Big Data in OpenStack Storage

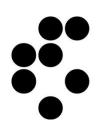
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Experience with installation of OpenStack Storage

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Introduction



- OpenStack Object Storage in the CLASS project
- OpenStack Object Storage (Swift) installation:
 - Hardware and software platform
 - Current Swift installation on IJS
 - Installation details
 - Work on progress
- Benchmarks
- Conclusion

Swift in the CLASS project



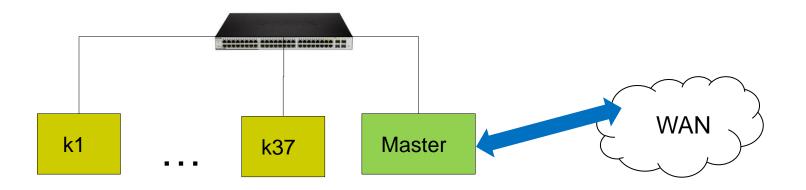
- IJS group is responsible for CLASS/Petabyte storage
- Until M6 we identified requirements for IaaS needed for CLASS/Petabyte system and recommendations for its users
- We determined 12 main criteria for comparison of the available systems: scalability, data model, failure handling, compatibility, security, ...
- Three types of storage systems were distinguished regarding their data model:
 - relational (SQL databases),
 - NoSQL databases and
 - Systems that store unstructured data objects.

Swift in the CLASS project – cont.

- We analyzed open source systems: WALRUS (Eucaliptus), SWIFT, LUSTRE, TWISTED STORAGE, TASHI, SECTORE/SPHERE, HADOOP, MYSQL CLUSTER, MONGO DB
- And commercial cloud-based storage: MICROSOFT AZURE, ORACLE, AMAZON S3, GOOGLE
- We selected SWIFT (Object storage) and HADOOP (DFS) for test implementation and testing.
- We foresee different application scenarios:
 - A single user with high storage requirements (private)
 - Multiple users of shared data
 - A single user with dynamic amount of data (need for extension of private storage with public storage)
 - Same as above, but for shared data
 - Some other scenarios could appear?

Hardware and software platform

- Cluster on Jožef Stefan Institute (JSI):
 - 37 nodes:
 - Master node
 - Working nodes
 - Each node is independent machine
 - Nodes are connected with Gigabit Ethernet



Hardware specifics and operating system

- The base is the HP DL160 G6 server:
 - up to 2 processors
 - up to 18 x 16 GB of RAM
- Processor Intel Xeon 5520 (4 cores and hyperthreading
- 6 GB RAM (DDR3, ECC, 1060 MHz, 3 channels)
- 500 GB hard disk (3.5 in, SATA, 7.2 K rotations/min)
- **RAID only the master node** has 4 HDs:
 - RAID 1+0 with 917 GB of storage space altogether
- All the nodes have 64-bit Ubuntu Server 11.04

Swift installation on IJS



- Current Swift installation on IJS has the following configuration:
 - Master node is running:
 - Proxy server
 - Authorization server
- Working nodes k10, k11, k12, k13, k14 are each running:
 - Object services
 - Container service
 - Account services

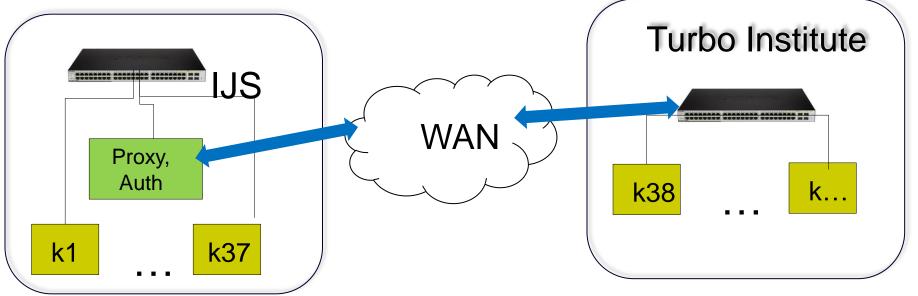
Current IJS Installation details

- Number of partitions: 2^9=512
- Number of replicas: 3
- Number of zones: 5
- XFS file system (XATTRS) recommended
- Authorization:
 - Swauth
 - TempAuth is used at the present time

Work in Progress



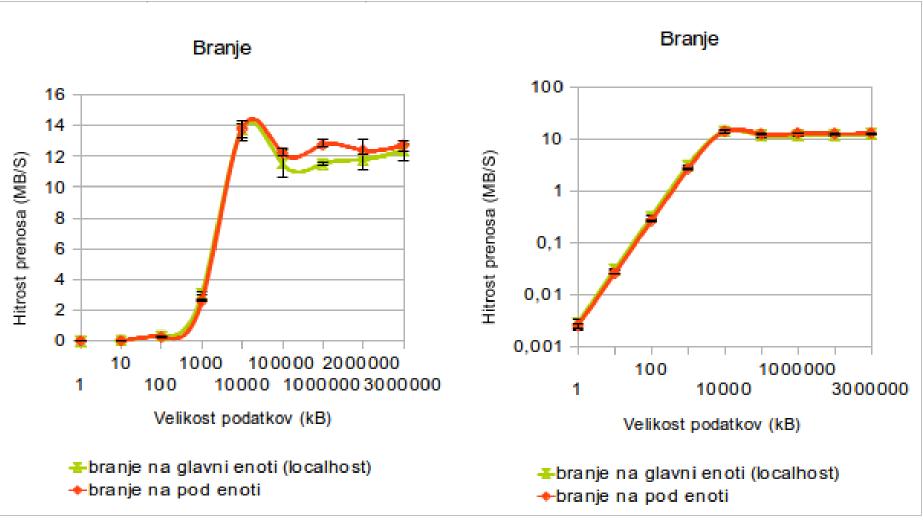
- Extend Swift to the whole cluster
- Perform additional tests and benchmarks (Hadoop)
- Multiple data centers installation:



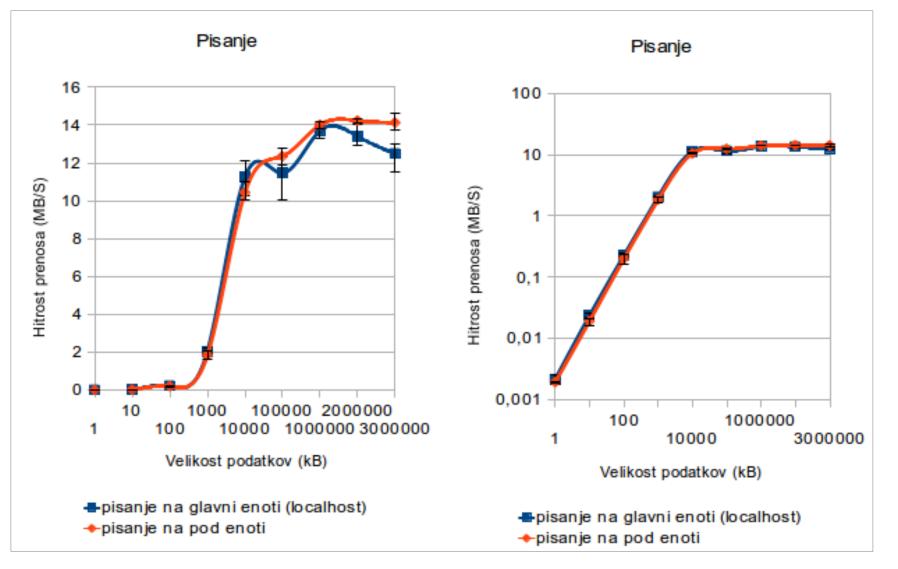
First Benchmark Results

- Test procedure:
 - Writting nad reading
 - Two types of access:
 - From master machine (local host)
 - From distant machine 1Gb/s connection
- Expected values:
 - Speed from master machine > speed from distant machine
 - Writting and reading speeds > 50 MB/s

First Benchmark Results -Reading



First Benchmark Results – Writing



Benchmark Results - Comments



- Reading and writting from distant machine is a bit faster - unexpected
- We noticed that while read or writte operation one core on the master node is at 100% utilization
- We expected higher speeds
- System fine tuning -> reruning benchmarks

Conclusion

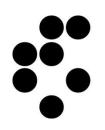
- Difference in bandwidth up to 10x between Swift and Hadoop in reading and writing to the same architecture.
- We have to find out more details about performance
- Perform additional tests and benchmarks, also between multiple data centers installations
- Result system evaluation and prescription for fine tuning

Hybrid Cloud Storage (OpenStack Storage and AmazonS3)

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- Cloud Storage: public, private, hybrid.
- Approaches for migration to public cloud storage:

Three routes to implementation.

 OpenStack Storage and AmazonS3: Implementation examples.

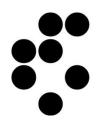
Public Cloud Storage

- Cloud storage option offered by a fast growing list of service providers (Amazon, AT&T, Iron Mountain Inc., Microsoft Corp., Nirvanix Inc., Rackspace Hosting Inc.)
- Infrastructure: usually low-cost storage nodes with an objectbased storage stack.
- Data in the cloud is accessed mostly via REST and SOAP.
- Redundancy is achieved by storing each object on at least two nodes.
- Usage is charged on a dollar-per-gigabyte-per-month basis.
- Designed for massive multi-tenancy that enables isolation of data, access and security for each client.

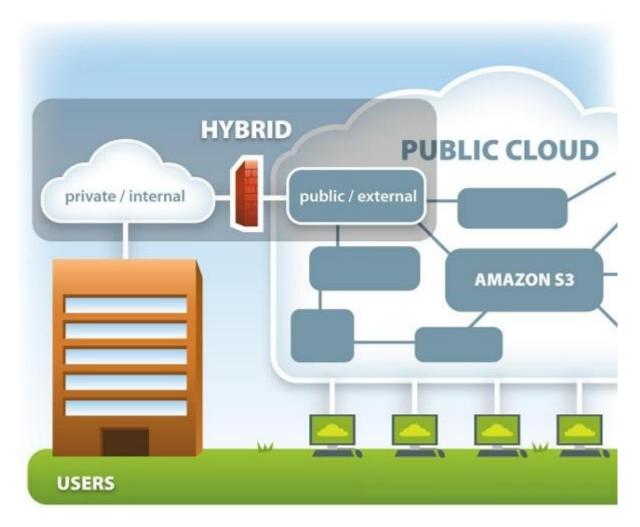
Private Cloud Storage

- Runs on dedicated infrastructure.
- Usually for a single tenant.
- Do not scale to the degree public storage clouds can.

Hybrid Cloud Storage



The best of both worlds

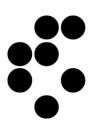


Hybrid Cloud Storage



- Hybrid cloud storage → when traditional storage systems or private cloud storage are supplemented with public cloud storage.
- Key requirements :
 - The hybrid cloud storage must behave like homogeneous storage.
 - The hybrid cloud storage should be transparent.
 - Mechanisms to keep active and frequently accessed data on-premise and push inactive data into the cloud (policy engines to define the circumstances when data gets moved into or pulled back from the cloud)

Migration to public cloud storage



- Three routes to implement hybrid cloud storage
 - Via cloud storage software that straddles onpremise and public cloud storage (Cloud storage software implementation)
 - Via cloud storage gateways (Cloud storage gateways implementation)
 - Through application integration

(Application integration implementation for hybrid cloud storage)

Cloud storage software implementation

- Only possible today if the internal and external storage clouds run the same cloud storage software.
- Standardization initiatives in progress:
 Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Cloud Data Management Interface (CDMI)
- Cloud software vendors:
 - Nirvanix Nirvanix hNode internal cloud storage
 complemented with Nirvanix Storage Delivery Network
 cloud storage
 - *EMC Corp.'s Atmos* software-based, hardware-agnostic, object-based storage stack. EMC sells Atmos to enterprises and providers, so on-premise Atmos deployments can federate with Atmos services in the cloud. EMC's most prominent customer is AT&T.

Cloud storage gateways implementation

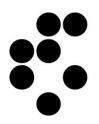
- Cloud storage gateways sit between on-premise storage and public cloud storage.
- Cloud gateways perform data migration of data from on-premise storage into public cloud storage and vice versa, usually via policy engines.
- Cloud storage gateways vendors:
 - *Cirtas Systems Bluejet Cloud Storage Controller* blockbased cloud storage gateway appliance; currently integrated with public cloud storage services from Amazon and Iron Mountain.
 - Riverbed Technology Riverbed Whitewater cloud backup appliance offering inline data deduplication; currently integrated with the AT&T and Amazon storage clouds.

Application integration implementation for hybrid cloud storage

- All public cloud storage services offer APIs to interact with private cloud storage software and cloud gateways.
- Cloud storage APIs enable custom in-house and commercial applications to tap into public cloud storage via REST interfaces.
- Example:

Backup application vendors have started to add public cloud storage support to their backup suites.

OpenStack Storage and AmazonS3:



Cloud storage gateway implementation example

- Automating OpenStack Swift backup to Amazon S3 using SMEStorage Cloud Storage gateway
 - Requirements: Personal Lifetime Cloud or an Organisation Cloud File Server SMEStorage Account, or SMEStorage Open Cloud Platform Appliance
 - SMEStorage Cloud Dashboard:
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2. Select backup cloud provider



3. Enter Amazon S3 Details



OpenStack Storage and AmazonS3:

Cloud storage APIs example

- OpenStack AmazonS3 Compatible API
 - Swift3 middleware emulates the Amazon S3 REST API on top of Swift.
- Jclouds BlobStore API
 - Jclouds open source library for the cloud in java and clojure.
 - BlobStore Portable means of managing keyvalue storage providers: AmazonS3 and OpenStack supported.

Conclusion

- Implementing hybrid clouds in data storage environment can be done in three different ways.
- Choose to implement hybrid clouds via cloud storage software, cloud storage gateways or through application integration - all viable options with several providers and products to choose from.
- Weigh your options and choose the hybrid cloud approach that best suits your storage environment.

Thank You for your attention.

