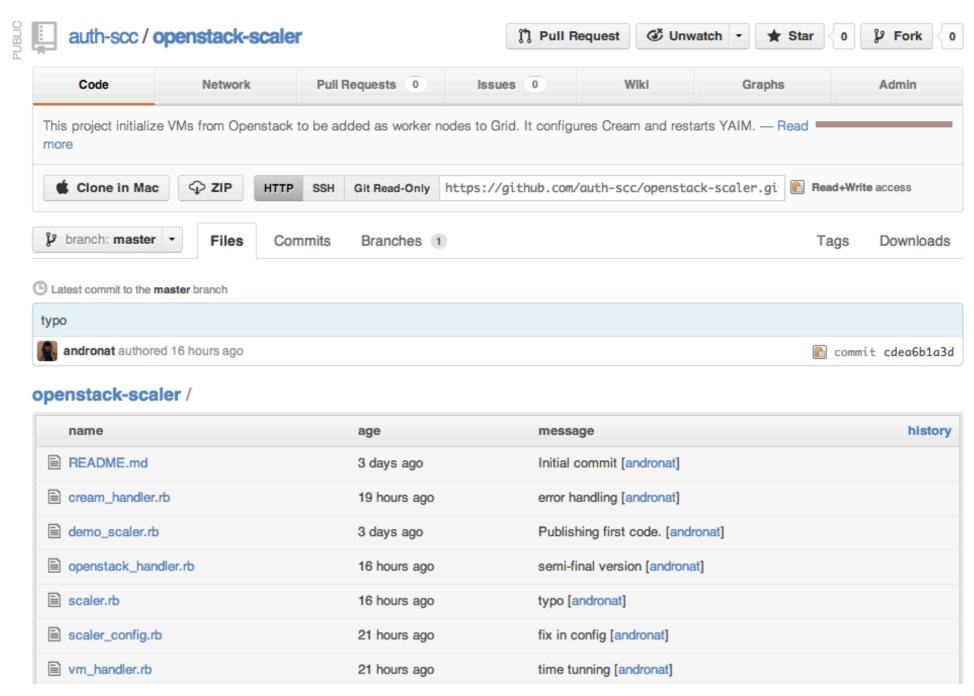
How it all comes together





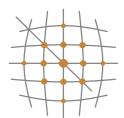
More on...

https://github.com/auth-scc/openstack-scaler





- Develop threaded version of check mechanism that checks if a virtual WN has been emptied or not
 - Enable re-usage of offline virtual nodes
- Re-work on thresholds based on production usage of resources



Thank you!

