



CERN Cloud Infrastructure status update

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Cloud resources



Openstack services stats



Resource overview by time



Since last HEPiX...

- **OpenStack upgrades**
- **Integration with CERN identity management**
- **Ironic enrollment of production machines**
- **GPUs as managed resources in OpenStack (quotas, vGPUs)**
- **More SDN (tenant networks, virtual routing)**
- **CentOS 8**
- **Continue hardware replacement**
- **Block storage availability zones**

Bare Metal Provisioning & Life-cycle management

→ Based on OpenStack Ironic: <https://ironicbaremetal.org/>



- Same 'creation' API as virtual machines
- Managing 9'000 physical nodes in CERN IT
- Aiming at the full cycle:
auto-registration, validation, stress testing,
benchmarking, provisioning, repairs, retirement
- Integration with Inventory (OpenDCIM)



→ Transparent adoption of in-production nodes ongoing

- <https://techblog.web.cern.ch/techblog>

→ Shifting to physical batch using k8s or Terraform (CHEP talk)

https://indico.cern.ch/event/773049/contributions/3473820/attachments/1937858/3212037/Managing_the_CERN_Batch_System_with_Kubernetes.pdf

→ Working on Redfish for better console access



Software Defined Networking (SDN) and LBaaS

→ IP Based Load Balancing as a Service (LBaaS) in production for almost a year

➤ https://clouddocs.web.cern.ch/networking/load_balancing.html

→ Over 200 LB instances, some backing critical services

➤ Windows Terminal Services for Cryo, Vacuum

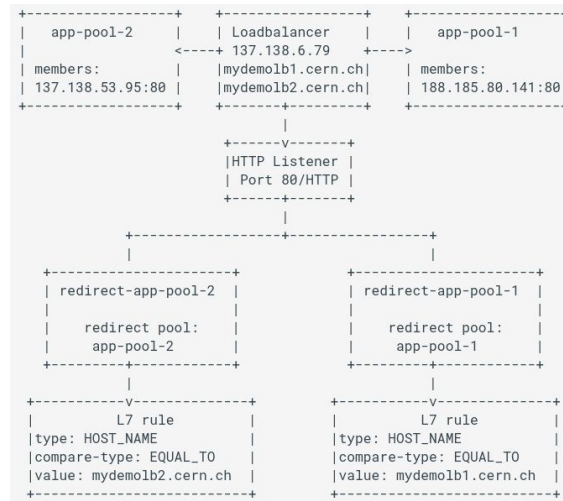
→ Recently added support for L7 policies

➤ And ability to apply ACLs to LB instances

➤ <https://indico.cern.ch/event/976468/>

→ New region with advanced SDN functionality

➤ Private networks, Floating IPs,



GPUs

- ➔ **Centrally managed GPU offering for over a year - T4s and V100(S)**

<https://clouddocs.web.cern.ch/gpu/README.html>

- ➔ **Integration with multiple CERN IT systems: VMs, K8s, Batch, Notebooks, ...**

- ➔ **Recently added support for Virtual GPUs**

- Relying on T4s, up to 4 virtual slots per physical GPU
- Based on time sharing, no physical partitioning like MIG on A100s
- Requires a license setup on the nodes, we provide recipes to users

Kubernetes

- ➔ **Continued growth: over 600 clusters, 3000 nodes**
- ➔ **Functionality since last update**
 - Support for Kubernetes 1.19 and 1.20
 - OIDC integration: auth/authz against clusters using CERN SSO

Support for linked CERN groups/roles to RBAC rules

- ➔ **Automated setup of Virtual GPUs, requiring custom change to Nvidia operator**
- ➔ **CERN container webinars:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvFtdXaelJLua2wVoKWz6A>

Improving Kubernetes storage

→ **Kubernetes Storage at CERN - current status**

→ **Issues and Next Steps**

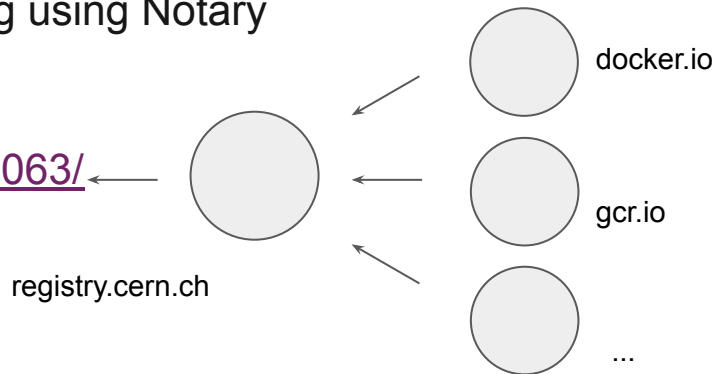
- Snapshots in CephFS
- OAuth2 Token Based Access
- Object Storage APIs

<https://techblog.web.cern.ch/techblog/post/kubernetes-storage-next-steps/>

Container Registry

- ➔ Relying on a Harbor deployment for over 2 years to host Helm charts
- ➔ Recently expanding its usage to include other OCI artifacts
 - Container Images, ML Models, ...
- ➔ **Key Functionality (over the existing GitLab Registry)**
 - Vulnerability Scanning (CVE), Image Signing using Notary
 - Proxy Caches, Registry Replication

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/995485/contributions/4258063/>



OpenStack Placement Extraction

- ➔ **Placement API service introduced in the “Newton” release**
 - Required in any OpenStack Nova deployment since then
- ➔ **Placement tracks the resource provider inventories and usages**
(for example: CPU, Memory, Disk, ...)
- ➔ **Since Stein release, Placement is an independent project**
- ➔ **At CERN, Placement was extracted from the 3 main regions**
 - Small downtime required to copy the DB
- ➔ **Placement was then upgraded to the “Train” release and the service moved to CentOS 8**

CentOS 8

- **Moved APIs to CentOS 8 to install newest releases of OpenStack**
- **Hypervisors still in CentOS 7, paused until further decisions are made**
- **Details: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/995485/contributions/4256466/>**

Operations

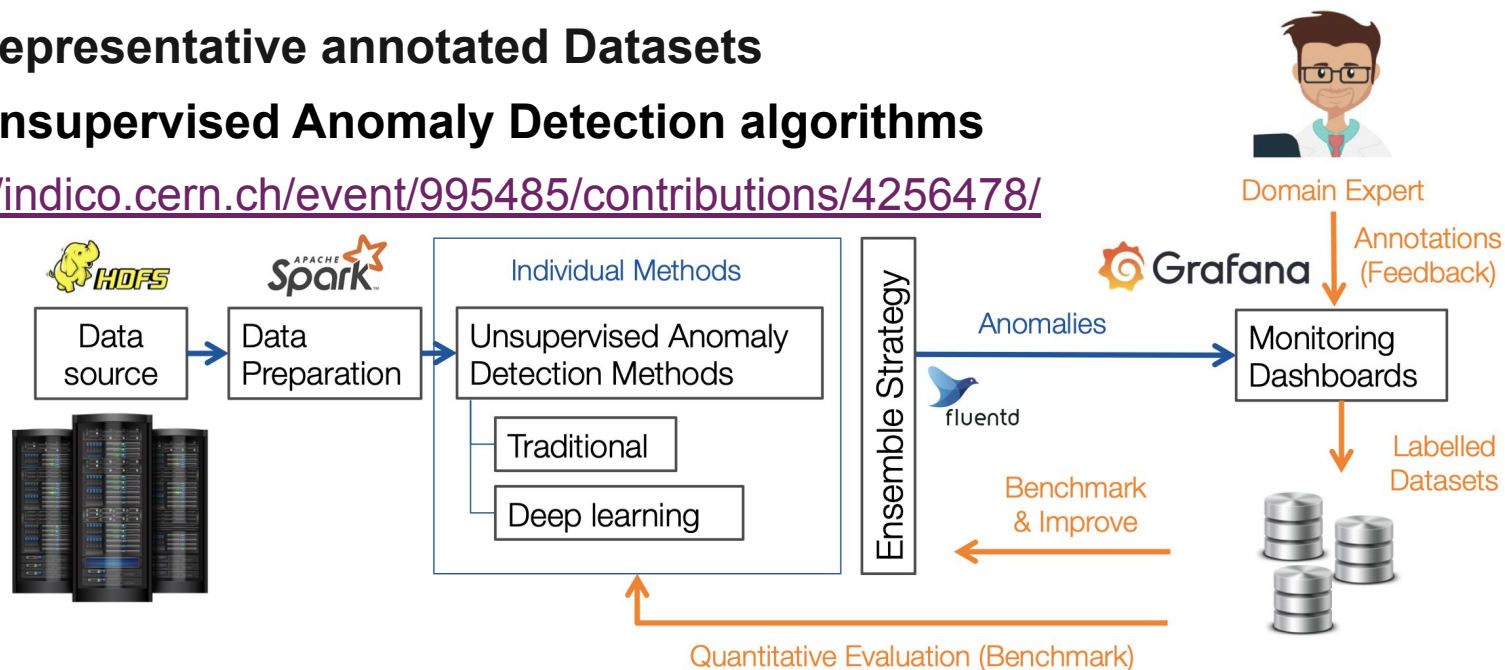
- Few incidents affecting Cloud Service noted during last 6 months
- Live migration, improvement of the repair team ops
- High-Availability Database (HA DB)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/898285/contributions/4034158/>

Anomaly Detection

- ➔ Anomaly Detection Pipeline with Feedback
- ➔ Representative annotated Datasets
- ➔ Unsupervised Anomaly Detection algorithms

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/995485/contributions/4256478/>



Future

- GPUs as managed resources in OpenStack (quotas)
- More SDN (tenant networks, virtual routing)
- IroniC auto-registration of new physical servers
- Block storage availability zones
- In the process to containerize some services
dedicated webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViROtsY2hXU>
- Anomaly detection investigations **Anomaly Detection in the CERN Cloud Infrastructure**
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/995485/contributions/4256478/>

Useful links

➔ **Cloud docs**

<https://clouddocs.web.cern.ch>

➔ **Tech blog**

<https://techblog.web.cern.ch/techblog/>

➔ **Container Webinars**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvFtdXaelJLua2wVoKWz6A>

➔ **Grafana - OpenStack Overview page**

<https://monit-grafana.cern.ch/d/000000024/cern-openstack-overview?orgId=3&refresh=15m>

Questions?





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