Jetstream:
A national research and education cloud

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NSF Funding Areas in HPC

Traditionally concentrated on enabling petascale capability

- Blue Waters – 13.3 petaflops, 2012 (under re-compete)
- Stampede – 9.6 petaflops, 2013 (extended to Stampede2)
- Comet – ~2.0 petaflops, 2014

Has funded research into building clouds and computer science

- CloudLab (renewed for 2nd phase)
- Chameleon (renewed for 2nd phase)

Now funding clouds to do research

- Bridges (Hybrid system)
- Jetstream

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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

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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
- Enables *configurable* environments and ***programmable cyberinfrastructure***

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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 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 in 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
  - **And my favorite…**

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Thinking about VMs…

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

-- Mike Lowe (Jetstream architect)

**some caveats for gateways…

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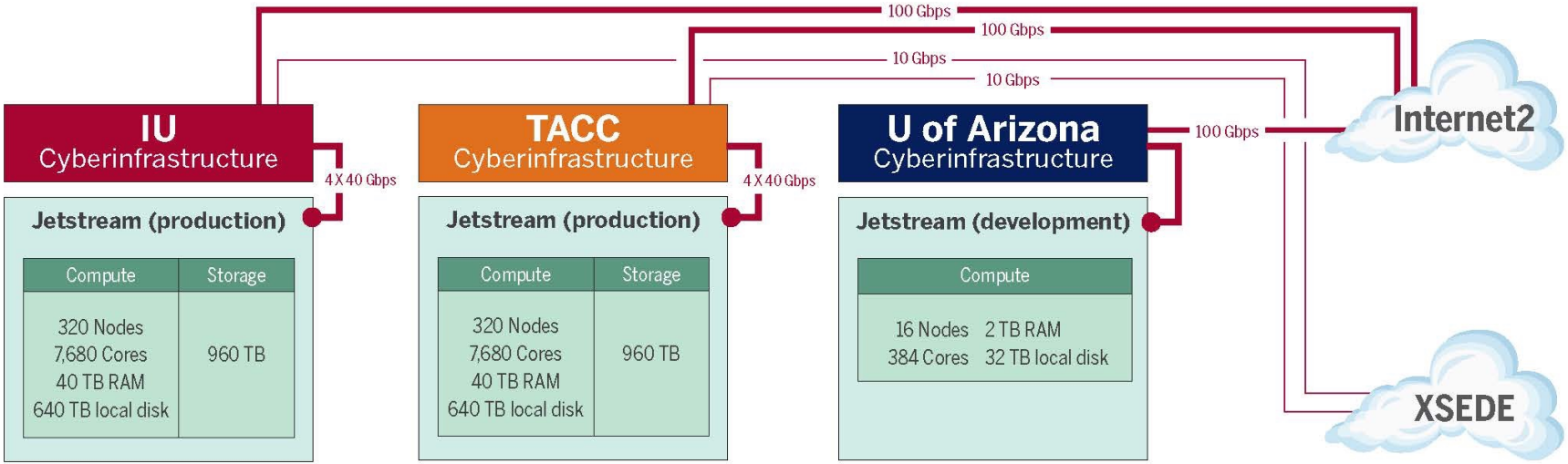
Jetstream System Overview



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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

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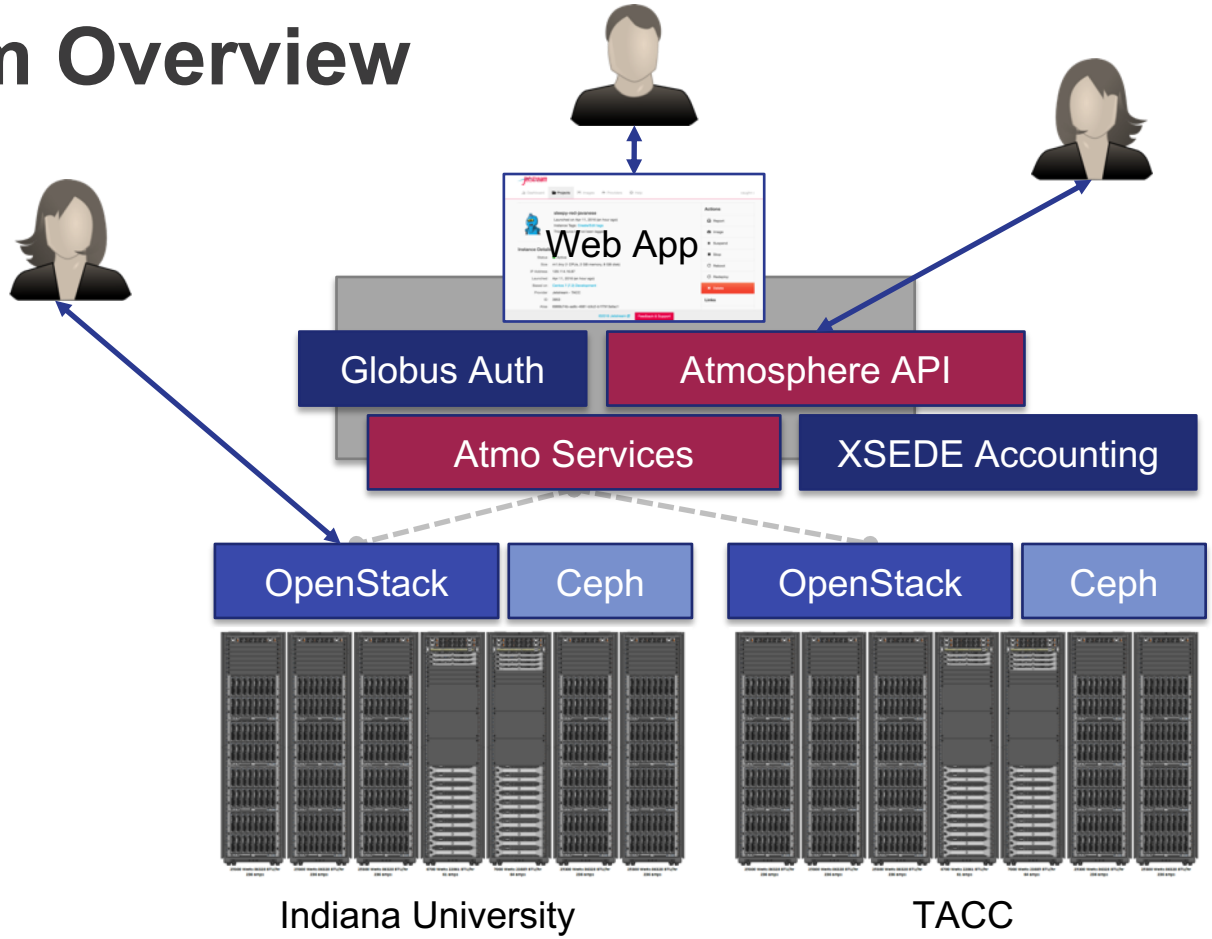
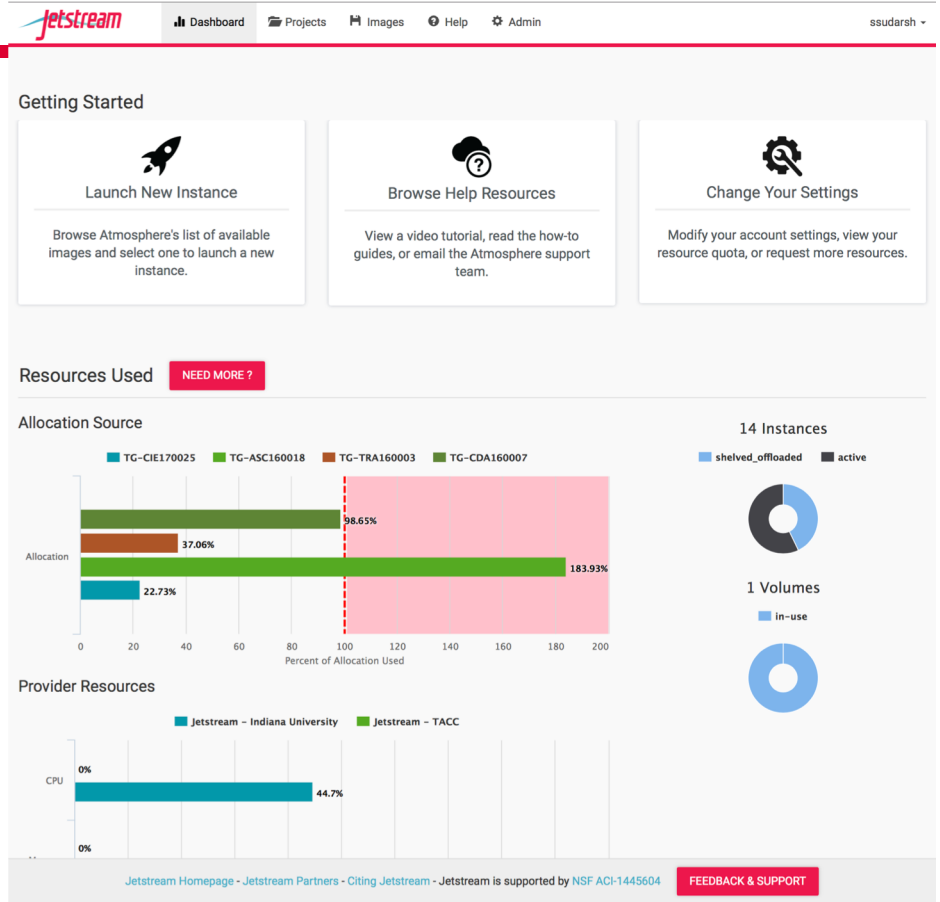


The Jetstream Atmosphere web interface



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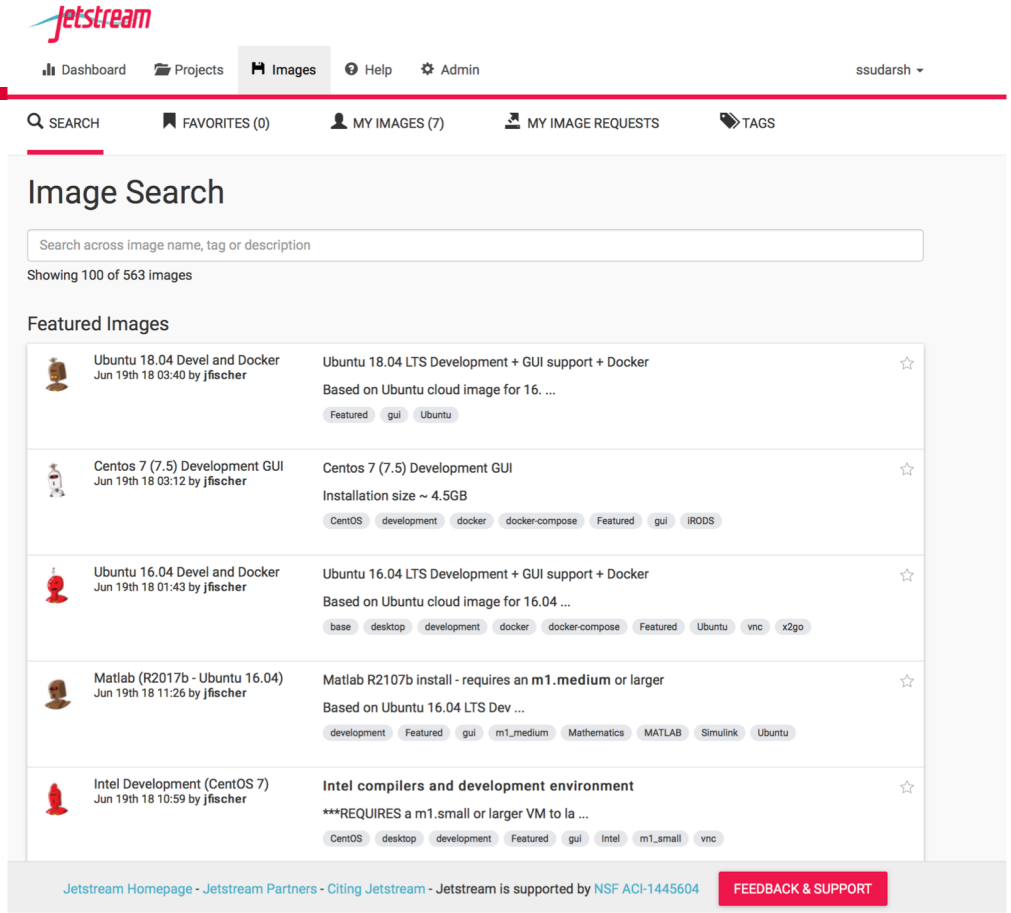

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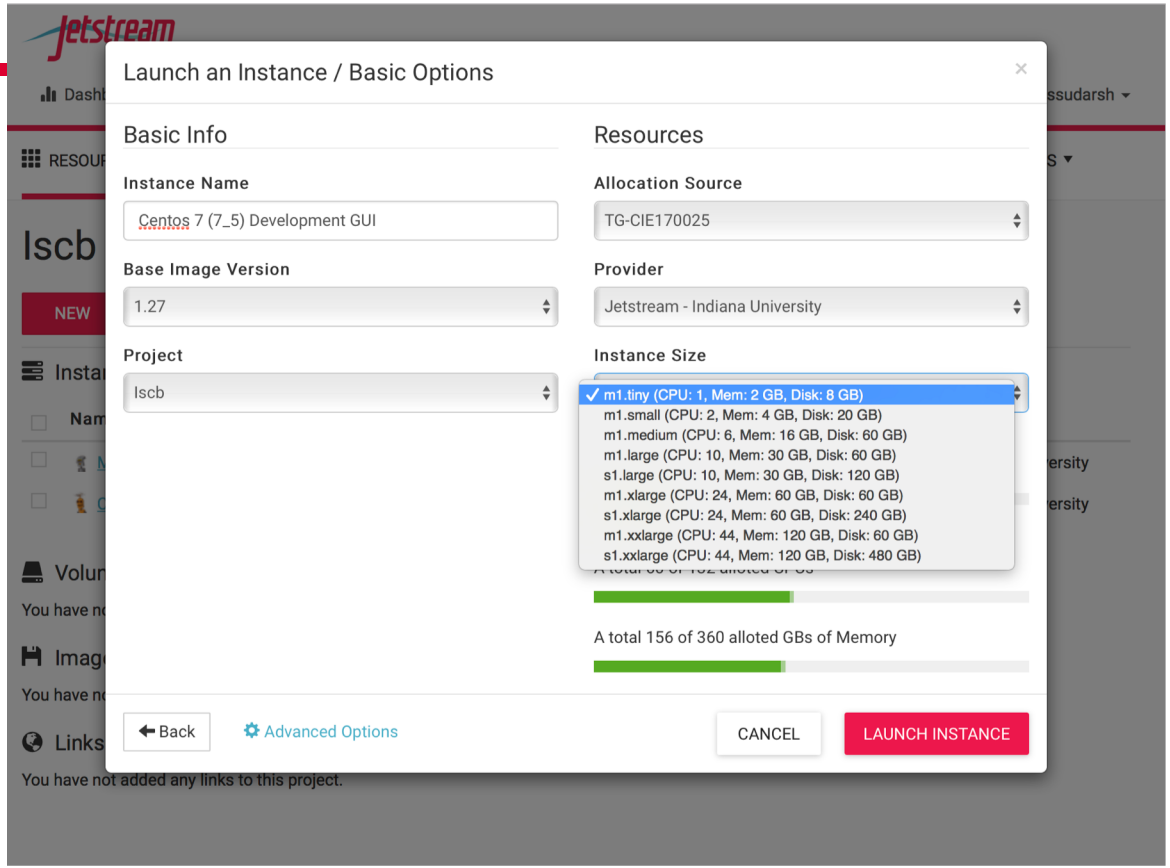
Look! It's more Jetstream web interface!



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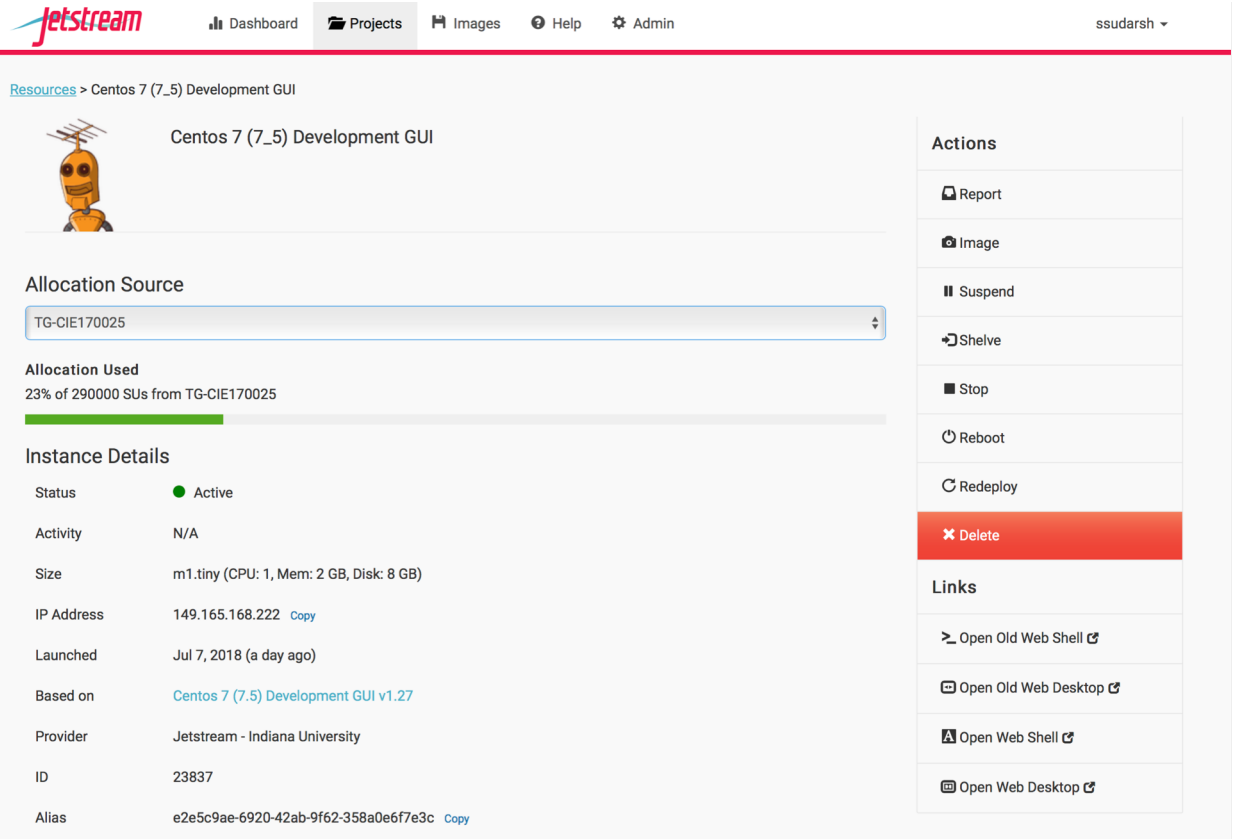
Even more Jetstream web interface…



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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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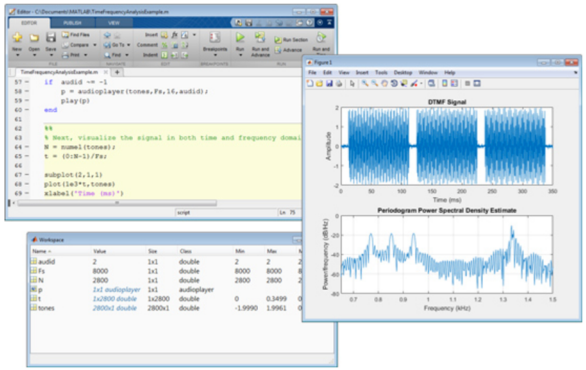
Discipline or area of interest	#of Jetstream allocations	SUs allocated on Jetstream	% of SUs allocated on Jetstream	% of all SUs allocated on other XSEDE-supported systems
Astronomy	2	1,108,096	3.04%	8.61%
Atmospheric Sciences	4	2,752,400	7.55%	3.73%
Biological Sciences	57	5,199,000	14.27%	4.95%
Campus/Domain Champions	123	6,105,500	16.76%	0.09%
Computational Science	11	1,150,000	3.16%	0.92%
Computer Science	15	4,944,302	13.57%	1.8%
Education Allocations	24	2,847,600	7.82%	0.01%
Engineering	1	100,000	0.27%	3.81%
Geosciences	10	1,978,400	5.43%	2.87%
Humanities/Social Sciences	10	560,000	1.54%	0.45%
Molecular Biosciences	8	4,647,520	12.75%	17.65%
Network Science	3	200,000	0.55%	0.06%
Ocean Science	3	230,000	0.63%	1.30%
Physics	4	2,252,400	6.18%	16.43%
Training & Development	11	2,362,000	6.48%	0.16%

Jetstream for engineering researchers (and others)



Matlab and 52 standard toolkits are installed on Jetstream

You do NOT need to have a local license to use MATLAB on Jetstream

If you are a researcher, and MATLAB and one of the standard first 52 toolkits that come with MATLAB help you… you're ready to go!

If you are an engineering researcher, and you need other tools... Let us know – we are happy to consider other requests

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Not just the usual suspects…

Physics, chemistry, and other “usual” HPC suspects are represented, but Jetstream also is home to projects on:

- Financial analysis / Economics
- Political science
- Humanities / Text analysis
- Network analysis
- Computer Science / Machine learning
- Satellite data analysis

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Jetstream for Education

Jetstream has been used in multiple IU Informatics Graduate Courses

- INFO 535 – Management, Access, and Use of Big and Complex Data
- INFO 590 – Topics in Informatics

BlueWaters Workflow Workshop

Multiple Research Data Alliance Workshops

Upcoming workshops/classes on Galaxy, data analysis in finance using R, security and intrusion detection, and principles in cloud computing

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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

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Jetstream Gateway Highlights

- IRIS
  - Serving large scale earthquake and geographical data for analysis
- Unidata
  - Providing distribution and analysis of meteorological data
- OpenMRS
  - Providing medical records systems for the resource-constrained
- SEAGrid
  - Computational chemistry, molecular and fluid dynamics, and structural mechanics gateway
- NAMDRunner
  - Based on the GenApp gateway – over 1 million computing hours used to date for MD
- ChemCompute Gateway
  - Providing a computational chemistry gateway for educational use

- Coming gateways: CIPRES Gateway, The Neuroscience Gateway, UltraScan III

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Jetstream usage highlights – 1 October 2018

- 413 active XSEDE projects covering 75 fields of science and **2558 active users** representing **190 institutions**
- **80%** of Jetstream users have **not used any other XSEDE system**
- >143M CPU hours allocated to XSEDE projects since June 2016
- 15 active science gateways
- 47 education/teaching allocations serving over 904 students
- 1151 (avg concurrent) active VMs in previous qtr, 955 in PY2*
- **Highest** user satisfaction in most recent XSEDE survey

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*M&O PY2 to date 11/12

Jetstream Timeline…what comes next?

- Completed our second year of operations on September 1, 2018
- 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 like HubZero and others to extend the value of Jetstream

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Requesting access to Jetstream

- Trial allocations available TODAY
- 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 September 2018 - 15 October 2018.
- Research allocation: Main project description (up to 10 pages) and Scaling doc (up to 5 pages) – We can help!

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Jetstream REU Program

- NSF Supplement for undergraduates
- 4 students in 2017
- 6 students in 2018
- REU student videos on YouTube
  https://www.youtube.com/user/IUPTI

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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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Jetstream Fun: Happy cluster / Angry Cluster

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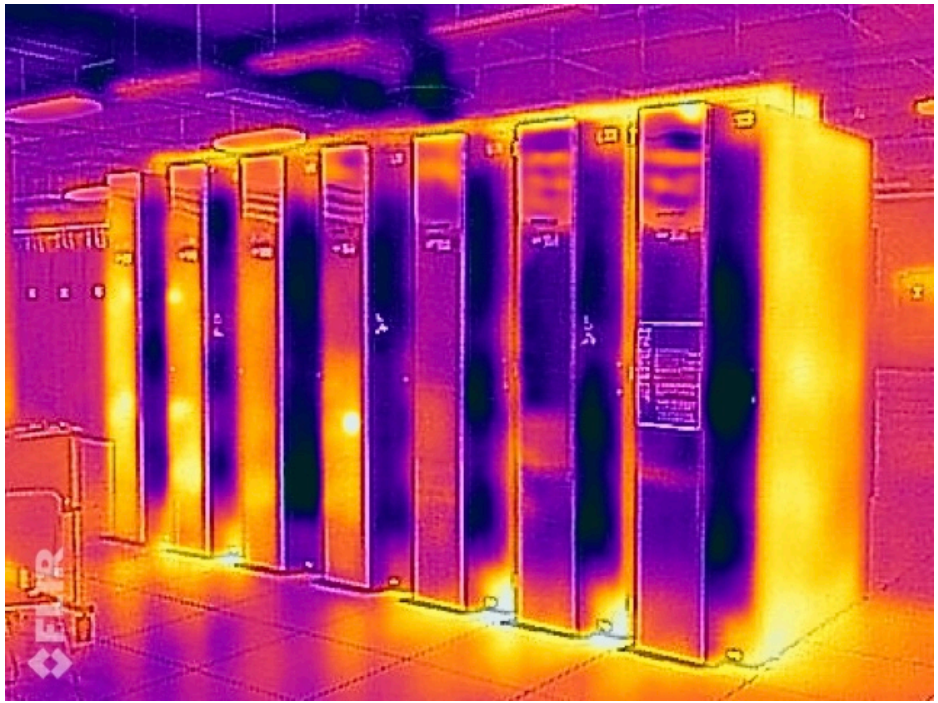
Infrared image of Jetstream



ChilledDoor Rack Cooling System by motivair

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