BUILDING A CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE WITH OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

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Building a cloud infrastructure

Hardware

- Low-cost, commodity hardware
- Redundent resources to ensure high availability
- Approach: Use low-cost hardware with software providing redundency and avoid high-end hardware

Software

- Role of software is greater than that of hardware
- A collection or "stack" of software is needed
- Proprietary software stacks with vendor lock-in
- Several open source software stacks available

Software stack

- Because of the complexity, software required to run a could is organized as layers of a "stack"
 - Hypervisor: enables the creation of several virtual machines (Vms) on a single physical machine (node)
 - Clustering: use of multiple nodes / storage devices to serve as "clusters" of computing power (compute clusters) and storage capacity (storage culsters) with redundency built in
 - Virtual Networks: need to create virtual networks that connect VMs to each other and then to the outside world
 - Resource Management: management of compute clusters, storage clusters, networks, software images etc.
 - User Management: User privileges, authentication etc.
 - Billing: Based on resource usage

Open Source Cloud software stacks

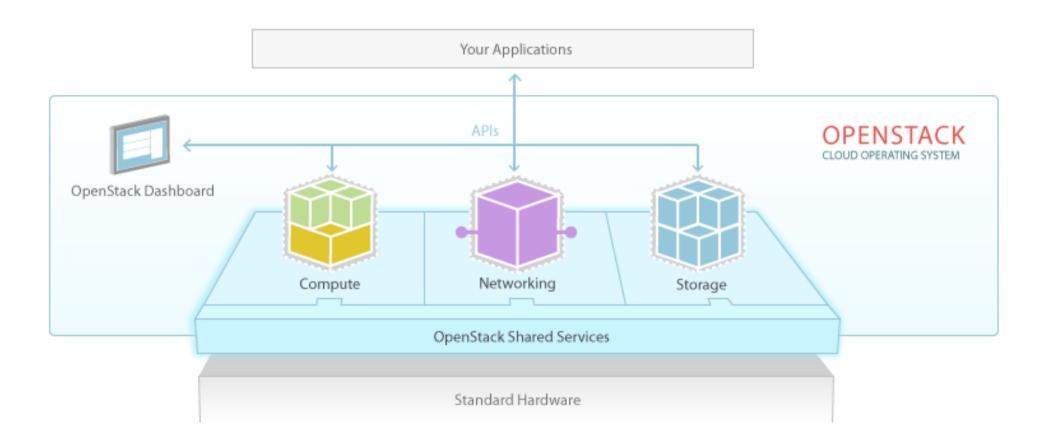
- OpenStack
 - Initiated by Rackspace / NASA
 - Governed by consortium of vendors
- Ganeti + Synnefo
 - Ganeti released to public by Google
 - Synnefo developed by GRNET runs on top of Ganeti
- OpenNebula
 - Focus on the requirements of "users", not "providers"
 - VoneCloud Open replacement for VMWare's vCloud
- Others

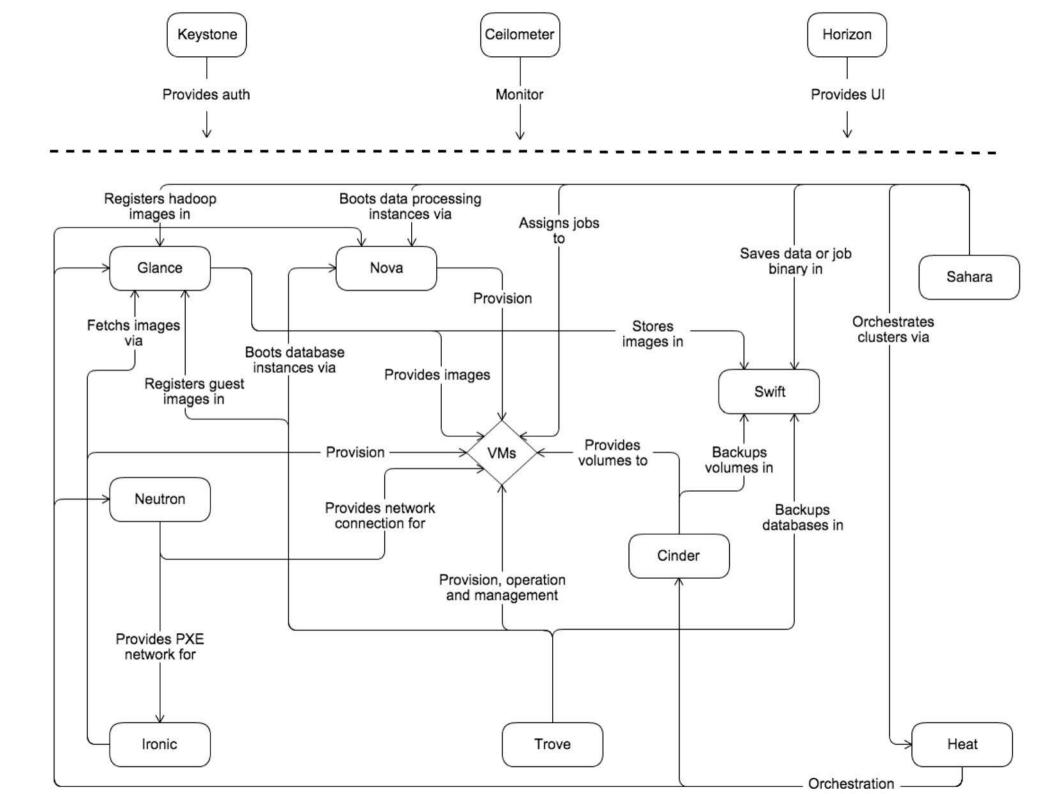
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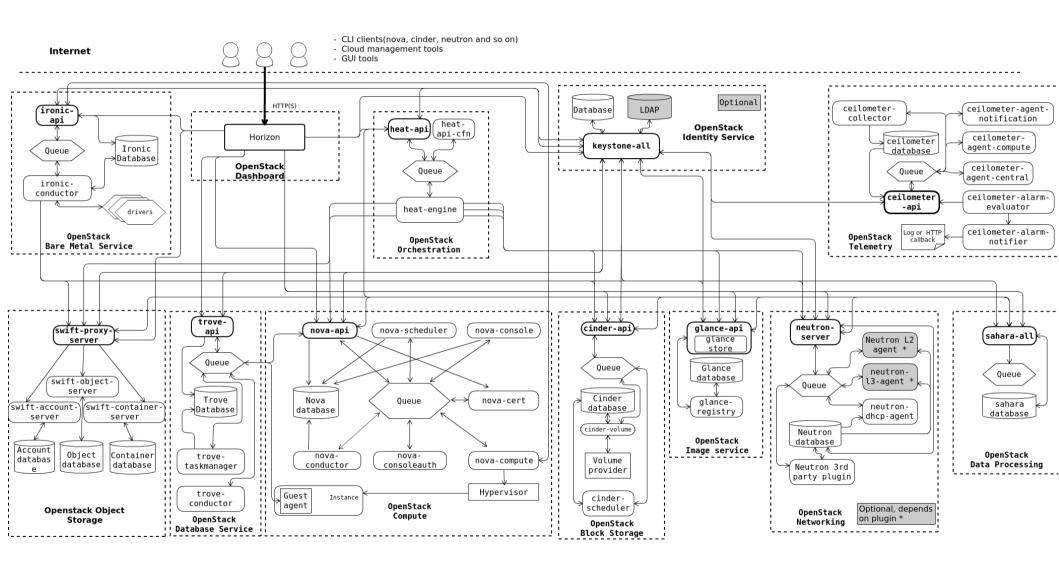
- Development since 2010
- Managed by OpenStack Foundation
 - 500+ members including most cloud giants
- Supports many hypervisors
 - KVM/QEMU, Xen, VMWare vSphere, HyperV
- Current version is "Kilo"
 - Consists of 16 components
 - Installation from scratch is not easy
- Vendors sell "Distributions"
 - Usually not free, except for small scale use



Openstack Architecture



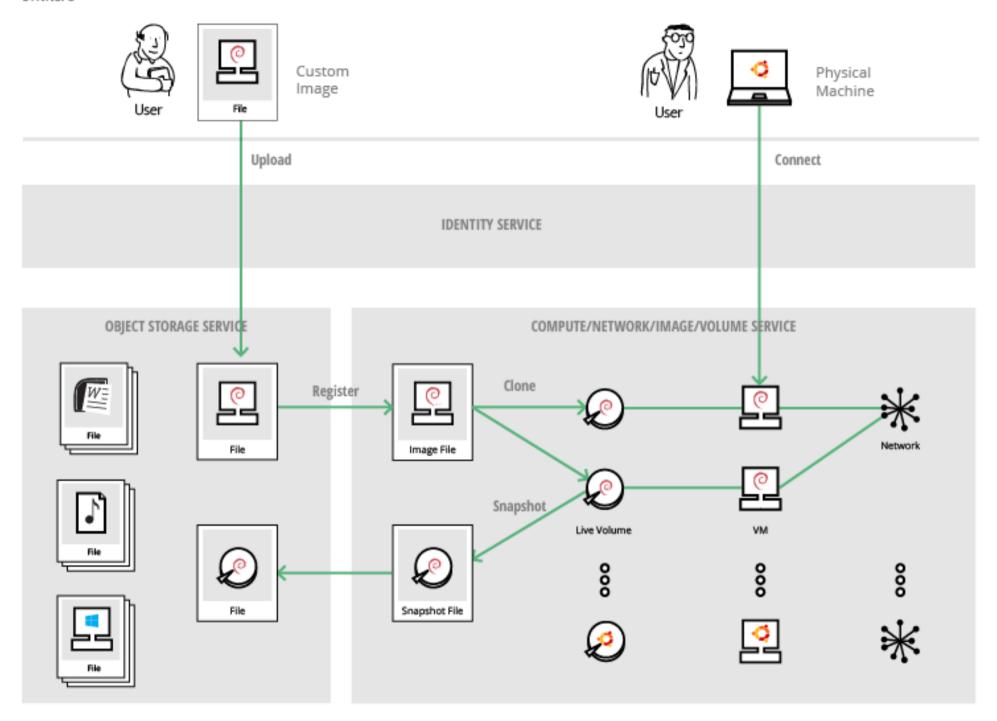


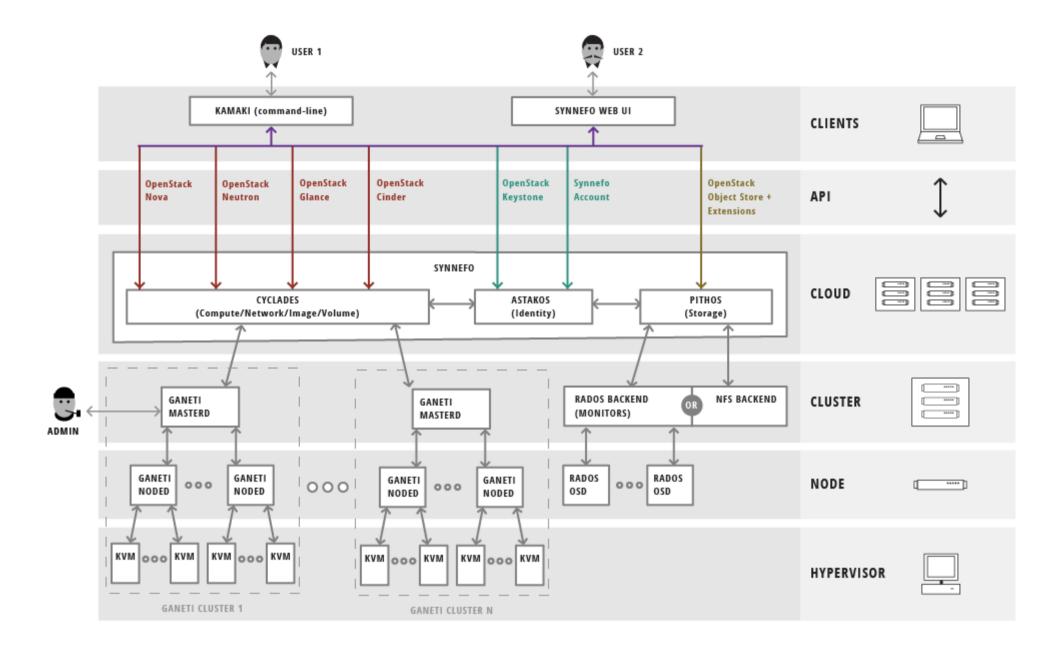


Ganeti + Synnefo



- Ganeti developed by Google, released as open source – mainly provides clustering of KVM nodes
 - Current version 2.14
- Synnefo developed by GRNET provides a cloud management interface to Ganeti clusters
 - Uses the OpenStack API
 - Current version 0.16
- Fewer components compared to OpenStack
- Installation and maintenance is simpler
- Less dependent on vendors





OpenNebula

OpenNebula one

- Focus on Simplicity, Openness, Reliability and Flexibility
- Originated as a research project in 2005
 - Architecture is different from others
 - Current version is 4.12
- vOneCloud
 - Open replacement for VMWare's vCloud

OpenNebula core

Monitoring

- SSH-pull
- UDP-push

Storage

- DFS like Lustre, GlusterFS, ZFS, GPFS, MooseFS...
- LVM
- VMware (VMFS)

Network

- 802.1Q VLANS
- ebtable
- Open vSwitch
- VMware network

Virtualization

- Xen
- KVM
- VMware

Hybrid

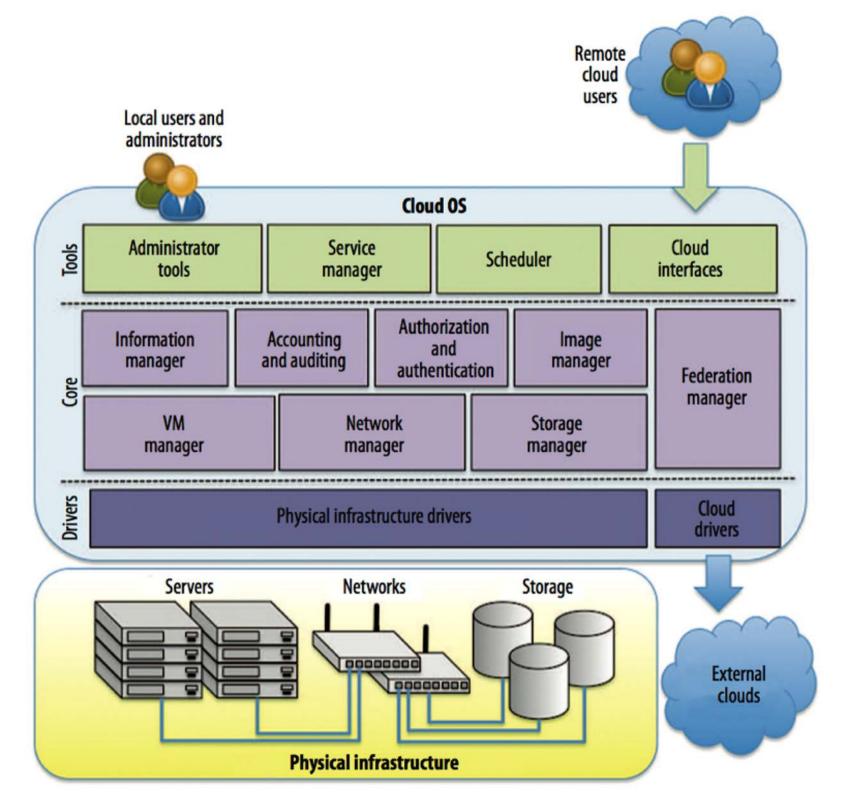
Amazon EC2

Auth

- password,
- ssh
- X509
- Ldap
- Active Directory

Database

- sqlite
- mysql



Containers

- Use of containers is changing the virtualization and cloud landscape significantly
- In conventional (hypervisor based) virtualization, each virtual machine (guest) runs an operating system on top of the host operating system
 - Inefficient
- Linux kernel features supporting virtualization has matuared to a point where running a guest OS is no longer essential

Containers

- Linux kernel features supporting virtualization
 - Namespaces: provide an isolated instance of a global resource
 - Control Groups (cgroups): allows allocation of resources (CPU time, system memory, network bandwidth, ...) among user-defined groups of tasks (processes) running on a system
- Container standards
 - Docker
 - OpenContainer



