Dynamic On-Demand Analysis Service: DODAS
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Introduction

The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) is one of the two general purpose experiments at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN in Geneva. CMS relies on the distributed computing capacities of the WLCG in order to process and analyze the collision data taken during LHC live time. Solutions having the potential to provide additional (e.g. donated, hired, temporary, etc.) computing capacity to the LHC experiments and hence to CMS are of extreme interest. As shown below, the expectation for the next decade predicts an increase in the computing needs which will be difficult to support with standard Grid facilities.

Objectives

To develop a solution for generating an on-demand, container based HTCondor cluster, possibly seamlessly integrating an existing HTCondor pool

By simplifying and automating the process of creating, managing and accessing a pool of computing resources the project aims to improve

1. Sites management:
   a. A simple solution for elastic site extensions on “opportunistic”/stable resources
   b. Generation of a ephemeral WLCG-Type facility on demand, for data
2. Users experience:
   a. A friendly procedure to dynamically instantiate a spot ‘analysis resource center’
3. Experiment-Collaboration resources:
   a. A comprehensive approach to opportunistic computing.
   a. Access and orchestrate multiple e.g. campus centers, harvesting all the free CPU cycles without major deployment effort.

Results

DODAS, an enabler of on demand dynamic clusters executing HTCondor batch systems, has been developed.

The service has been integrated with CMS computing infrastructure. This demonstrates how DODAS can dynamically extend an already existing HTCondor global queue.

The CMS integration emphasizes how such mechanism represents a possible solution to harvest geographically distributed cloud resources and to serve them as a single batch system: a possible approach to the opportunistic computing.

Architecture

The architecture of DODAS is composed by multiple INDIGO-DataCloud components as detailed below.

The four pillars are:

Cluster Management:
Mesos clusters a solution for the execution of docker containers for all the services required by a regular CMS site (Worker Node, HTCondor Scheddl and squids, X509 cache).
Marathon Application Framework that guarantees the dynamic scaling up and down of resources, a key point.

AuthN/Z & Credential Management:
INDIGO Identity Access Management (IAM) service responsible for AuthN/Z to the cluster generation.

Token Translation Service (TTS) enables the conversion of IAM tokens in to a X.509 certificates. A key to implement a trusted condor_startd Auto Registration.

Data Management:
Dynamef & FTS is the approach currently followed by the project.
We will investigate Onecloud (from Onedata) as a tool allowing to mount remote Posix file-system.

Automation:

- TOSCA templates, meant to be managed by INDIGO PaaS Orchestrator, allow the automation of the overall setup.
- A single YAML file describes the complex setup of all required services and dependencies

The above schema represents the major components of the TTSCache.

The incoming token passed as TOSCA parameter, is propagated to downstream services till the Docker applications, through Marathon.
TTSCache performs a token exchange, which is a controlled way of obtaining the ability of acting on behalf of a user for a possibly long amount of time, and the exchanged token is used to retrieve a X.509 certificate.

The latter is used to perform a trusted auto-registration with HTCondor Global Pool.

Future Challenges

CPU: x60 from 2016