Uniform Resource Access
Compute and Cloud Resources at JSC

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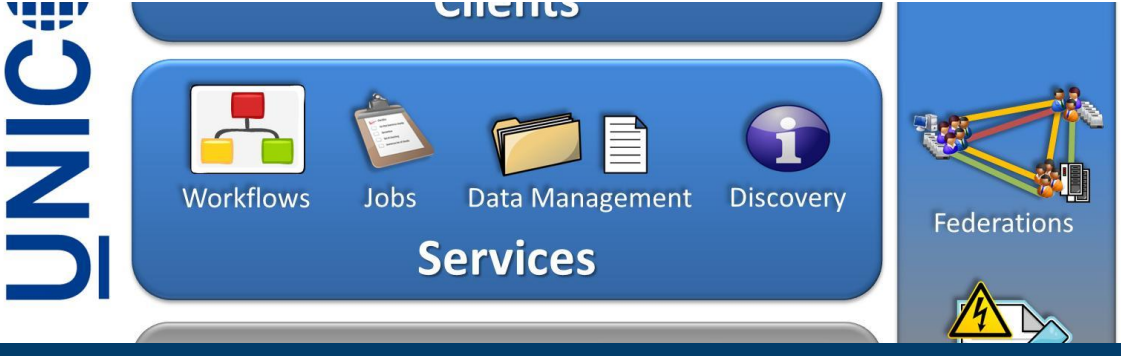

Part I: UNICORE

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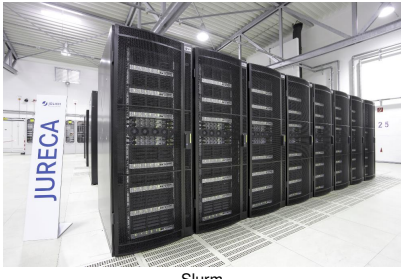

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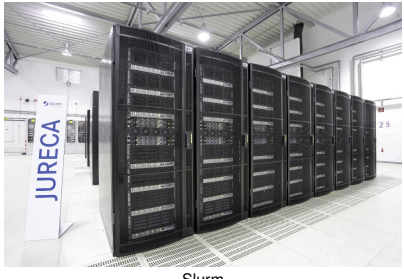

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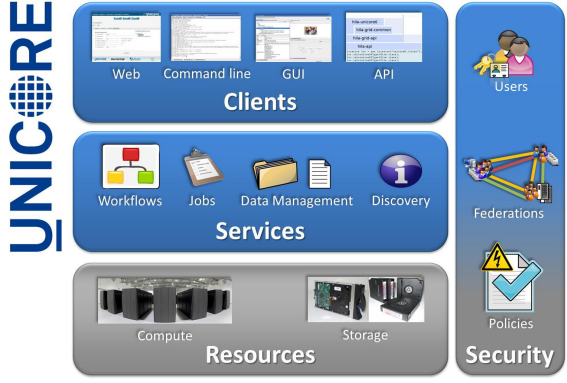
Why UNICORE

Advantages

- Hide system specific commands
- Create, submit and monitor jobs
  - Seamless, secure, and intuitive access to distributed compute and data resources
- Multiple clients
- Integrated **data management**
- **Federated identities**
- Open Source:
  `https://github.com/UNICORE-EU`



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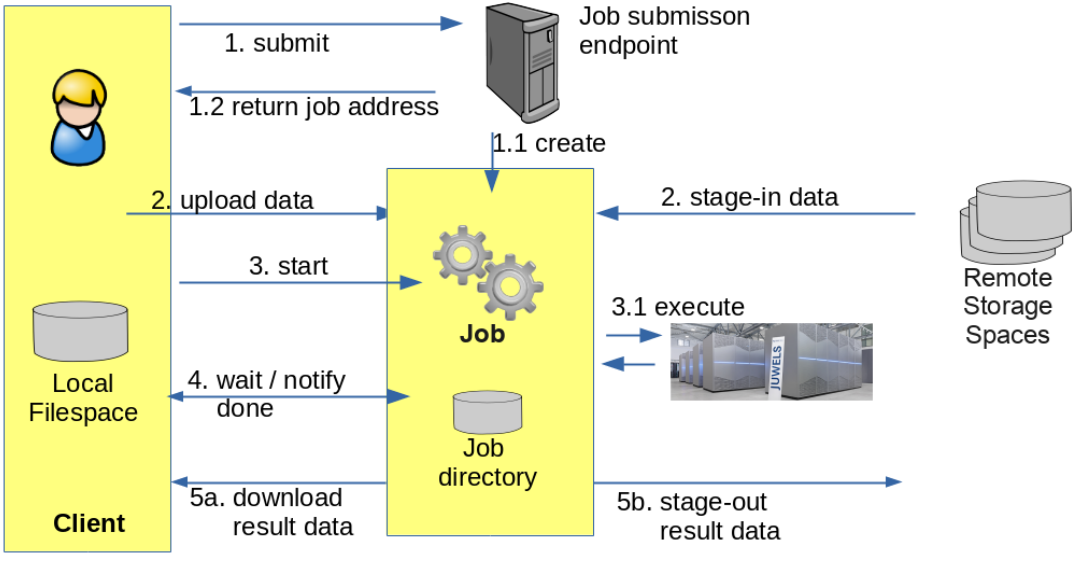
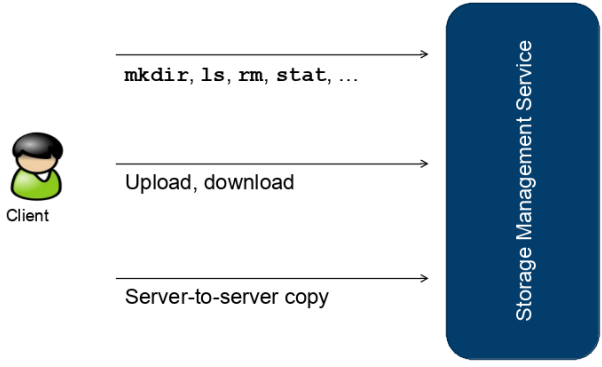


Data management and file transfer



- File Systems
- Apache HDFS
- S3
- iRODS

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- Awarded “best systemic approach” in SC Asia Data Mover Challenge 2020

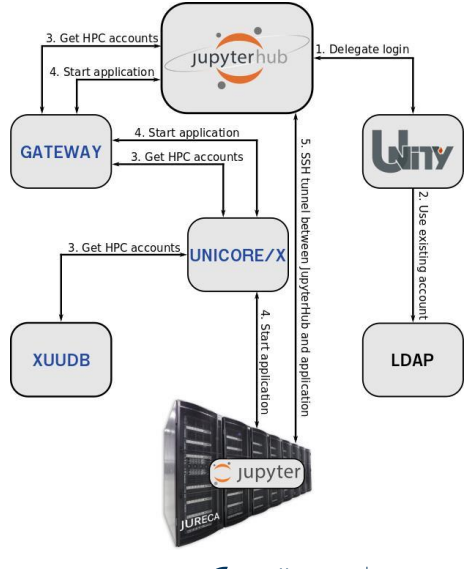
Clients and APIs

- Commandline tools
  - UNICORE Commandline Client (UCC): `https://sourceforge.net/projects/unicore/files/Clients/Commandline%20Client/`
  - UFTP client for high-performance data access: `https://sourceforge.net/projects/unicore/files/Clients/UFTP-Client/`
- RESTful APIs
  - curl, Python Requests
  - `https://sourceforge.net/p/unicore/wiki/REST_API/`
  - PyUNCIORE client library: `https://github.com/HumanBrainProject/pyunicore`

Jupyter Hub @JSC

HPC in your web browser

- UNICORE is an integral part of the Jupyter offering at JSC
- Start Jupyter Labs on JUWELS, JURECA-DC, JUSUF, DEEP, HDFML, or a cloud based VM
- `https://jupyter-jsc.fz-juelich.de/`



Additional information and support

UNICORE

- Project web site: `https://www.unicore.eu/` for downloads and documentation
- Product support: `unicore-support@lists.sourceforge.net`

UNICORE at FZJ

- User support email: `ds-support@fz-juelich.de`
- Registry: `https://fzj-unic.fz-juelich.de:9112/FZJ/rest/registries/default_registry`
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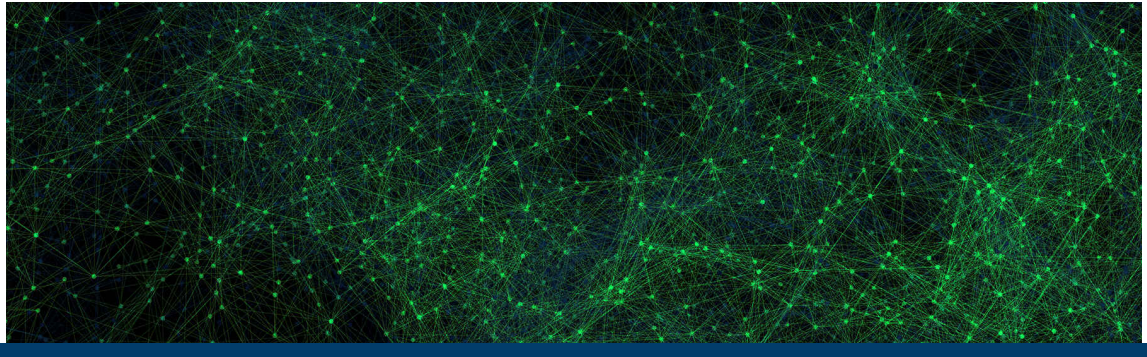

Part II: HDF Cloud

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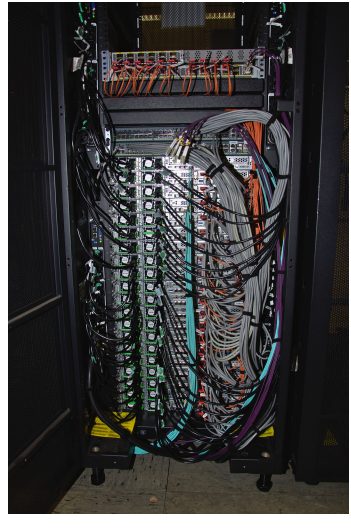


OpenStack

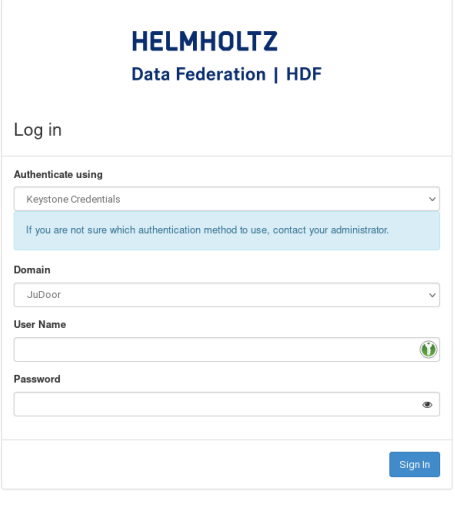
Software and services

- OpenStack Victoria release
  - released 2020-10-14, maintained until 2022-04-27, extended maintenance thereafter
  - upgrade hindered by a switch of the underlying Linux distribution
- Services
  - Keystone – authentication and service registry
  - Horizon dashboard – convenient Web UI appropriate for many simple tasks
  - Nova compute – virtual machine (VM) service
  - Neutron networking – software defined networks
  - Cinder volume – virtual block devices
  - Glance images – template images for VMs
  - Heat orchestration – infrastructure management
  - Octavia load balancing – load balancing as a service
  - Neutron VPNaaS – cross-site (or project) VPNs
  - Sahara – data processing through virtual clusters

Authentication

There are two ways to authenticate

- JSC account
  - username and password
  - usable from both commandline interface and Web UI
  - JuDoor profile → Make changes → enable HDFCloud
- Helmholtz login
  - directly usable only from Web UI
  - commandline access through application credentials
- however: you need a project and allocated resources before using HDF Cloud



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Flavors

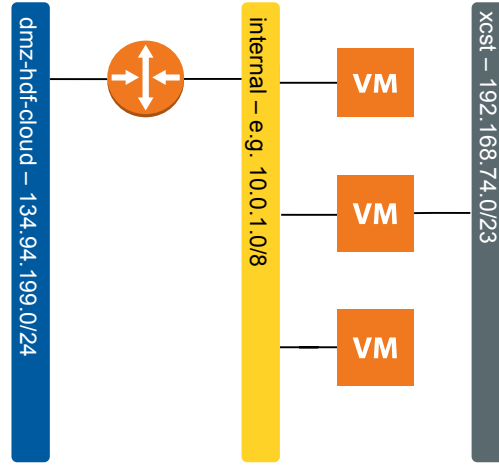
- two classes in general: **ordinary** (10GB root disk) and **large-disk** (30GB root disk)
- first characters determine amount of memory per VCPU: *t*iny, *s*mall, *m*edium, *l*arge, *xl*arge
- going from 1 VCPU per .5GB to 1 VCPU per 8GB
- Example flavors
  - t1
  - m8.large-disk
  - xl16
- custom flavors are possible

RAM \ VCPUs	1	2	4	8	16
.5 GB	t1	-	-	-	-
1 GB	s1	t2	-	-	-
2 GB	m1	s2	t4	-	-
4 GB	l1	m2	s4	t8	-
8 GB	xl1	l2	l4	s8	t16
16 GB	-	xl2	m4	m8	s16
32 GB	-	-	xl4	l8	m16
64 GB	-	-	-	xl8	l16
128 GB	-	-	-	-	xl16

Networking

Specific networks at JSC

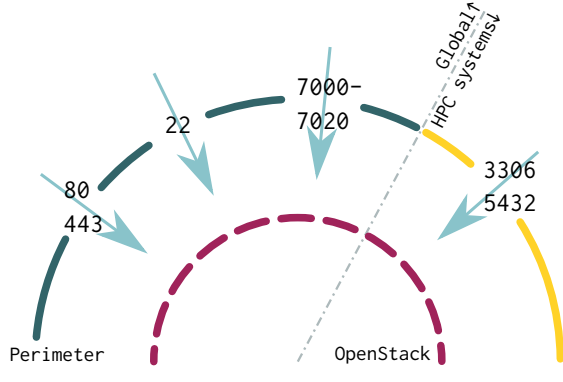
- **floating IPs** realized in router as DNAT/SNAT
- VMs without floating IPs not accessible from the outside and SNATed in outbound connections
- all new projects will be equipped with a **router** and **internal network**, such that you can immediately start working. JSC's **DNS servers** will be configured in the internal network



Network setup

Security groups and perimater firewall

- OpenStack firewall freely configurable
- Restrictions apply for inbound connections in perimeter firewall
  - Globally available services and ports: HTTP (80), HTTPS (443), SSH (22), 7000–7020
  - Available from HPC systems: MySql (3306), PostgreSQL (5432)
- Outbound connections: anything but MTA (25) aka. SMTP



Commandline interface

Prerequisites

- Python virtual environment
- Download credential files from the web interface (cf. authentication)

Run the following in your shell:

```
$ python3 -m venv openstack
$ source openstack/bin/activate
$ pip install python-openstackclient
```

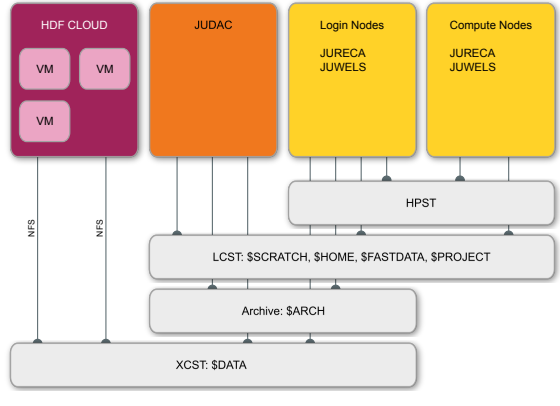
Authentication:

- Option 1: Download and `source openrc.sh`
- Option 2: Download clouds.yaml, put it in one of
  - current working directory as `clouds.yaml` or
  - ∼ `/.config/openstack/clouds.yaml`

JSC Storage Landscape

Availability of file systems

- XCST
  - $DATA on JUDAC and login nodes
  - dedicated NFS export to VMs
- Archive
  - $ARCH on JUDAC and login nodes
- LCST
  - $SCRATCH, $HOME, $FASTDATA, $PROJECT on JUDAC, login and compute nodes
- HPST
  - Login and compute nodes



Data access

VMs and the DATA file system

- Helmholtz Data Federation (HDF) Cloud / OpenStack cluster
  - Hosts virtual machines (VMs) for communities
  - Potentially administered by externals, bound by acceptable use policy
- Enable access to data beyond perimeter of SC facility
  - Web interfaces, databases, post processing, . . .
  - Users of service likely unknown to SC directory information service
- Access Method
  - POSIX file systems ($DATA) accessible in VMs via NFS mount from CES servers
  - Server side UID squashing
    - ensures consistency
    - requires services to manage data accordingly
    - read-write or read-only

Summary

HDF Cloud

OpenStack

- Project web site: `https://www.openstack.org/`
- Documentation: `https://docs.openstack.org/`

HDF Cloud at JSC:

- User support: `ds-support@fz-juelich.de`
- Web dashboard: `https://hdf-cloud.fz-juelich.de/`
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JUSUF Cloud:

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