Scientific OpenStack FY2021 Progress

Resource Management, CI/CD, Cloud Portal

August 2021



StackHPC Company Overview

- Formed 2016, based in Bristol, UK
 - Based in Bristol with presence in Cambridge, France and Poland
 - Currently 17 people
- Founded on HPC expertise
 - Software Defined Networking
 - Systems Integration
 - OpenStack Development and Operations
- Motivation to transfer this expertise into Cloud to address HPC & HPDA (AI)
- "Open" Modus Operandi
 - Upstream development of OpenStack capability
 - Consultancy/Support to end-user organizations in managing HPC service transition
 - Scientific-WG engagement for the Open Infrastructure Foundation
- Hybrid Cloud Enablement

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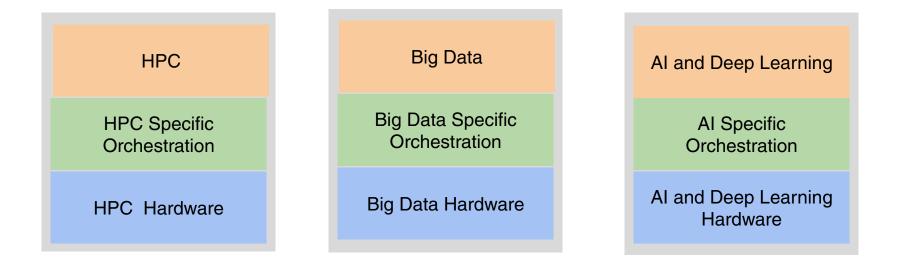
Overview

- What is Scientific OpenStack?
- Resource Management
- CI/CD Improvements
- Cloud Portal

What is Scientific OpenStack?



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Why DevOps & ResOps in HPC?

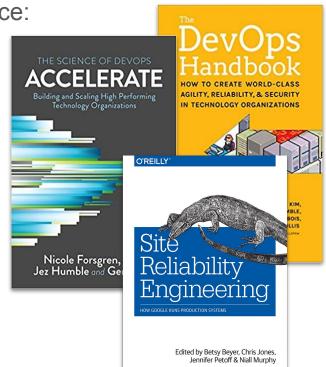
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Four key measures of Software Delivery Performance:

• Lead Time:

from customer request to being satisfied

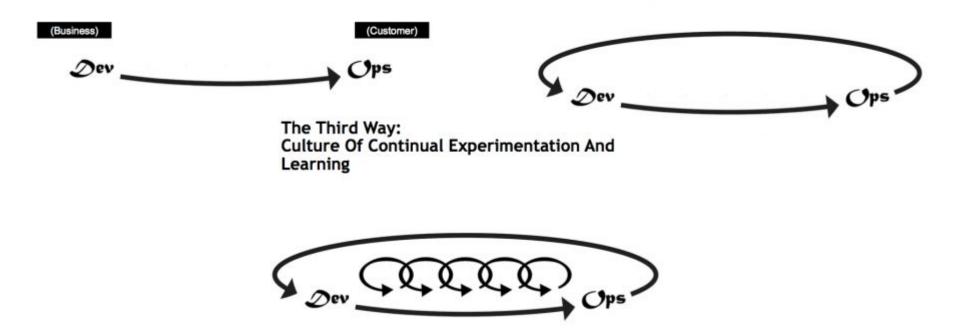
- Mean Time to Restore (MTTR): failure will happen, get good recovery
- Change Fail Percentage: a proxy for quality throughout the process
- **Deployment Frequency:** a proxy for small batch size



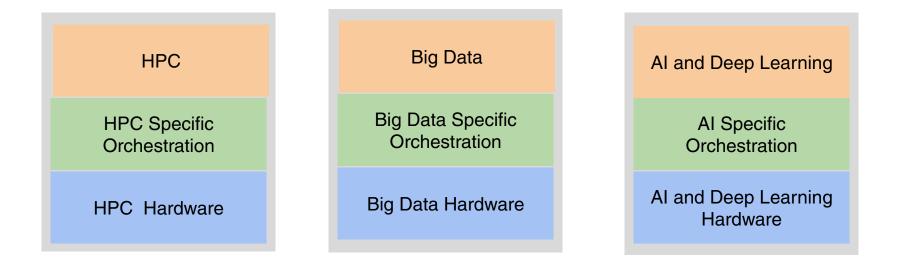
DevOps: "The Three Ways"

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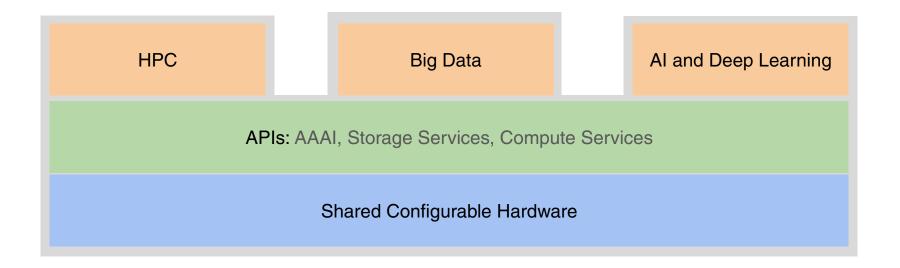
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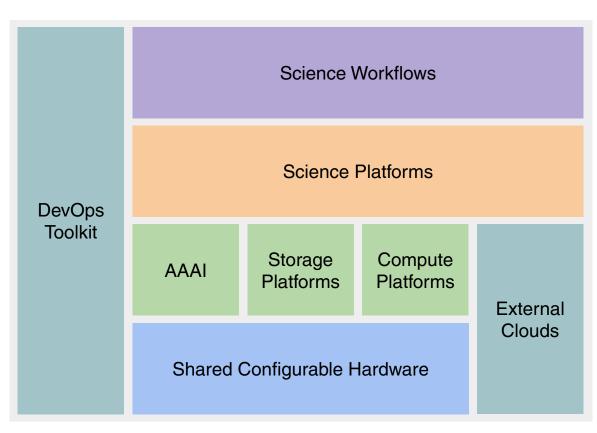
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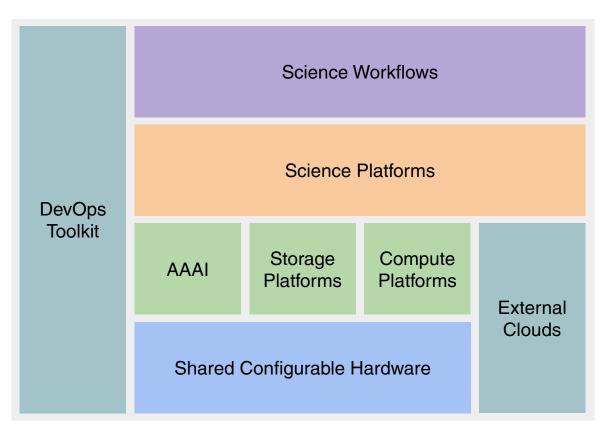
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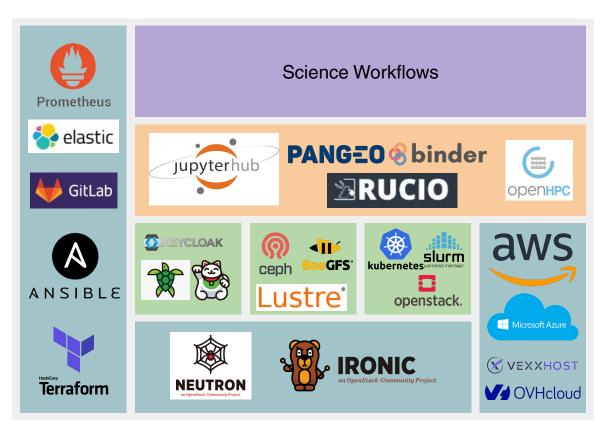
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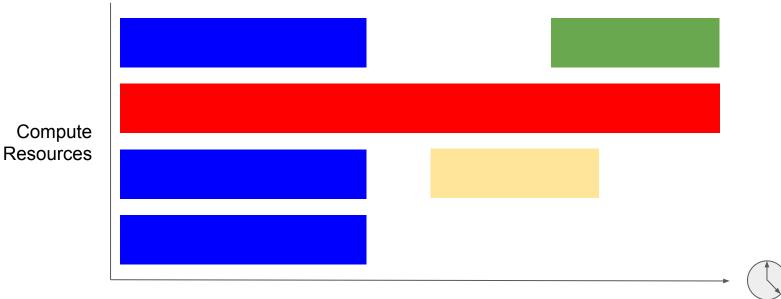
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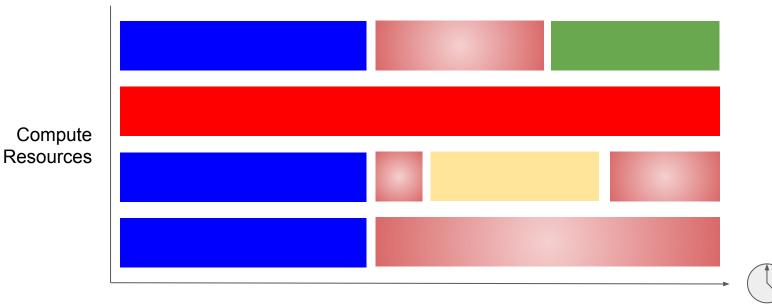
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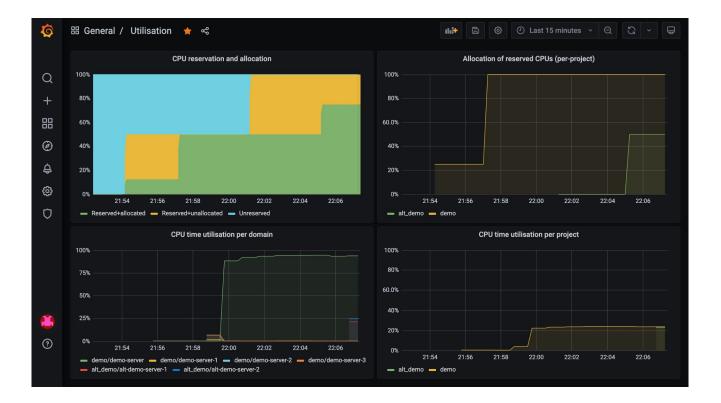
Why change?

- Quota system has some big limitations within fixed capacity clouds
 - People want to reserve a chunk of resource next month
- Need to better expose cloud capacity vs current utilization
- Need to expose project allocation vs utilization
- For each VM, expose efficiency of its resource usage
 - Did you create a VM that was too big?
 - \circ $\,$ Did you forget to kill your VM $\,$
 - Did you forget to stop your reservation when you finished early
- Pre-emptables to use the gaps between agreed reservations
 - Use of GridPP to fill the gaps

OpenStack Blazar

- Reserve resources when you need them
 - We made it easier to start a server inside a reservation
 - We limit what can be reserved based on cloud credits (i.e. IRIS allocation of CPU hours)
 - Currently you reserve an integer number of hypervisors (future plans: instance reservation)
- Allow preemptible instances in unreserved space
 - Minimum guaranteed lifetime, defaults to one hour
- Added utilization reporting
 - (WIP) Utilization metering using Cloud Kitty
- Allocation no longer has to be constant throughout the whole year
- Stop people "squatting" on resources so others don't "steal" them
- Easier to understand how to balance / negotiate future resource allocation

OpenStack Utilization using Blazar



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What is next for Blazar?

- More testing and more operator and user feedback required!
- Chameleon Cloud's Blazar Calendar UI
- Preemptible instances in unused reserved space
- Usability refinements around requesting and modifying reservations

CI / CD Improvements



OpenStack Kayobe Deployment

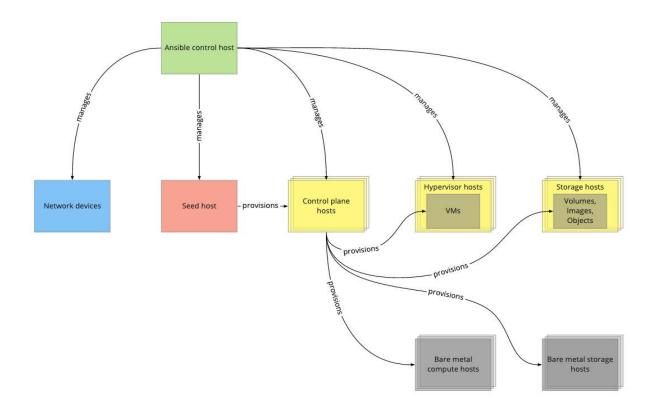
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OpenStack Kayobe Architecture









OpenStack Continuous Integration

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Better testing of merge requests:

- Sharing configuration between multiple environments
- Configuration Diff on merge requests
- Create and deploy all-in-one cloud, run OpenStack RefStack tests
- Building of binary artifacts: container images, IPA ramdisks, etc
- (WIP) Test new K8s cluster templates and run Sonoboy conformance tests
- (WIP) Using Pulp to snapshot OS repositories

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GitLab CI/CD

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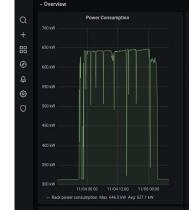
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Improved Testing

- OpenStack
 - Rally uses tempest to run the RefStack conformance tests
 - Compliments the improved monitoring (not covered here)
- Slurm
 - Many tools packaged as an ansible collection
 - Multiple environments in a single branch
 - ... some of this tooling has now helped to build several Top500 supercomputers
- Kubernetes (WIP)
 - Investigate kubeapps to ease deployment of helm charts
 - Investigate Harbor as a Helm repository that packages site specific enhancements
 - Document using helm chart versions to manage upgrades
 - Looking at Flux v2.0 vs Argo for platform development workflows

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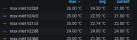


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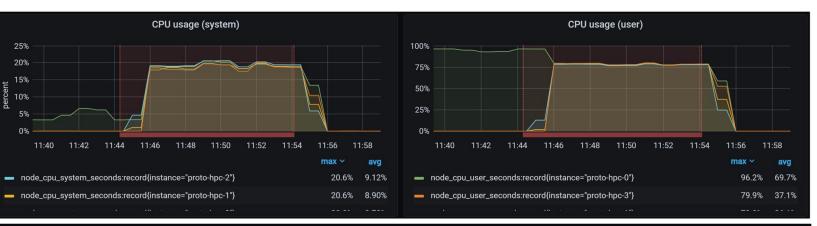
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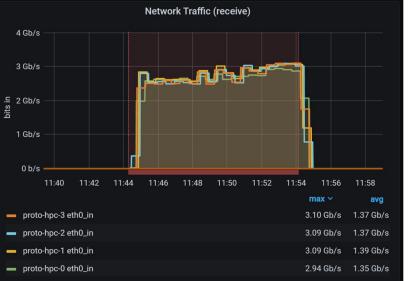
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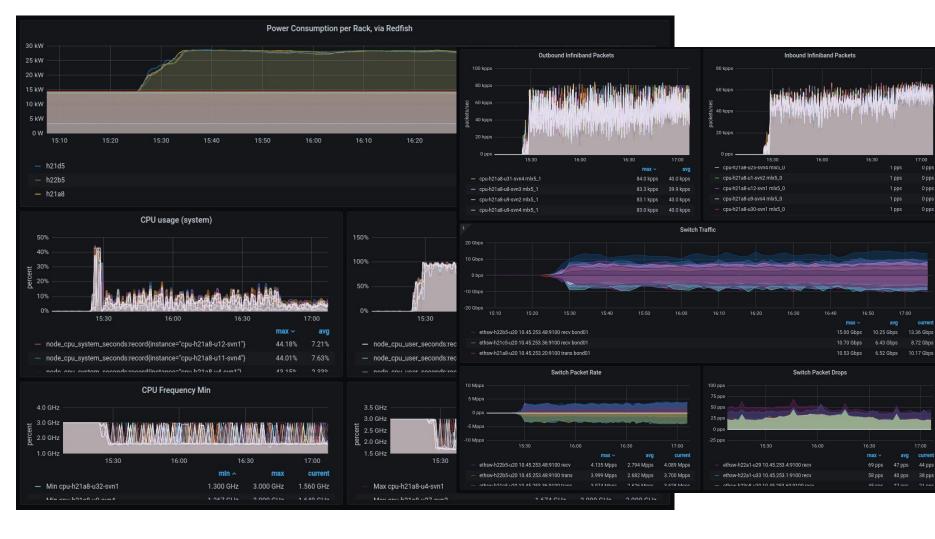




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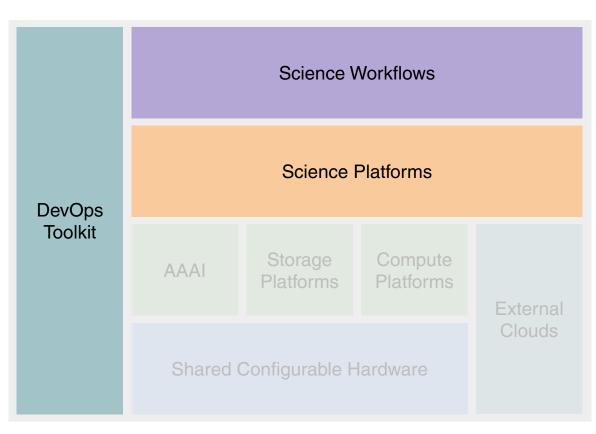




Cloud Portal



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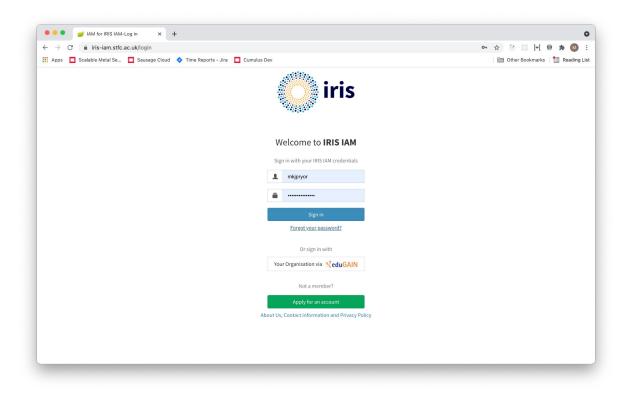
Cloud Portal



- Builds on the STFC funded work done by JASMIN
- Reduce time to science & reduce operational effort of onboarding
- Easier to **find** and **reuse** common lego bricks, between science communities
- Target use cases
 - Login with IRIS IAM to the projects associated with my groups
 - Get me a bigger laptop, or a bigger k8s clusters than my minikube
 - (WIP) Get me a Slurm Cluster with Open OnDemand, Get me a JupyterHub, ...
 - (WIP) Get me access to the monitoring dashboards
 - (WIP) Help me build my group its own cluster using the lego bricks
- Future ideas include:
 - Simpler access data sets your groups can access
 - Proxy security hardening
 - Mediate access to public cloud resources

Cloud Portal: Get me a bigger laptop, via IRIS IAM

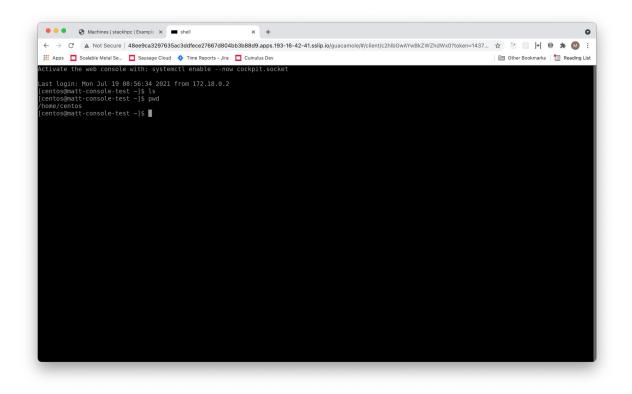




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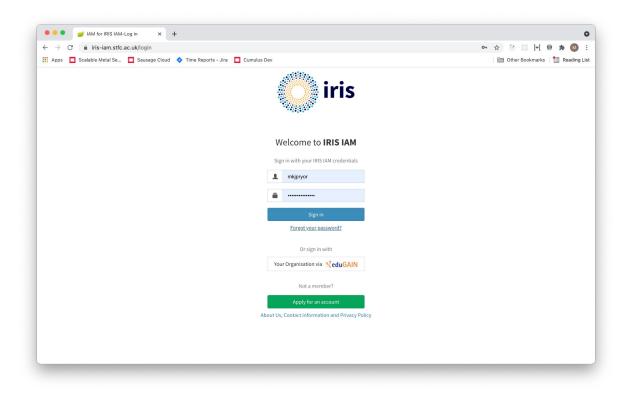
How did you get access to that VM?

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- There is nothing hiding the OpenStack API here, similar to Exposhere
- IRIS IAM login to OpenStack Keystone
 - Get keystone token to access the API
 - No credentials ever go through the Cloud Portal
- Create OpenStack server via API
 - Cloud-init configures guacamole
 - And starts an ssh session to a proxy
- Proxy security needs improving in future work packages
 - But this demonstrates the utility of the proxy
 - And work has been done to design with those improvements from the beginning
 - HA possible via use of Nginx, consul, consul-template, ssh
 - <u>https://github.com/stackhpc/tunnel-server</u>

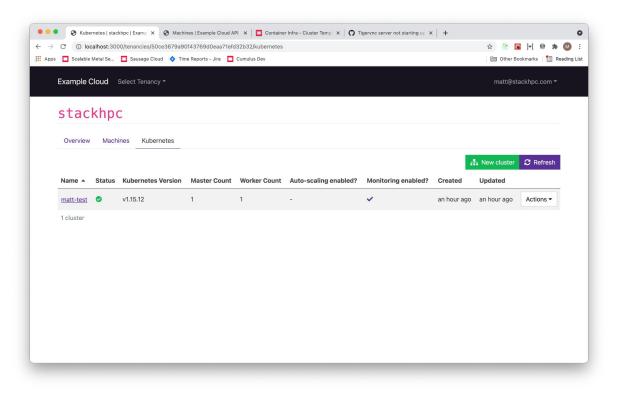
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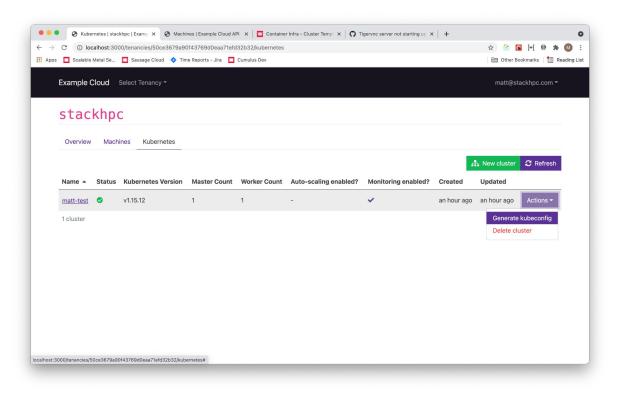


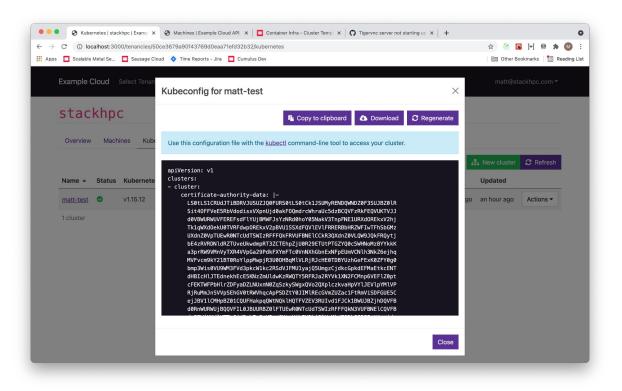


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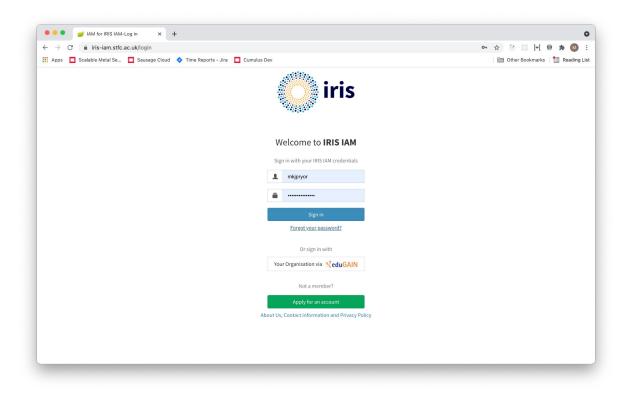


How did you do create the K8s cluster? StackHPC

- Similar to the VM, except create k8s cluster with Magnum
 - Magnum APIs to generate the kubeconfig
- Future work will look at exposing services running in K8s via the Proxy:
 - Grafana, Kubernetes Dashboard, and kubeapps are the first targets

Cloud Portal: Get me a Slurm Cluster, via IRIS IAM (WIP)





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- Based on Slurm appliance from FY2020 IRIS Assets, rather than JASMIN
 - Moves to CentOS 8 and OpenHPC 2.0 (and associated slurm upgrades)
 - Includes monitoring that maps job id to VM metrics
- AWX runs ansible jobs on behalf of the Cloud Portal
- Terraform is used to create the infrastructure, storing state in Consul
- Ansible from the Slurm appliance configures the infrastructure
- (WIP) Guacamole and Proxy based access to the login node
- Lots of scope for exposing features of the appliance, such as the in place non-disruptive updates to compute nodes

What is next for Cloud Portal?

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- More testing and more operator and user feedback required!
 - Work with other IRIS sites to trust a central cloud portal, similar to trusting their own horizon
- Making it easier to deploy and access platforms on Kubernetes
 - Test out new helm chart versions alongside existing versions
 - Try to integrate JupyterHub patterns from LSST digital asset
- More help with storage
 - sharing data sets (restricted and public)
 - into platforms, out from platforms
 - move between clouds
- More help with multiple clouds
 - Presents a common interface between multiple clouds
 - Non-OpenStack clouds could be supported using terraform approach
 - Bridge networks between sites using wireguard or openvpn, if needed

Questions?

