

Grid Technology



Virtualization in the gLite Grid Middleware software process

Use cases, technologies and future plans

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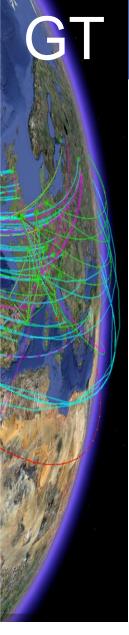


Agenda



- gLite and GT
- Cloud-like virtualization
 - vNode
- Batch-like virtualization
 - VMLoader
- Future Plans



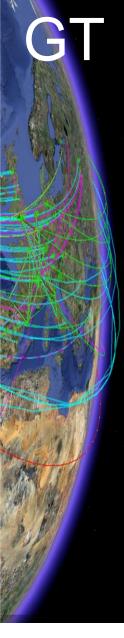


gLite Grid Middleware



- ~2 M lines of code
- 258 RPMs produced
- ~ 70 external dependencies
- 17 programming languages
- 15 platforms/architectures (4 supported)
- 21 nightly builds
- ~3 hours to build on VM
 - 2 GB RAM
 - 1 of 8 cores 2.33Ghz Intel XEON
 - Heavy IO





Activities



- Development
 - DPM, LFC, FTS, BDII, Grid Monitoring
- Build
 - ETICS Build and Test system
- Integration
- Automatic Testing
 - RPM deployment and YAIM configuration tests
- Certification and Test-Beds
 - Manual certification
 - Grid Test-Bed infrastructure







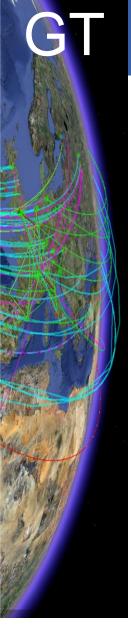
Virtualization use cases



- Cloud-like virtualization
 - Development support
 - Manual certification
 - Grid Services in Test-Beds
- Batch-like virtualization
 - Build
 - Installation test
 - YAIM Configuration test
 - Single- and Multi- Node functional test







Cloud-like virtualization



Usage

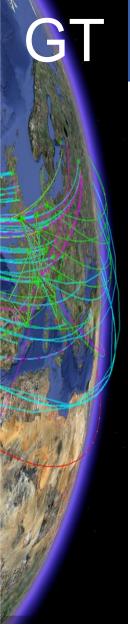
- Interactive root access via SSH
- Many VM deployed
- Low memory / processor / IO

Requirements

- Fast creation (~ 5 min) of VMs for daily use
- Variety of platforms: SLC, SL, Debian
- CLI and APIs for scripting
- Host certificates in VMs
- Monitoring and statistics
- Revert to snapshot







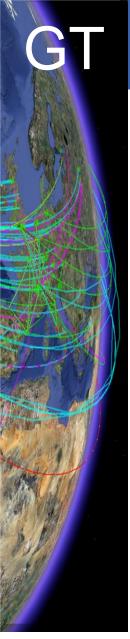
vNode: Virtual Nodes On DEmand



- A simple system to manage XEN virtual machines. It can deploy, terminate, check and show state of virtual machines
- Main developer: Ricardo Mendes
- API
 - AJAX Web Interface
 - Python API
 - CLI interface
 - Server and Deployment node JSON WebServices
- Security
 - Login via SSH keys to VM
 - HTTPS and X509 to access the service

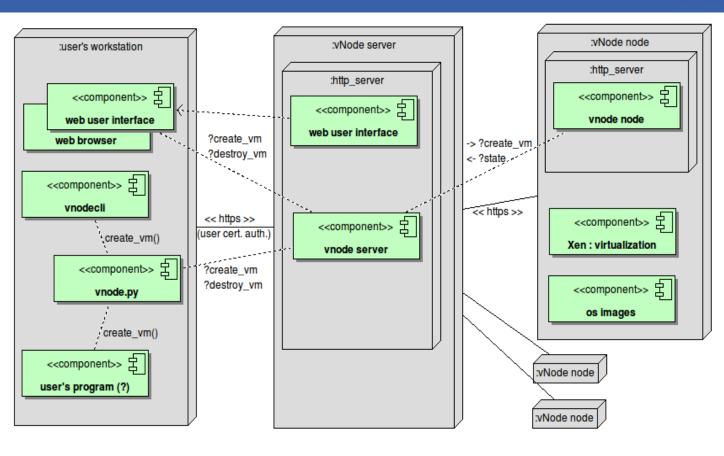




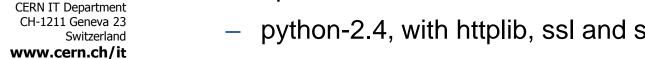


vNode architecture

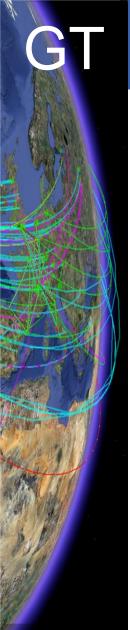




- **XEN 3.1**
- vNode Service:
 - apache 2.2.3 with mod_ssl
 - python-2.4, with httplib, ssl and simplejson

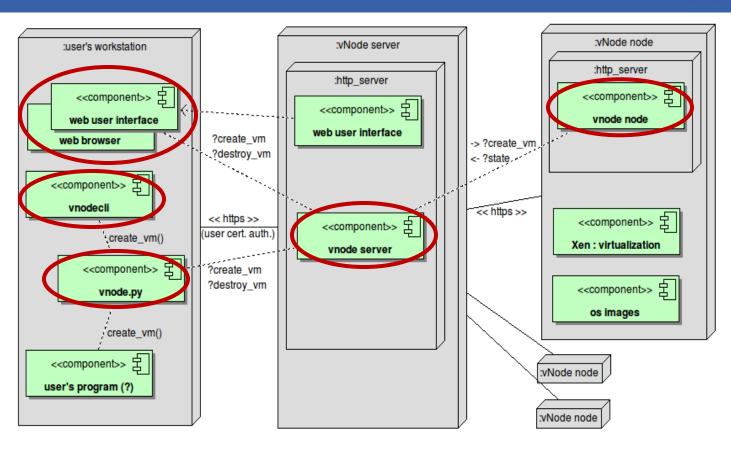




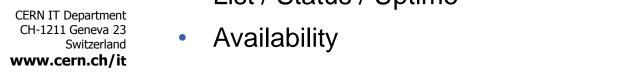


vNode API

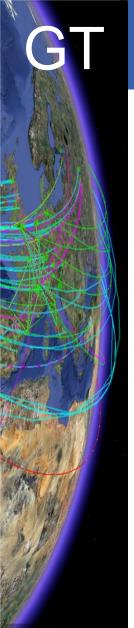




- Reserve / Create / Pause / Destroy VMs
 - Options: Memory / Disk / Image
- List / Status / Uptime

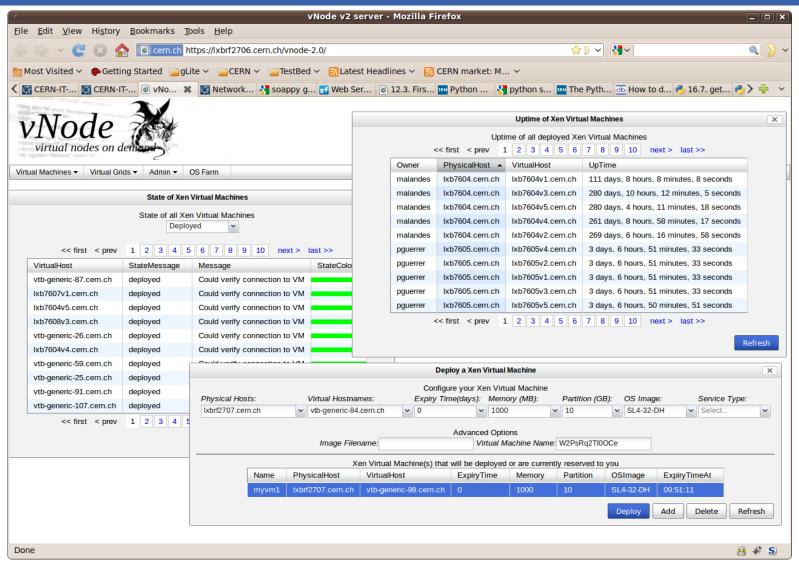






vNode web user interface





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vNode Numbers



Users: ~ 33 (25 active)

VMs: > 100 (reaching limit)

VM creation time: 2-3 minutes

VM host-names: ~150 pre-registered

Hypervisors: 9

VM per HV: 15 - 10 - 5

VM Stats: 1 core, 250MB – 1GB RAM

Images: ~10 platforms (SL, SLC, Deb)



Batch-like virtualization



Usage

- User space (builds) and as root (tests)
- VM starts and ends within a job submission
- Memory, Processor and IO intensive

Requirements

- Fast start (~ 5 min): 1 VM start each job
- Custom image loading w/o much validation
- Snapshot available after job for debugging
- Logging of VM boot and execution
- Host certificates in VM
- Wide set of images required







Build / Test Infrastructure

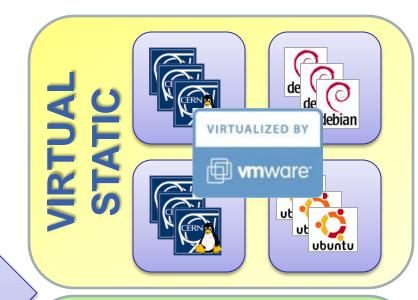


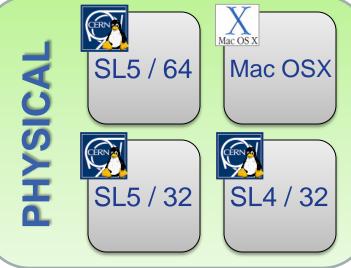
run as root:

revert to snapshot after each job



VMWare Server 1.0.4 Condor 6.9.5 to 7.4.2 Metronome 2.5.2b





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Build / Test Numbers



Users: ~ 300 (60 active)

Jobs per month: ~3000

Job duration: 5 minutes to 4-5 hours

Hypervisors: ~20

VM per HV: 3MAX

Slots per VM: 2 (1 for root-enabled)

VM Stats: 1 core, 2GB RAM, 30GB Disk

Images: ~20 platforms + custom



VMLoader



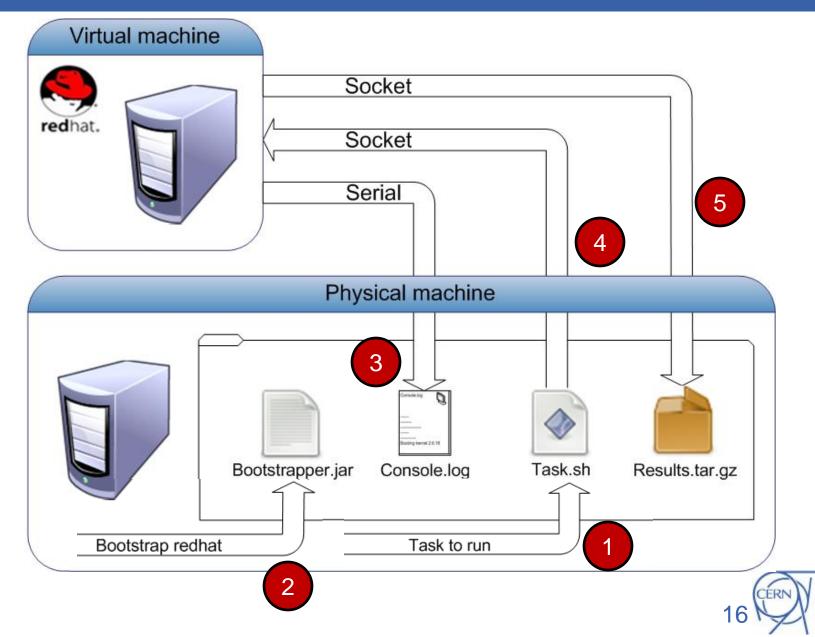
- A Java tool for the execution of jobs in virtual environments
 - Bootstrapper in hypervisor and Agent in VM
- Prototype stage
- Runs in user space, detects installed hypervisors
 - VMWare, XEN, KVM and QEMU
- Images:
 - Downloaded from central repository
 - Locally cached





VMLoader in action





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Future Plans



- Move to the CERN IT central service
 - + Ability to choose hostname
 - + Large availability of resources
 - + SOAP APIs available
 - + Standard guaranteed service
 - + "30 days free" ©
 - Speed of VM creation (up to 20 min)
 - Variety of required images (SL, Debian)
 - Javascript interface hic-ups with Firefox
 - Reuse of hostname takes time due to DNS flush

