Integration of Oracle Cloud Resources into CERN IT BC&DR

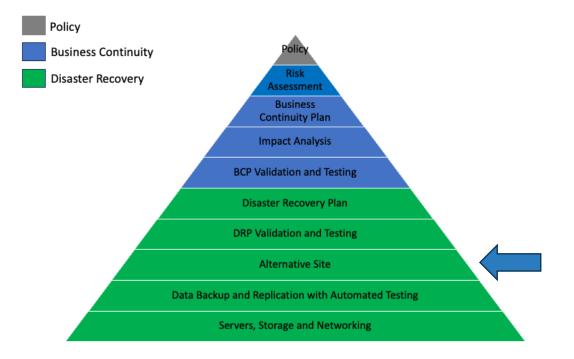


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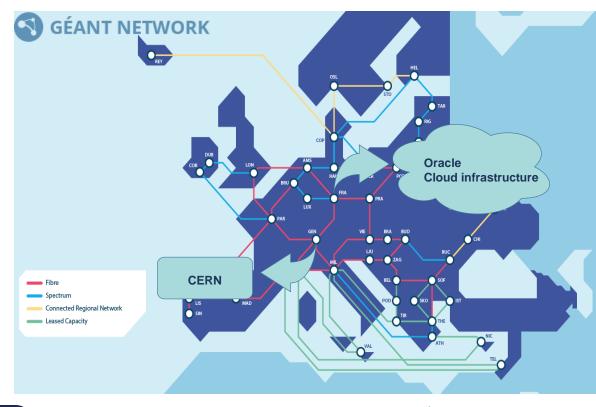


CERN BC & DR Framework





External prerequisites



CERN – GÉANT
2 x 100Gbps

GÉANT – OCI
2 x 10Gbps



Resources mapping

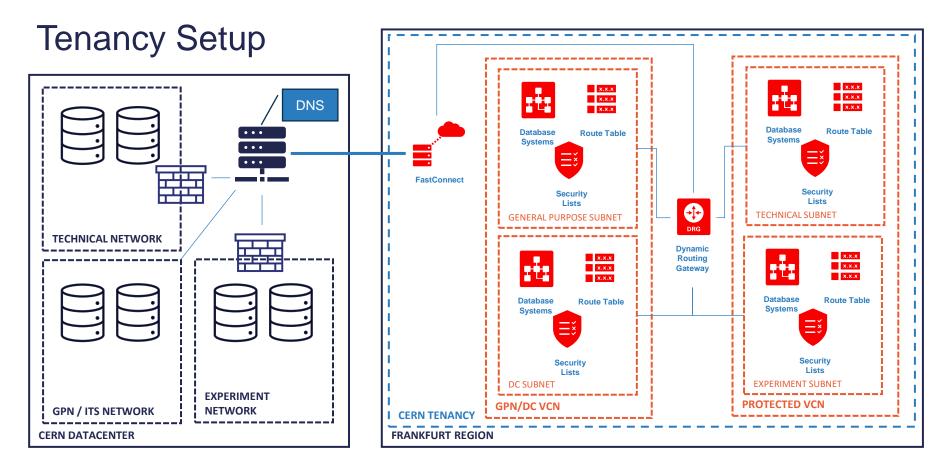
CERN DC

- External router
- OpenStack Ironic Host
- IP Services / Networks
- Subnet
- Router
- Firewall
- Oracle Database

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

- FastConnect + DRG
- Oracle Base Database Node
- Virtual Cloud Network
- Subnet
- Routing table
- Security list
- Oracle Database





Setup challenges

Repeatability

- Several complete tear-downs and rebuilds
- Automation of API calls
- No API for on-premise counterpart

Completeness

- On-premise landscape evolution
- Requirement to "catch and incorporate" changes

Verification

- Database level connectivity
- Limited application vertical test



Repeatability

• OCI CLI

- Essential for
- Basically, a n
- Quick access
- "data": ["availability-domain": "BKrI:EU-FRANKFURT-1-AD-1", "backup-network-nsg-ids": null, "backup-subnet-id": null, "cluster-name": null, "compartment-id": "ocid1.compartment.oc1..aaaaaaaaao72wzwmexpujop3xxhz77bczh2i2gkypjhtav1hcv32two2v2nua", "cpu-core-count": 4. "data-collection-options": { "is-diagnostics-events-enabled": true, "is-health-monitoring-enabled": false. "is-incident-logs-enabled": true "data-storage-percentage": 80, "data-storage-size-in-gbs": 256, "database-edition": "ENTERPRISE_EDITION_EXTREME_PERFORMANCE", "db-system-options": "storage-management": "ASM"
- REST API
 - Next step in automation

send: b'GET /20160918/dbSystems?compartmentId=ocid1.compartment.oc1..aaaaaaaao72wzwmexpujop3xxhz77bczh2i2gkypjhtav1hcv32two2v2nua HTTP/1.1\r

- Integration with automation software (e.g. Rundeck)
- Manual actions
 - Preferably to be avoided



Completeness

Not a technical challenge

- Policy and housekeeping
- Everyone on-board

Infrastructure as a code

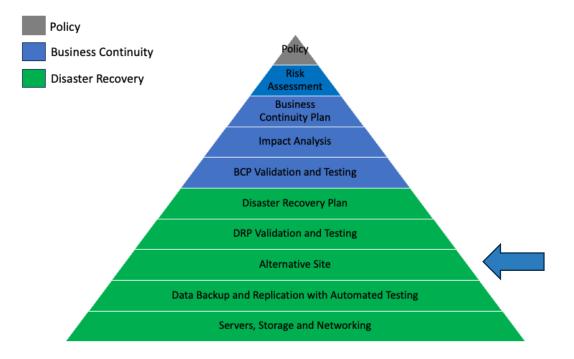
- Always up-to-date view
- Simple state dump
- Version change control

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$ cat system_repository.json | \
> jq '.entities | .[] |
select(.sc_entity=="test_entity") ' | \
> jq '{
> db_name: .sc_db_database_name,
> db_unique_name: .sc_db_unique_name,
> domain:.sc_domain,
> project:.sc_project
> }'
{
    "db_name": "TESTDB",
    "db_unique_name": "TESTDB_OCI",
    "domain": "GPDB",
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"project": "CLOUDDB"



Verification

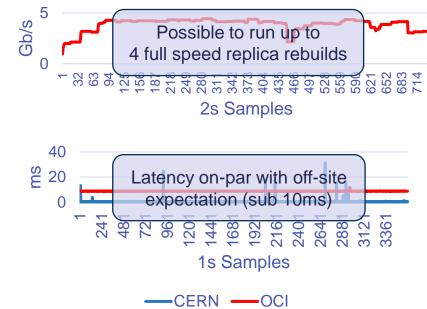


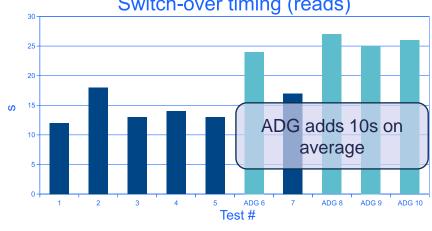


Verification

- Rebuild time
- Response latency
- Switch-over delay

Replication speed (one stream)







Conclusions

• BC & DR is a process

- Never really completed and finalized
- Cloud resources add much needed flexibility

Considerable amount of work already done

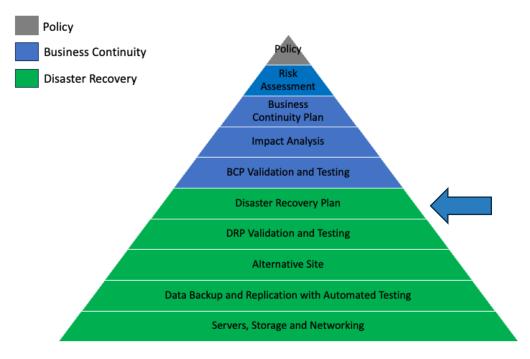
- Transparent network access to OCI resources
- Quick provisioning of database replicas in OCI
- Oracle Database service DR at COBIT Level 4 Predictable process

DR test trade-offs

- Complexity of disaster recovery solution vs. Cost
- Verified disaster recovery plan vs. Production downtime



Future strategy





Outlook

BC scale / cost estimation

• Where to draw the line between resiliency and cost?

Security hardening

- Central Key Management implementation
- Dynamic security lists
- Immutable backups

Observability improvement

- Security policies auditing
- Usage monitoring



Credits

CERN

- Stoumpis, Alexandros
- Dafonte Perez, Eva

Oracle

- Chardonnereau, Şengül
- Hurel, Sebastien
- Jung, Stefan
- Designe, Jérôme
- Poulin, Audrey
- Pedregal-Martin, Cristobal







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