

Jetstream Overview: A national research and education cloud

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What is Jetstream and why does it exist?

- NSF's first production cloud facility
- Part of the NSF eXtreme Digital (XD) program
- Focus on ease-of-use, broad accessibility
- User-selectable library of preconfigured virtual machines
- Provides on-demand *interactive* computing and analysis or persistent gateways (SEAGrid, Galaxy, GenApp NAMDRunner, CIPRES and others)
- Enables *configurable* environments and **programmable cyberinfrastructure**
- 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



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What Jetstream isn't...

- It's not traditional HPC
- There's no shared filesystem (think cloudy!)
- There's no high-end interconnect fabric (keep thinking cloudy!)
- There aren't GPUs (yet...stay tuned)
- It isn't Amazon, Azure, or GCE (similar, but...)



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HPC vs Cloud

Adapting to a different environment:

- No reservations, no queueing – more interactive usage
- 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...



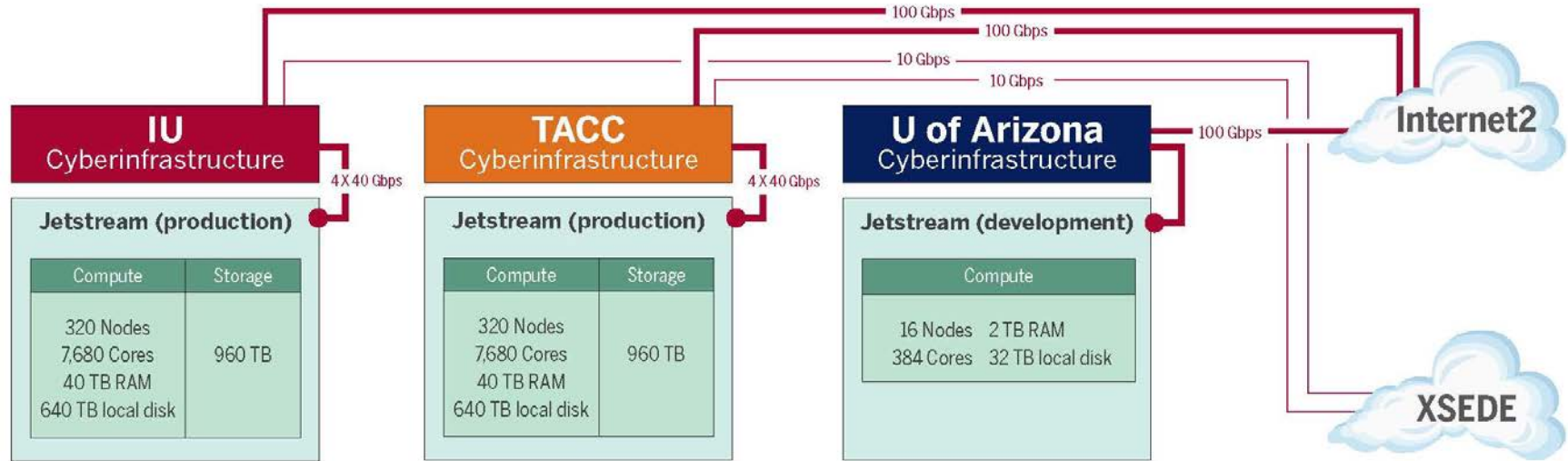
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Jetstream and way of the cloud...

- **Cloudy Technologies:** clouds are more than just virtual machines (VM)
 - **Old way:** robust (expensive) infrastructure, weak (cheap) software
 - You expect the hardware to not fail
 - State is maintained in volatile data structures
 - **Cloudy way:** commodity infrastructure, robust software
 - Expect & plan for infrastructure to fail
 - Put intelligence into the software to handle infrastructure failure

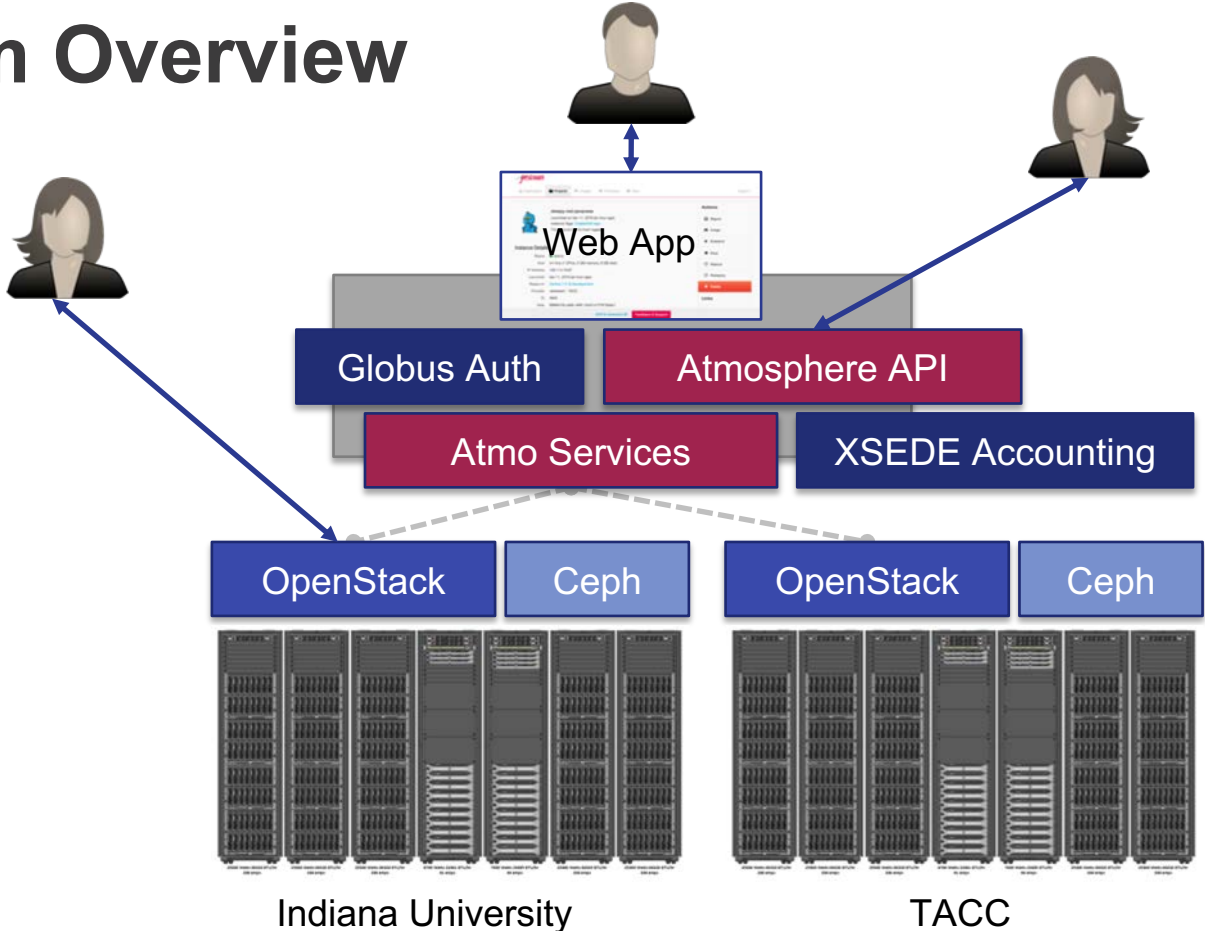
Jetstream System Overview



Production cloud hardware (per site)

Hardware	Number	Specifications	Function (IU)
Dell PowerEdge M630 blades	320	2x Intel E5-2680v3 "Haswell" 24 cores @ 2.5 GHz 128 GB RAM 2 TB local disk	Compute hosts OpenStack services
Dell PowerEdge R630 1U server	7	2x Intel E5-2680v3 "Haswell" 24 cores @ 2.5 GHz 128 GB RAM 2 TB local disk	Cluster management High Availability Databases RabbitMQ
Dell PowerEdge R730xd 2U servers	20	2x Intel E5-2680v3 "Haswell" 24 cores @ 2.5 GHz 64 GB RAM 48 TB storage for Ceph pool	~1 PB Ceph storage
Dell S6000-ON network switches	9	32+2 40 Gb/s ports	Top of Rack Spine

Platform Overview



Hardware and Instance "Flavors"

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

** s1.* storage-rich instances are not eligible to be saved into a customized image

- Short-term *ephemeral* storage comes as part of launched instance
- Long-term storage is XSEDE-allocated
- Implemented as OpenStack Volumes and object storage
- Default storage is modest, but more is available via allocation



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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



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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>

Introduction to Jetstream Virtual Workshop: <https://cvw.cac.cornell.edu/jetstream/>

Jetstream Allocations Virtual Workshop: <https://cvw.cac.cornell.edu/JetstreamReq/>



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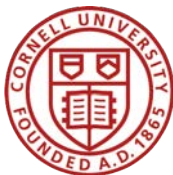


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And onward...



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Cloud Computing Terms...simplified

Image: a file on a disk. It will be booted to create an...

Instance: a running virtual server; i.e. something you can log into.

Running: the *instance* is up & running

Suspended: the *instance* is memory resident but not running

Stopped: the *instance* is shutdown akin to powering down

Shelved: the *instance* is shutdown, backedup, and stored

Cloud Computing Terms...simplified

Flavor: the size of a running instance; i.e. #core, RAM, disk

Hypervisor: the thing the instance runs on; something akin to a software defined hardware compute server.

Snapshot: the process of taking an instance and turning it to an image.

State: something worth remembering; i.e. the state of the system

Cloud Computing Terms...simplified (Cont.)

Object store: a blob of bits; it has a starting address & a size. There may be metadata associated with the object. The data is consumed in a streaming manner.

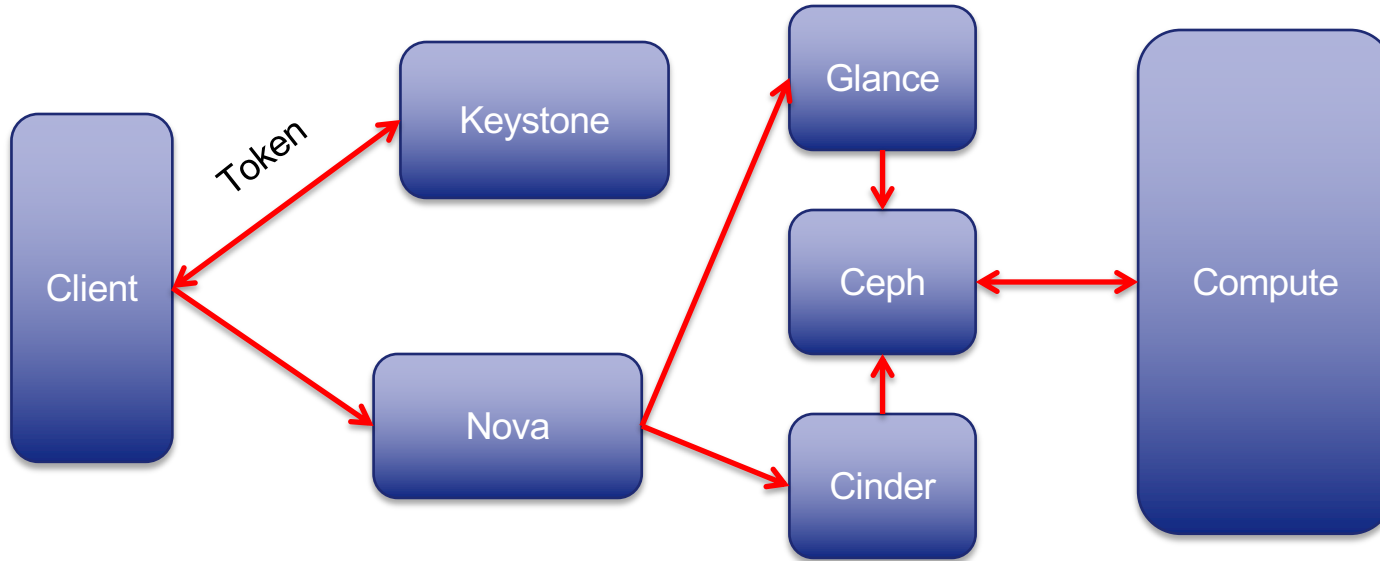
Block store: a software defined entity akin to an unformatted hardware disk drive.

Filesystem: hierarchical in nature, directories & files, ability to open, seek, read, write.

Persistent storage: If you pull the plug, it will still exist when power is restored. Safe to store data or state here.

Ephemeral storage: If you pull the plug, it no longer exists. (Don't put your data here!!!)

OpenStack Overview



Getting into the hands on part -

Open <https://use.Jetstream-cloud.org> in your browser

Login slips will be distributed momentarily!



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