



CSCS OPENSTACK FEDERATION WITH RED HAT SINGLE SIGN-ON, CEPH STORAGE AND EXTERNAL SWIFT

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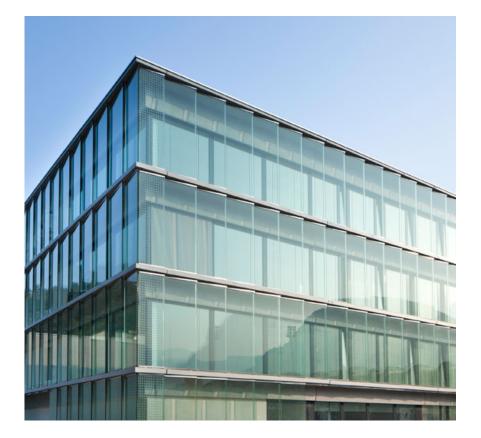




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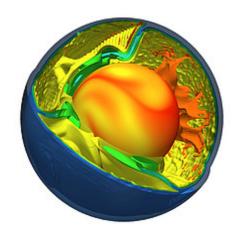
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CSCS in Brief (1)

- CSCS, the Swiss National Supercomputing Centre, develops and provides the key supercomputing capabilities required to solve important problems for science and/or society
- Unit of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich), located in Lugano
- CSCS's resources are open to academia, industry and the business sector
- Disciplines such as physics, materials science and cosmology traditionally use high-performance computers like those operated by CSCS



Computer models are extremely important to understand processes in the Earth's interior. They help comprehend plate-tectonic processes and the resulting earthquakes or volcanic activity better. Such simulations are thus essential for hazard and risk assessment. (Photo: Paul Tackley's research group / ETH Zurich)





CSCS in Brief (2)

- 2000 m² machine room with no single supporting pillar or any partitioning
- Operates the very latest supercomputers and works with the world's leading computing centers and hardware manufacturers
- Some operational HPC supercomputers:

• Piz Daint (Cray XC40/XC50)

Kesch + Escha (Meteoswiss, Cray CS-Storm)

Mönch (NEC Cluster)

Phoenix (LHC CERN, Grid Cluster)

Monte Leone (High-memory cluster)

Gran Tavé (KNL R&D)







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Motivation

- Need to augment our infrastructure in a Service Oriented manner, to accommodate new use cases coming from various user communities
 - User communities want to create web portals where they can show and share results
- OpenStack fits nicely with these requirements

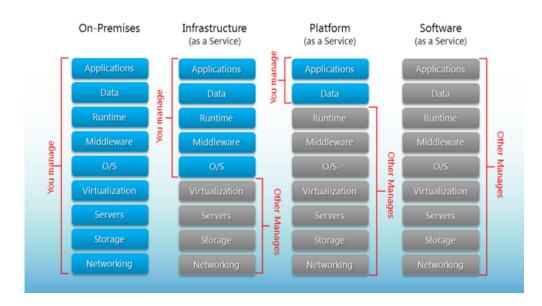




Benefits of Infrastructure-as-a-Service

- Variable costs, pay-as-you-go model
- Immediate resource availability
- Dynamic scaling
- APIs and automation
- Interoperability
- RBAC
- Allows IT to shift focus
- Clear distinction of layers and responsibilities

Separation of Responsibilities







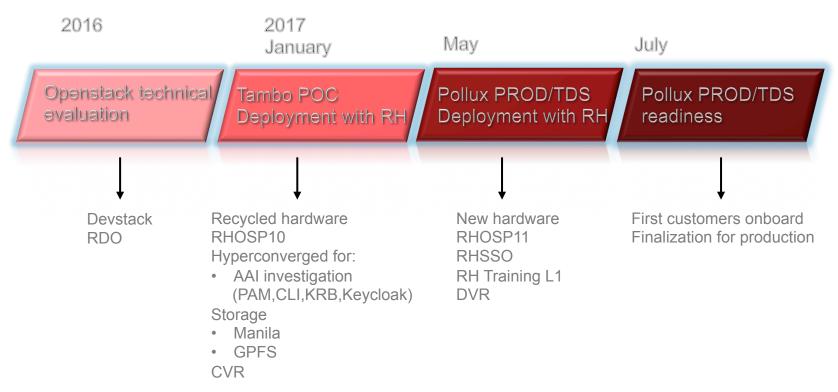
OpenStack Deployment Constraints

- Reuse of existing LDAP/Kerberos infrastructure for authentication
 - Avoids creating an isolated OpenStack "island"
- Be prepared to Federate services with other external IdPs
 - But keep the CLI functionality working
- Big datasets will be stored in Object Storage
- We would like reuse our storage capacity on the SAN
 - Leverages economies of scale
 - Reuse the GPFS infrastructure for Swift Object storage





OpenStack Deployment Timeline





Pollux Hardware

1x director

Lenovo 3550 M5

CPU: 2x Intel E5-2603 v4 6C

RAM: 64 GB

NIC: 1x Intel X710 (Dual 10 Gb), 1x IPMI, 1x 1 Gb

HDD: 2x 120GB SSD

3x controllers

Lenovo 3650 M5

CPU: 2x Intel E5-2620 v4 8C

RAM: 128 GB

NIC: 1x Intel X710 (Dual 40 Gb), 1x IPMI, 1x 1 Gb

HDD: 2x 120GB SSD

5x compute

Lenovo 3650 M5

CPU: 2x Intel E5-2660 v4 14C

RAM: 512 GB

NIC: 1x Intel X710 (Dual 40 Gb), 1x IPMI, 1x 1 Gb

HDD: 2x 120GB SSD

5x compute nodes (big mem)

HP DL360 G9

CPU: 2x Intel E5-2667 v3 8C

RAM: 768 GB

NIC: 1x HP 10Gb (Dual), 1x HP FDR 40Gb, 4x 1Gb HDD: 2x 120GB SSD

3x Ceph storage nodes

Lenovo 3650 M5

CPU: 2x Intel E5-2620 v4 8C

RAM: 128 GB

NIC: 1x Intel X710 (Dual 40 Gb), 1x IPMI, 1x 1 Gb

HDD:

120GB SSD local drives RAID1

18x SATA 2TB drives for data

6x SSD 400GB drives for journaling

4x Swift nodes (Spectrum Scale CES)

Supermicro SYS-5018R-WR

CPU: 1x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2637 v4 @ 3.50GHz, 4C

RAM: 128GB

NIC: 1x Intel XL710 (Dual 40 Gb), 1x IPMI, 1x 1 Gb

External SAN storage: Netapp E5600 (data), IBM FS900 Flash (metadata and Swift DBs)





RHOSP11 Services

We are currently operating the following OpenStack services:

- aodh
- ceilometer
- cinder
- glance
- gnocchi
- heat
- keystone

- mistral
- neutron
- nova
- panko
- placement
- sahara
- swift



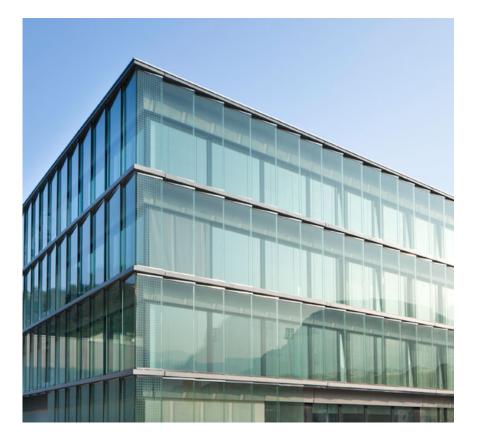
Integration with Other Services

- Nagios
- Collectd
- Graylog
- IBM TSM
- LDAP/KRB
- External Swift (IBM Spectrum Scale CES Object)



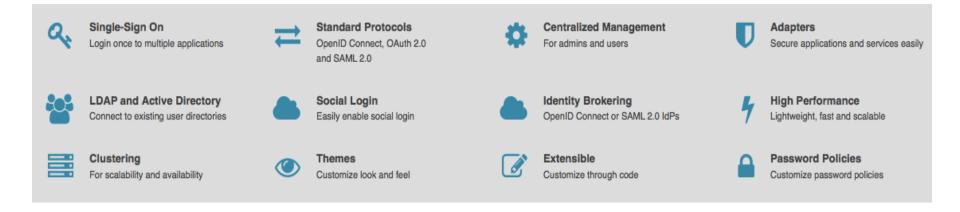
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KeyCloak-RHSSO



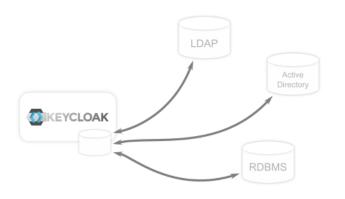
- Identity and Access Management solution aimed at modern applications and services
- Based on standard protocols

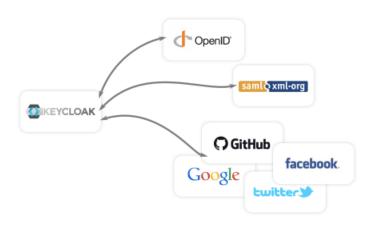






KeyCloak-RHSSO





User Federation, Kerberos bridge

Identity Brokering and Social Login



RHSSO

- Choice driven by our requirements:
 - Need to maintain our users accounting unchanged (LDAP username and Kerberos password) → keystone natively don't allow this configuration.
 - 2. Be prepared to Federate services with other external IdPs but keeping the CLI functionality working → RHSSO, acting as Identity Broker, is perfectly suitable for this. RH assure the CLI functionality in the OSP11 release.
- CLI set environment script: https://github.com/eth-cscs/openstack
 - GPLv3
 - easy automation with scripts
- mod-auth-mellon apache module for SAML



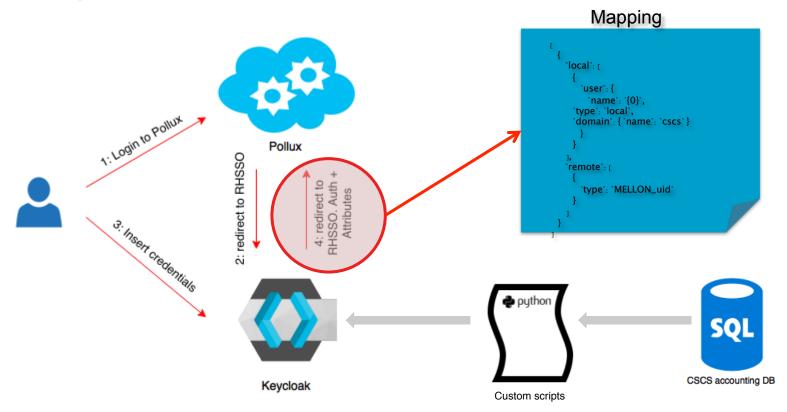


CLI code snippets (GPLv3)

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export OS IDENTITY API VERSION=3
export OS AUTH URL=https://pollux.cscs.ch:13000/v3
export OS IDENTITY PROVIDER=cscskc
export OS IDENTITY PROVIDER URL=https://kc.cscs.ch/auth/realms/cscs/protocol/saml/
export OS_PROTOCOL=mapped
export OS INTERFACE=public
#Getting the unscoped token:
echo "[openstack --os-auth-type v3samlpassword token issue]"
UNSCOPED TOKEN="$(openstack --os-auth-type v3samlpassword token issue --format value --column id)"
#Getting the scoped token:
echo "[openstack --os-project-id $PROJECT ID token issue]"
SCOPED TOKEN="$(openstack --os-project-id $PROJECT ID token issue --format value --column id)"
echo " * Setting custom 'swift' alias"
alias swift='swift --os-auth-token $0S TOKEN --os-storage-url https://object.cscs.ch:8443/v1/AUTH $0S PROJECT ID'
echo " * Environment ready for openstack CLI with scoped project: $PROJECT NAME"
```



Mapping





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Storage Environment (1)

- Requirements
 - We need enough space for block and image storage (30TB)
 - For object storage our customers want:
 - To scale to millions of files
 - PB of data
 - High bandwidth
 - We have lots of space on SAN available for use
 - We want to use our tape library for data backups





Storage Environment (2)

Implementation:

- Ceph Jewel 10.2.7-27.el7cp RHOSP11
 - Cinder block storage
 - Glance image storage
- IBM Spectrum Scale CES Object (GPFS)
 - Swift object storage
 - Used also for volume backups





Storage Environment - Ceph Hardware

PROD:

- 3x servers Lenovo 3650 M5
 - CPU: 2x Intel E5-2620 v4 8C
 - RAM: 128 GB
 - NIC:
 - 1x Intel X710 (Dual 40 Gb) bonded for storage network and management
 - 1x 1Gb for provisioning
 - 1x 1Gb IPMI interface
 - HDD:
 - 2x 120GB SSD local drives RAID1
 - 18x SATA 2TB drives for data
 - 6x SSD 400GB drives for journaling

TDS:

- 3 servers with similar hardware configuration
- HDD:
 - 3x SATA 2TB drives for data
 - 1x SSD 400GB drives for journaling







Storage Environment - Configuration

3 replicas

PG groups calculated with http://ceph.com/pgcalc/

Block storage volume types

Bronze 1.2 GB/s 1000 IOPS
 Gold 1.2 GB/s 10000 IOPS
 Platinum 1.2 GB/s 30000 IOPS

Backups

- Can be triggered by users
- Backed up daily to Swift, then backed up to TSM

Benchmarks

- Aggregate bandwidth on Ceph (3 servers):
 - 770 MB/s write
 - 700 MB/s read
- Each storage server could potentially reach 2GB/s





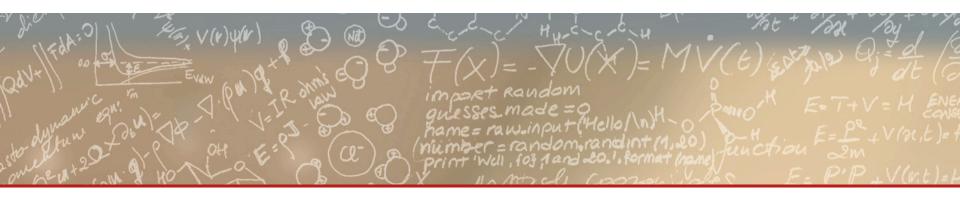
Lessons Learned

- A good design is key
- Reliable and supported hardware is very important
- Changing the setup after deployment is very challenging
- Network design is complex
 - Needs the VM connectivity requirements and security policies in advance
- Integration with legacy systems is difficult (GPFS, monitoring, logging, accounting, AAI..)
 - Must have requirements in advance
- Implementation of additional services not trivial
- We have now a much clearer idea on how to install an OpenStack environment









Q&A

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