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Clouds: A New Playground for XtreemOS Grid Operating System

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- Cloud & Grid computing
- Overview of XtreemOS Grid OS
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- A paradigm for the on-demand provision of virtualized resources as a service
 - Commercial clouds
 - Amazon (EC2, S3) & others
 - Private clouds
 - Intra-institution data centers







- Virtualized services
- Service-oriented
- Deployment
- Scalability / Elasticity
- Security
- High availability / Self-management
- SLA-driven





"A fully distributed, dynamically reconfigurable, scalable and autonomous infrastructure to provide location independent, pervasive, reliable, secure and efficient access to a coordinated set of services encapsulating and virtualizing resources (computing power, storage, instruments, data, etc.) in order to generate knowledge"







- Grid technologies highly relevant in the Cloud computing era
- Even more, some Grid platforms provide a cloud computing-like service (without claiming it)
 - Example: Aladdin-G5K







- Grid '5000 experimental Grid platform in France (since 2005)
 - Clusters in 9 sites, 5000 cores



- Users reserve a set of resources through a resource management system (OAR) and they can deploy their own software stack on the allocated machines (Kdeploy)
 - Remote reboots of real machines
 - No use of virtual machines but cloud-like service offered to the community of computer scientists developing Grid software





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- 4-year R&D project started in June 2006 in the FP6 framework
- 30 M€ budget, 14.2 M€ EC grant
- 19 academic & industrial partners from Europe & China







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XtreemOS Objectives

- Design & implementation of an open source Linux-based Grid Operating System with native VO support
- Grid Operating System

A comprehensive set of cooperating system services providing a stable interface for a large-scale wide-area dynamic distributed infrastructure

- Abstraction
- Sharing of heterogeneous resources in multiple administrative domains
- Two fundamental properties: transparency & scalability
 - Bring the Grid to standard users
 - Scale with the number of entities and adapt to evolving system composition



XtreemOS Architecture Overview





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VO Management & Security

- Scalability of management of dynamic VOs
 - VO-centric security architecture
 - Dynamic mapping between Grid VO users & Linux entities with no modification to Linux kernel
 - No centralized Grid wide data base
 - No grid map file needed
 - User management does not necessitate any resource reconfiguration
- Flexible administration of VOs
 - Multiple VO models supported
 - Hierarchical policy management (VO, resource, user)
 - Accountability of data access and service execution
- Interoperability with third party security infrastructures
 - Kerberos, LDAP, Shibboleth...
- Single-Sign-On



Application Execution Management

Objectives

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- Start, monitor, control applications
- Discover, select, allocate resources to applications

Features

- No assumption on local node RMS
 - AEM can be used without any batch system
- Job "self-scheduling"
 - No global job scheduler
- Resource discovery based on overlay networks
 - Multi-criteria and range of values queries
- Unix-like job control
- Accurate and flexible monitoring of job execution
- Checkpointing service for grid jobs





- A Grid file system providing users with a global view of their files
- Posix interface
- Efficient location-independent access to data in a Grid
 - Grid users from multiple VO
 - Data storage in different administrative domains
- Autonomous data management with self-organized replication and distribution
- Consistent data sharing





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Administrative domain 1

Administrative domain 2 ...*n*

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- Clouds spanning multiple hardware suppliers
- Crossing cloud boundaries
- Supporting cooperation between different institutions using private, commercial clouds & traditional IT infrastructure
- Virtual clusters
- Clouds & mobile devices





Clouds Spanning Multiple Hardware Suppliers



Cloud service supplier 2





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Administrative domain 1

Administrative domain 2 ...n

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Clouds Spanning Multiple Hardware Suppliers

XtreemOS scenario

- Hardware suppliers
 - Each resource node runs XtreemOS
 - Define local policies for their resource usage
- Cloud service suppliers
 - One VO per Cloud supplier where resources from the different hardware suppliers are registered
 - The cloud service supplier is the VO manager & defines its VO level policies
- Cloud customers
 - Registered as VO users in a Cloud supplier's VO





Clouds Spanning Multiple Hardware Suppliers

XtreemOS Key Features

- VO management
 - Multiple VO
 - Hardware supplier can sell their computing power to different cloud suppliers
 - Dynamic VO
 - VO policies
 - A cloud supplier can define the way it uses the various resources from different hardware suppliers
 - Hardware suppliers keep control on their resources
- Scheduling
 - Scheduling of VMs
 - Scheduling policies well-suited to clouds need to be defined
- XtreemFS Grid file system
 - Management of VM images





No data transfer cost

Data transfers costs

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An institution has its own IT infrastructure and uses commercial cloud resources for resource on-demand (peak of activity)











Cloud 1

Cloud 2

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Crossing Cloud Boundaries

XtreemOS scenario

- XtreemOS runs in Cloud VMs
- XtreemOS runs on the institution own computers
- A VO is managed by the institution and contains its own resources and members as well as Cloud VMs

Key XtreemOS features

- XtreemFS Grid file system
- Dynamic mapping of VO users on on-fly created user (Linux) accounts
- Scalable dynamic VO management
 - Cloud VMs dynamically added to the VO



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Crossing Cloud Boundaries



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Supporting cooperation between different institutions using private, commercial clouds & traditional IT infrastructure

This scenario extends the previous one

- Considering multiple commercial clouds used by the different institutions
- Considering multiple VOs
 - One VO per institution
 - One VO per established collaboration (collaborating institutions belonging to the collaboration VO)
- Virtual Grid Concept



Supporting cooperation between different institutions using private, commercial clouds & traditional IT infrastructure



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Virtual Clusters

- What do we gain by combining Linux SSI technology with VMs?
 - VHPC'08 joint paper with G. Vallée & S. Scott (ORNL)
- Linux SSI
 - Illusion of a powerful PC
 - Aggregation of cluster nodes resources (eg.memories)
- Virtualization Technologies
 - Portability
 - Flexible hardware resource management
 - Suspend/restart, migration
 - Isolation
- Scenarios
 - VMs on top of a LinuxSSI cluster
 - LinuxSSI on virtual clusters



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Type II-Virtualization upon SSI

A VM can get more resources than offered by a single physical node (for instance, memory)







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Flexibility in hardware resource management

A solution to simply manage node addition/eviction in a SSI cluster





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Running several isolated SSIs on the same cluster nodes





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Lessons Learnt

Aggregation of hardware resources (LinuxSSI) combined with flexibility in resource management, isolation, portability (hypervisor & VM)

Concept of distributed hypervisor

- ScaleMP intrinsically not scalable
 - Running an SMP OS on a distributed system
- Linux SSI approach attractive
 - Distributed system well-suited to the distributed nature of a cluster
 - Resource aggregation to provide virtual resources
- Migration of virtual clusters in clouds
 - Resource management policies









- Node failure management in LinuxSSI
- Revisit LinuxSSI implementation with the integration of virtualization mechanisms in Linux kernel
 - Containers
- Performance
 - Multi-level scheduling, VM scheduling





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XtreemOS key features for cloud computing

- Virtual organization management & security
- XtreemFS distributed file system spanning multiple administrative domains
- Virtual clusters based on the SSI technology

Open research issues

- Standardized cloud API
- VM management at large in scientific clouds
- Virtual Grids & security
- ...

XtreemOS: a sound system for experimenting scientific cloud computing scenarios

- XtreemOS = Linux + a set of packages (Mandriva, Redflag Linux)
 - We are open to collaborations!



XtreemOS Software

First public release of XtreemOS software

- October 1st, 2008
- Mandriva & RedFlag Linux distributions
- http://www.xtreemos.eu & sf.net

Demonstrations

- Internet of Services 2008, Brussels, September 22-23, 2008
- OGF-24, Singapore, September 15-19, 2008
- SC '08, Austin, November 16-20, 2008 (XtreemOS booth #3019)



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