

Jfokus 2014 - PaaS Hands-On Lab

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“Cloud computing is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) that are delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet).”

wikipedia

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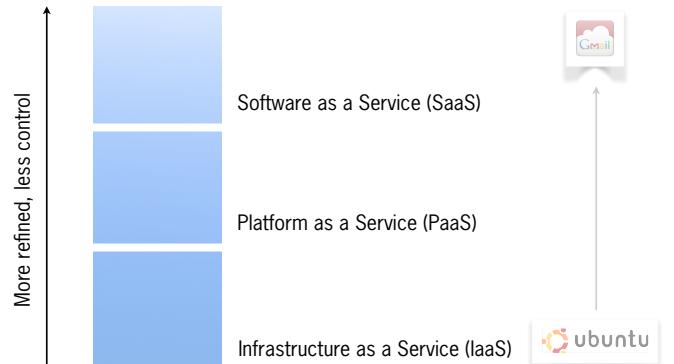
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National Institute of Standards and Technology

- On-demand self-service
 - provision of cloud resources on demand whenever they are required
- Broad network access
 - available for access from a wide range of devices - from a wide range of locations that offer online access
- Resource pooling
 - a pool of resources that can be allocated to many different tenants
- Rapid elasticity
 - ability to scale resources both up and down as needed
- Measured service
 - aspects of the cloud service are controlled and monitored by the cloud provider

Cloud Providers; Service Level



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Cloud Providers

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
 - Mature market; Amazon market leader.
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Market in consolidation; many providers in beta, moving target.



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Choice of Provider; Things to Consider

- Level of Maturity
- Deployment Routines
- Tooling
 - Administration
 - Monitoring
- Infrastructure and Service Stack
- Language Support (Services)
- SLA and Legal Considerations
- Pricing

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Escape Route (what if I get it wrong?)

- Use a established and mature technology stack;
- Keep number of platform customizations to a minimum;
- Own your data.
 - ▶ Easier to switch to other provider;
 - ▶ Worst case; decrease level of abstraction (if possible) ..
 - ..e.g move to a IaaS and install your own stack.

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The Project

Linux VM Image Overview

Reflections & Lessons Learned

- Own Your Data / Avoid Platform Customizations
 - Turned out extremely well when we eventually switched platform; system migration including transfer of live data took apx. 3 hours.
- Geographical Location / Network Latency
 - Depending on your type of system network latency might be of interest; geographical location does indeed matter if low ping is required.
- Quality of Support Organization / SLA
 - Communication between time zones hurts; using a provider with support office hours in US Pacific Time gives you a GMT+1 window between apx. 16.00 - 18.00 (if you work typically office hours yourself).
- Pricing
 - It's easy to forget that you probably need a couple of mirrored environments when you calculate prices in the pay-for-what-you-use price model (e.g stage and test); price will thus probably be higher than expected.

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Installed Software

- Ubuntu 13.10 (32-bit)
- IntelliJ IDEA 13 Community Ed with Cursive Clojure EAP plugin
- Java OpenJDK 1.7

Command line tools in PATH

mvn - Maven, Java build tool
lein - Leiningen, Clojure build tool
git - Git, distributed version control system
rhc - Red Hat OpenShift command line interface
heroku - Heroku Toolbelt, command line interface

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User and File System Layout

Username and Password

- user: paas-user
- password: password

File Structure

- Home directory: **/home/paas-user**
- Project source files: **/home/paas-user/project**

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Building Notes

1. Start the virtual machine
2. Start Terminal

- Clojure

1. cd /home/paas-user/project/notes
2. git pull
3. lein ring uberwar

- Java

4. cd /home/paas-user/project/notes-java
5. git pull
6. mvn clean install

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OPENSHIFT

<https://www.openshift.com/>
by Red Hat

Online
Public PaaS

Enterprise
Private PaaS

Origin
Community PaaS

OpenShift Online

- Runs on AWS EC2 US-East
- Support for a number of languages, frameworks, and applications:
 - Java, Ruby, PHP, Pearl, Node.js, Python
 - MongoDB, MySQL, PostgreSQL
 - Jenkins, Drupal, WordPress
 - ... and anything that can run on Linux
- Horizontal auto scaling of web nodes
- Free and paid tiers

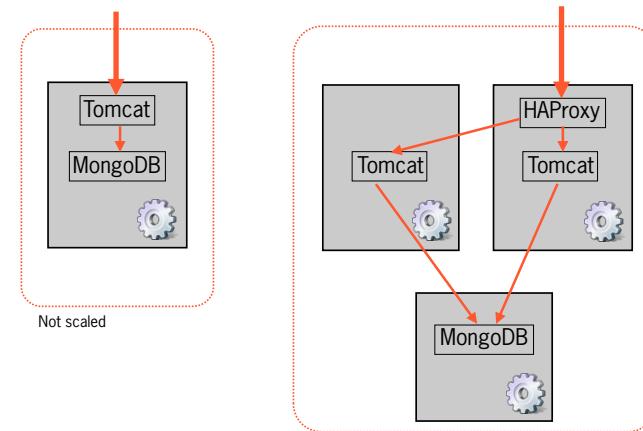
OpenShift - Basic concepts

- **Gear**
 - A container with a set of computing resources that runs your application.
- **Cartridge**
 - Packaged frameworks and components (e.g. databases) used to create an application.

OpenShift - Tooling

- rhc - client tool
- Web UI
- Eclipse plugin (IntelliJ/IDEA support from 13)
- Java Client API
- REST API

Scaling



OpenShift Online - Pricing

Free Plan

3 small Gears @ 512 MB RAM, 1 GB Disk

Silver Plan

(EUR 15/month)

3 small Gears @ 512 MB RAM and 6 GB Disk

Additional gears (max 16), per h:

Small (512 MB RAM): € 0.02

Medium (1 GB RAM): € 0.04

Large (2 GB RAM): € 0.08

Current as of 2014-01-22 - <https://www.openshift.com/products/pricing>

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OpenShift - Deployment

4. Push!

3. Commit to local Git repository

2. Configure additional cartridges

1. Create Application



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OpenShift Hands-on

OpenShift - Explore Further..

- Check out the web administration interface
 - Add cartridge: “OpenShift Metric 0.1”
- Access your application using SSH
 - Connection string available in web interface
- Push an application code change
 - e.g make some changes to the GUI.
- Access the application logs
 - ..instructions via: `rhc help`
- Make a application snapshots (takes a while)
 - `rhc snapshot save -a notes`

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Jelastic

<http://www.jelastic.com/>

Jelastic - Online

- Licensed PaaS Platform
 - Elastx single licensed provider in Sweden
 - ServInt (US), Dogado & Host Europe (DE), Tsukaeru (JP), Planeetta (FI), Websolute and Locaweb (BZ), Rusonyx, Reg.ru and Infobox (RU), Innofield (CH), Neohost (UA), Lunacloud (FR), Info.nl (NL), Layershift (UK), etc.
- Java (6 & 7), PHP
- Closed Source
- Private Clouds
- 2 Weeks Trial Period (no free version)

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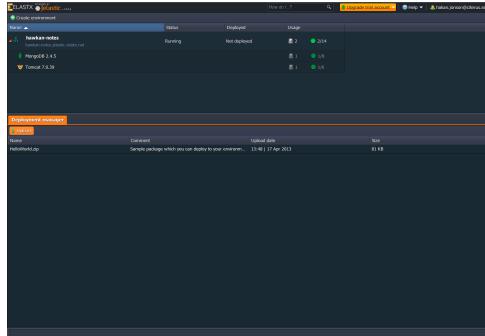
Jelastic - Basic Concepts

- Environment
 - Set of services (such as Tomcat, MongoDB, MySQL, etc).
 - Scaling, management and configuration per Environment
- Web Based Management & Administration
- Priced by scaling units (*cloudlets*)
 - Minimum Guaranteed / Maximum Allowed

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Jelastic - Tooling

- Web UI
- IDE Plugins
 - Eclipse
 - Netbeans
 - IntelliJ
- Maven Plugin
- REST API (beta)



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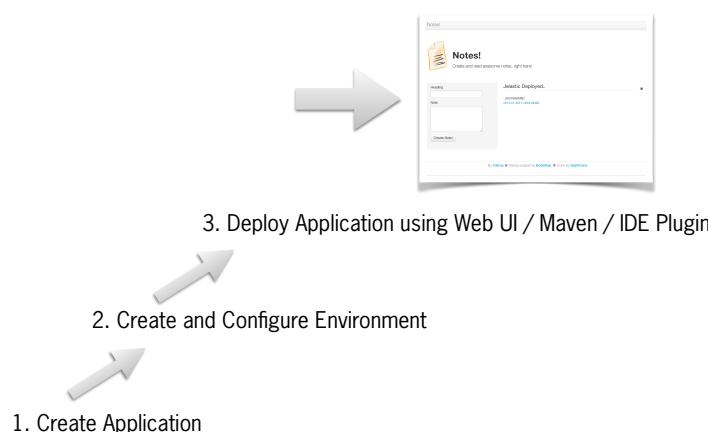
Jelastic - Pricing

- Cloudlet
 - Resource Allocation
 - Minimum Guaranteed (Reserved)
 - Maximum Allowed (Scaling Limit)
 - Discounted by Reserved Cloudlets
- Gotcha; might need additional environments for separate services to support individual actions such as e.g restarts, updates, etc.



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Jelastic - Deployment



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Jelastic - Explore Further..

- Explore the web administration interface
 - Access Tomcat Logs
 - Add SSL support
 - Add the FTP plugin to access Tomcat
- Modify Notes Java and deploy using Maven (pom.xml)
 - ..use Jelastic online instructions

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Operations - Monitoring with New Relic

- Application & Server Monitoring SaaS
 - <https://www.newrelic.com>
- Lightweight Free Plan
- Integrated JVM Agent
 - ..which more or less instruments your entire application
- Live Profiling Capabilities
- Response Time Measurements
- Database Monitoring
- ..and a lot more!

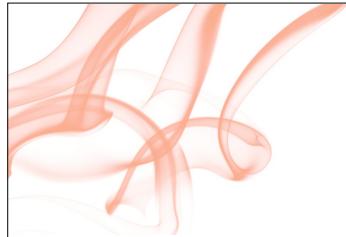


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Operations - Backup

- Do not rely on platform backup alone
- Integrate scheduled backups in your continuous deployment cycle
- Implement regularly scheduled backups
- Move backup data to third party host (e.g Amazon S3 or your basement)
- Leverage backup data for local testing and debugging
 - ..will force you to keep your restoring procedures up to date.

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