A (Brief) Jetstream Overview A national research and education cloud

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Jetstream - Expanding NSF XD's reach and impact

Lots of stats below -

tl;dr summary: no one has enough computing resources. Ever. But they need easy access and use.

Around 350,000 researchers, educators, & learners received NSF support in 2015

- Less than 2% completed a computation, data analysis, or visualization task on XD/XSEDE program resources
- Less than 4% had an XSEDE Portal account
- 70% of researchers surveyed* claimed to be resource constrained

Why are the people not using XD/XSEDE systems not using them?

- · Perceived ease of access and use
- HPC resources the traditional view of what XSEDE offers are often not well-matched to their needs
- They just don't need that much capability

* XSEDE Cloud Survey Report - http://hdl.handle.net/2142/45766







What is Jetstream and why does it exist?

- NSF's first production cloud facility
- Part of the NSF eXtreme Digital (XD) program
- Provides on-demand interactive computing and analysis
- Enables configurable environments and programmable cyberinfrastructure
- User-friendly, widely accessible cloud environment
- User-selectable library of preconfigured virtual machines







What is Jetstream, continued...

- Focus on ease-of-use, broad accessibility
- Command line access for those who want it and GUI access for those who don't
- Will support persistent gateways (SEAGrid, Galaxy, GenApp NAMDRunner, CIPRES and others)
- Reproducibility: Share VMs and then store, publish via IU Scholarworks (DOI)







Who uses Jetstream?

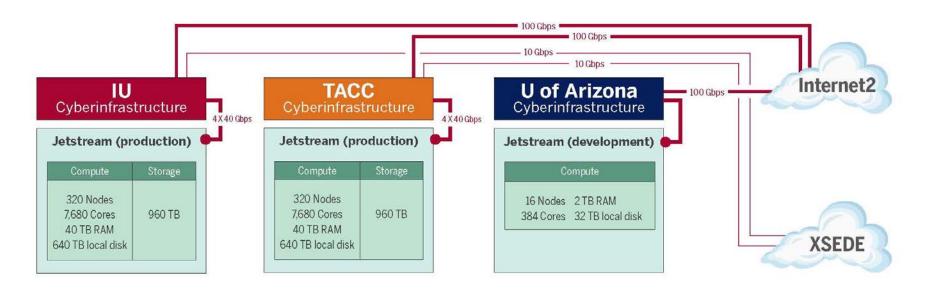
- The researcher needing a handful of cores (1 to 44/vCPU)
- Software creators and researchers needing to create their own customized virtual machines and workflows
- Science gateway creators using Jetstream as either the frontend or processor for scientific jobs
- STEM Educators teaching on a variety of subjects







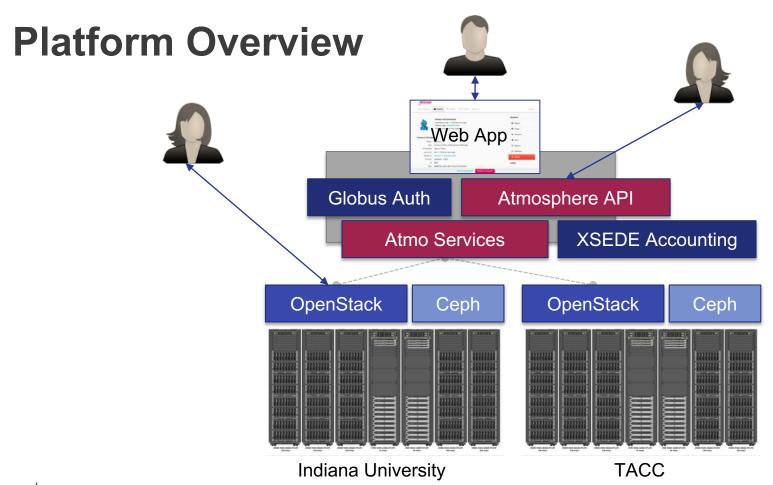
Jetstream System Overview











Hardware and Instance "Flavors"

VM Host Configuration

- Dual Intel E-2680v3 "Haswell"
- 24 physical cores/node @ 2.5 GHz (Hyperthreading on)
- 128 GB RAM
- Dual 1 TB local disks
- 10GB dual uplink NIC
- Running KVM Hypervisor
- Short-term ephemeral storage comes as part of launched instance
- Long-term storage is XSEDE-allocated
- Implemented as OpenStack Volumes
- Each user can get 10 volumes up to 500GB total storage*

Flavor	vCPUs	RAM	Storage	Per Node
m1.tiny	1	2	8	46
m1.small	2	4	20	23
m1.medium	6	16	60	7
m1.large	10	30	60	4
m1.xlarge	24	60	60	2
m1.xxlarge	44	120	60	1
s1.large**	10	30	120	4
s1.xlarge**	24	60	240	2
s1.xxlarge**	44	120	480	1

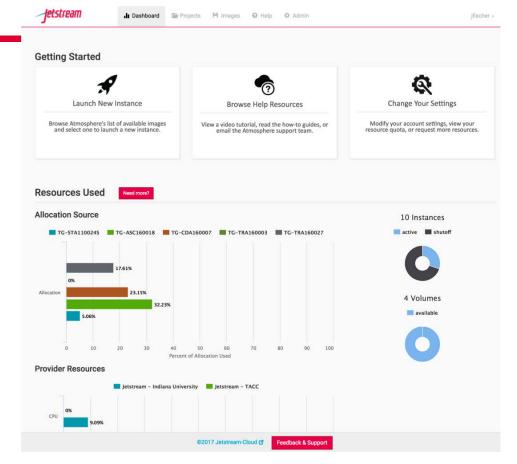
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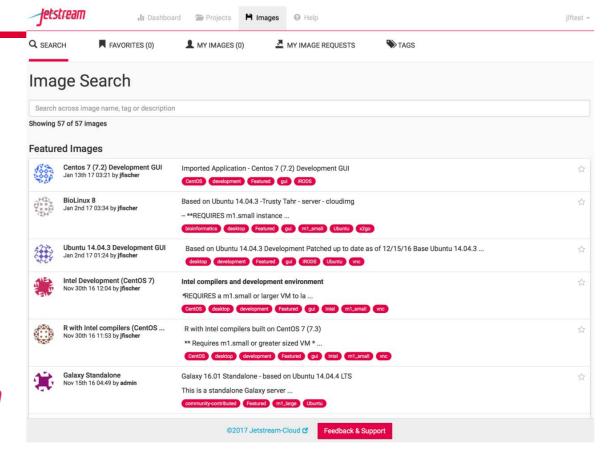
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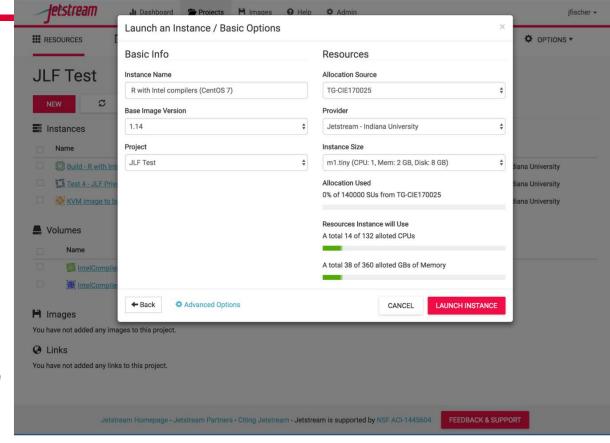
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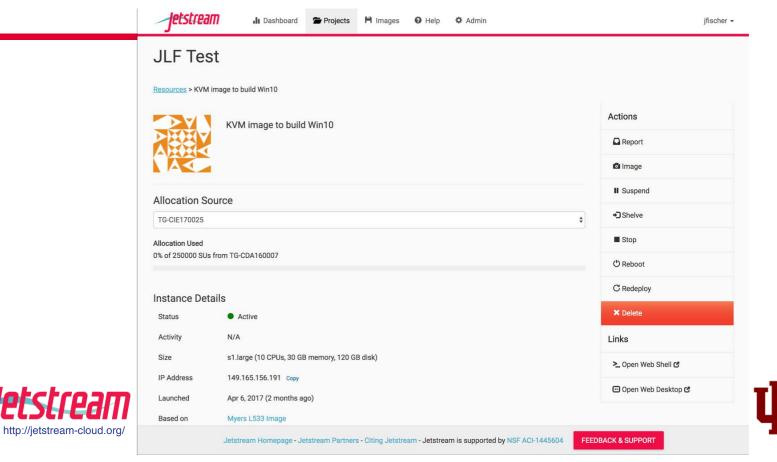
Look! It's more Jetstream web interface!







Even more Jetstream web interface...



Using Jetstream VMs

Manipulating Jetstream VMs:

- Jetstream Atmosphere web interface
- Direct API access via OpenStack command line or Horizon access
- API access enables Science Gateways and other always on services or on demand use cases; e.g. elastic compute techniques

Primary methods of logging into Jetstream VMs to work

- Interactive user access via web interface with VNC/SSH
- Direct VNC/SSH to individual instances







HPC vs Cloud

Adapting to a different environment:

- No reservations, no queueing
- More interactive use and less/no batch queuing
- What? No parallel filesystem?!?
- Being your own admin hey, we have root!
- You really can have almost any (linux) software you want**
- Constantly getting new features (https://www.openstack.org/software/project-navigator/)







^{**} Here there be dragons...

Thinking about VMs...



Cattle, not pets: pets take great amount of care, feeding, and you name them; cattle you intend to have high turnover and you give them numbers.

-- Mike Lowe (Jetstream architect)



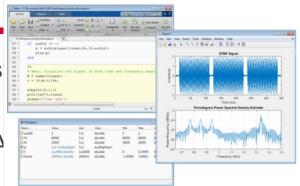




Other Jetstream uses/focal points

Matlab and 52 standard toolkits are installed on Jets

(You do NOT need to have a local license to use MA on Jetstream)



Jetstream has been used for a number of courses and workshops to date. Ongoing classes/workshops on data analysis in finance using R, security and intrusion detection, bioinformatics, and principles in cloud computing







Another Use Case: Galaxy riding Jetstream

Galaxy is a platform for biomedical research, focused on accessibility, transparency and reproducibility

- The main project instance (usegalaxy.org) has more than 100,000 registered users executing 300,000+ jobs each month
- Many users need more capacity than the public quota, or other customizations (e.g., new tools)

Use Jetstream as a *bursting* platform

- From Galaxy Main, offload jobs onto a remote Slurm cluster running on Jetstream instances
- Run Galaxy Interactive Environments (i.e., Dockerized IPython/RStudio containers) in an isolated environment on a Swarm cluster running on Jetstream

Use Jetstream as a *self-service* platform

- Pre-built Galaxy image configured with hundreds of tools and access to TBs of genomic reference data, available via the self-launch model within minutes
- Allows users to acquire (free) resources, and gives them complete control







Allocation types and docs needed for each

- Startup allocation (apply anytime) "Fog a mirror"
 - Current CV for PI and any Co-Pis
 - Brief abstract/description of work
- Education allocation (apply anytime) "Fog a mirror +"
 - Current CV for PI and any Co-PIs
 - Syllabus/Class/Workshop description
 - Description of use --> justification of SUs requested
- Research allocation (quarterly allocation window) "A wee bit more than fog a mirror"
 - Current CV for PI and any Co-PIs
 - Main project description (up to 10 pages unless > 15M SUs, then 15 pages)
 - Scaling doc (up to 5 pages)







Requesting access to Jetstream

- You can request startup allocations anytime. (Startups are simple!)
- You can request allocations for educational use anytime.
- Next submission period for large allocations is 15 June 2017

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 July 2017.
- We are happy to help you prepare a request and create a successful proposal.
- You do not have to have prior use of Jetstream to be successful.







Jetstream Overall Highlights

As of May 1, 2017:

- 290 active XSEDE projects covering 55 fields of science and 1700+ active users representing 167 institutions
- Over 56 million CPU hours allocated to XSEDE projects since June 2016
- 13 science gateways
- 24 education/teaching allocations
- Almost 600 undergraduate and graduate students using Jetstream







Jetstream Timeline...what comes next?

- Transitioned to full operations on September 1, 2016
- Soliciting Research allocation requests plus Startup and Education allocations – including Science Gateways!
- Adding services as deemed useful/mature (Heat, Magnum, Trove, Manila, etc)
- Atmosphere enhancements on a regular cycle
- Working on partnerships with groups YOURS!







Where can I get help?

Wiki / Documentation: http://wiki.jetstream-cloud.org

User guides: https://portal.xsede.org/user-guides

XSEDE KB: https://portal.xsede.org/knowledge-base

Email: help@xsede.org

Campus Champions: https://www.xsede.org/campus-champions

Training Videos / Virtual Workshops (TBD)







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Questions?

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