CleudLab

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Why We're Building CloudLab

- Clouds are changing the way we look at a lot of problems
 - Giving us new ideas of what's possible
 - Impact goes far beyond computer science
- ... and have broader impacts with much more potential
 - Transformational for IT-based businesses enables rapid startup
- ... but there's still a lot we don't know, from perspective of
 - Researchers (those who will transform the cloud)
 - Users (those who will use the cloud to transform their own fields)
- To investigate these questions, we need:
 - Flexible, scalable scientific infrastructure
 - That enables exploration of **fundamental** science in the cloud
 - Built **by** and **for** the research community



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The CloudLab Vision

- A "meta-cloud" for building clouds
- Build your own cloud on our hardware resources
- Agnostic to specific cloud software
 - Run existing cloud software stacks (like OpenStack, Hadoop, etc.)
 - ... or new ones built from the ground up
- Control and visibility all the way to the bare metal
- "Sliceable" for multiple, isolated experiments at once

With CloudLab, it will be as easy to get a cloud tomorrow as it is to get a VM today



What Is CloudLab?

Slice A

Geo-Distributed Storage Research Slice B

Stock OpenStack

- Supports transformative cloud research
- Built on Emulab and GENI
- Control to the bare metal
- Diverse, distributed resources
- Repeatable and scientific

Slice C

Virtualization and Isolation Research Slice D

Allocation and Scheduling Research for Cyber-Physical Systems

Utah

Wisconsin

Clemson

GENI



CC-NIE, Internet2 AL2S, Regionals



CloudLab's Hardware

One facility, one account, three locations

- About 5,000 cores each (15,000 total)
- 8-16 cores per node
- Baseline: 4GB RAM / core
- Latest virtualization hardware

- TOR / Core switching design
- 10 Gb to nodes, SDN
- 100 Gb to Internet2 AL2S
- Partnerships with multiple vendors

Wisconsin

- Storage and net.
- Per node:
 - 128 GB RAM
 - 2x1TB Disk
 - 400 GB SSD
- Clos topology
- Cisco

Clemson

- High-memory
- 16 GB RAM / core
- 16 cores / node
- Bulk block store
- Net. up to 56Gb
- High capacity
- Dell

Utah

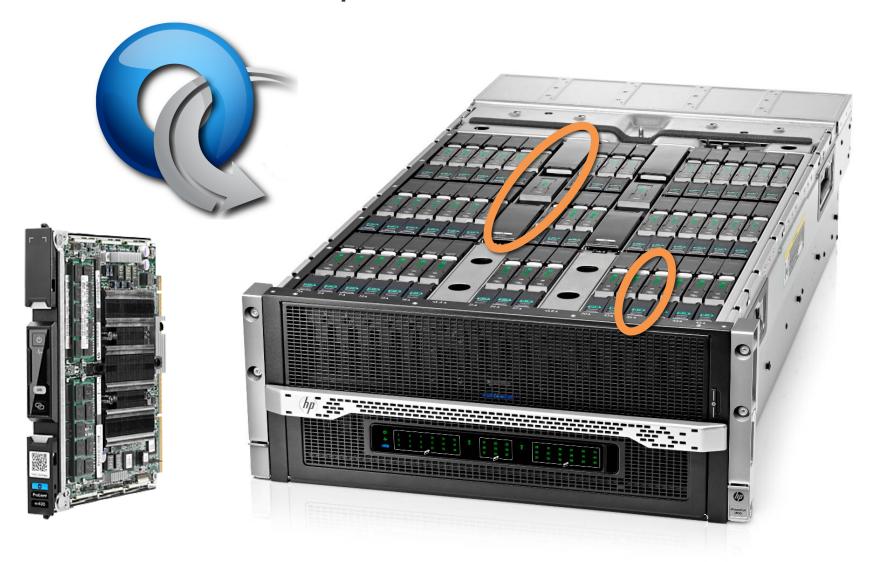
- Power-efficient
- ARM64 / x86
- Power monitors
- Flash on ARMs
- Disk on x86
- Very dense
- HP



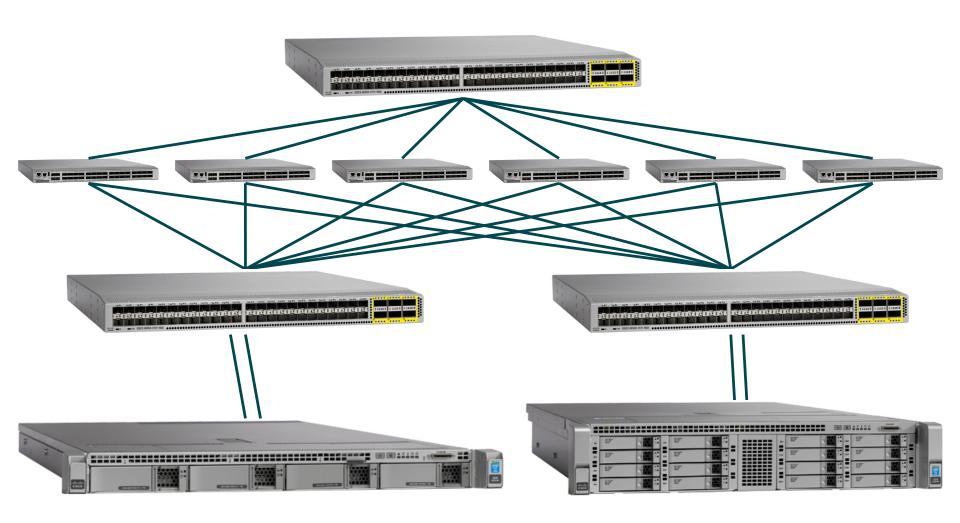
Availability and Schedule

- Availability:
 - Now: Technology preview available!
 - Late 2014: Open to early adopters
 - Early 2015: Publicly available
- Hardware being deployed in stages:
 - Half on its way this year
 - Refreshes in future years

Utah/HP: Low-power ARM64



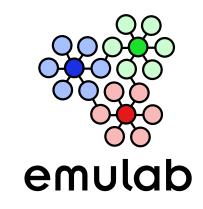
Wisconsin/Cisco: Net. & Storage





Technology Foundations

- Built on Emulab and ProtoGENI
- Provisions, then gets out of the way
 - "Run-time" services are optional
- Controllable through a web interface and GENI APIs
- Scientific instrument for repeatable research
 - Physical isolation for most resources
 - *Profiles* capture everything needed for experiments
 - Software, data, and hardware details
 - Can be shared and published (eg. in papers)







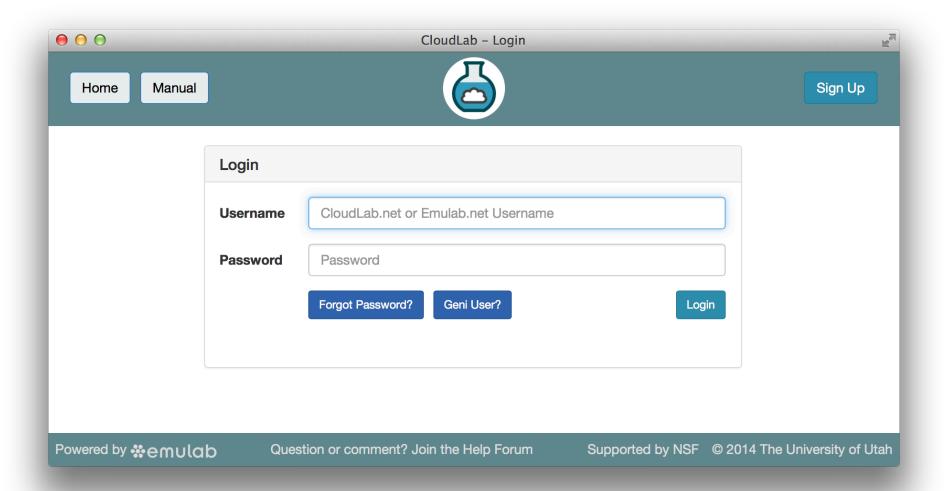
Federated with GENI

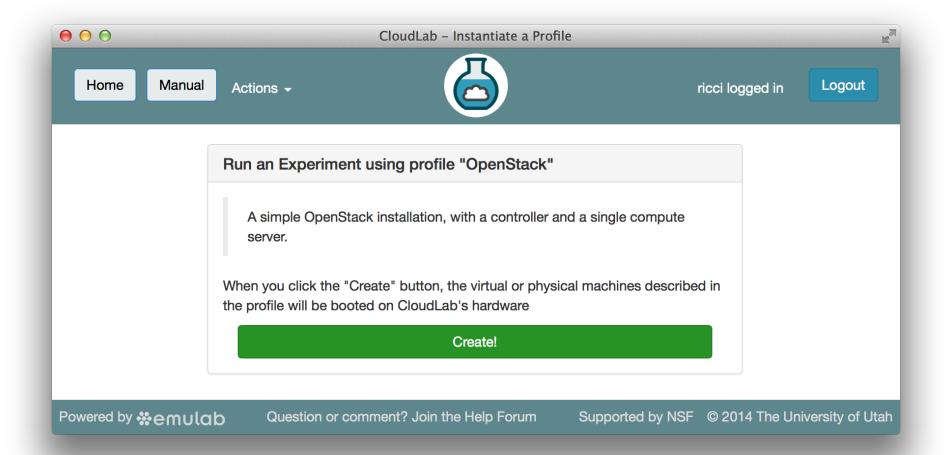
- CloudLab can be used with a GENI account
- GENI Racks around the country
- Programmable wide-area network
 - Openflow at dozens of sites
 - Connected in one layer 2 domain
- Large clusters (100s of nodes) at several sites
- Wireless and mobile
 - WiMax at 8 institutions
 - LTE / EPC testbed ("PhantomNet") at Utah
- International partners
 - Europe (Fed4FIRE), Brazil, Japan



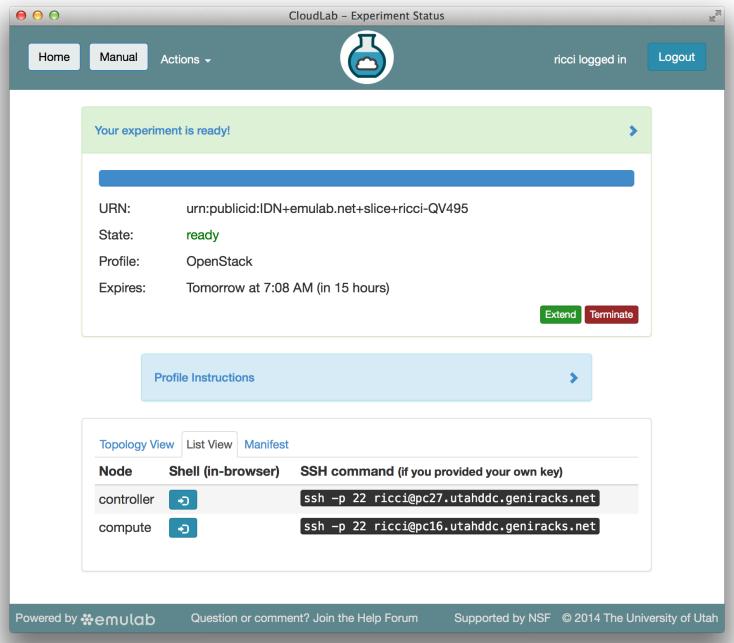
Demo



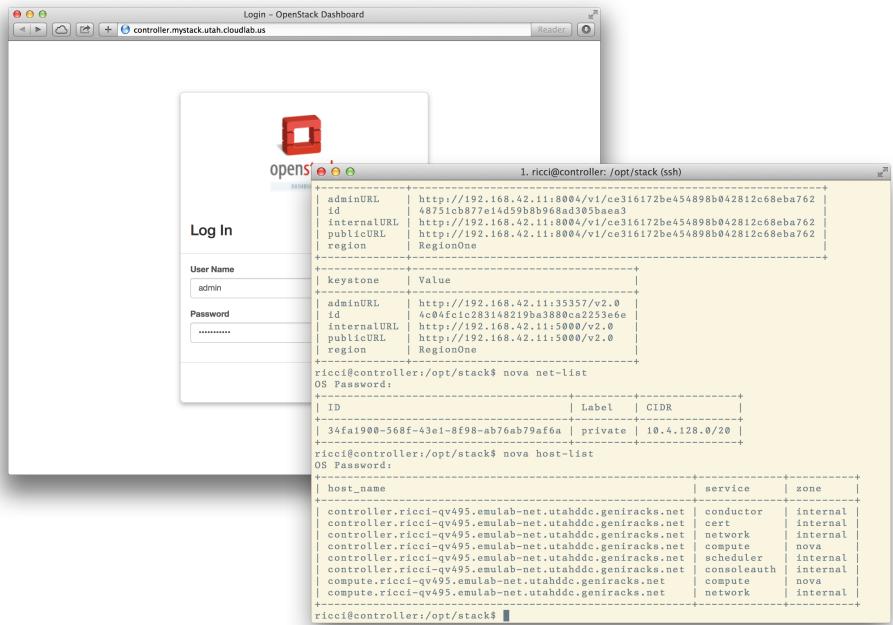












NSFCloud Workshop

- Learn about both NSFCloud projects
- Influence their evolution
- December 11-12, Arlington, Virginia
- Whitepapers due October 31
- http://www.chameleoncloud.org/NSFCloudWorkshop/



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