

What's New in Newton

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IBM's z/VM Cloud Stack approach

1. z/VM drivers provided to the OpenStack community

- z/VM drivers are currently open source, part of the OpenStack namespace and developed in the open.
 - Nova
 - Neutron
 - Ceilometer
- Actively working with the OpenStack community to get our drivers accepted, this means devoting team members to helping the community, working on Continuous Integration system, etc







IBM's z/VM Cloud Stack approach

- 2. Cloud Manager Appliance
 - Single guest that includes xCAT and OpenStack distro
 - All necessary pieces of OpenStack are included to be an OpenStack Compute Platform (compute, network, block storage, identity, orchestration, etc)
 - Included with z/VM, no separate fees for service and support
 - Allows customers to try out cloud, without risk
 - Can only manage z/VM, can be integrated as part of a larger solution
 - When running it as xCAT, can be part of SUSE OpenStack Cloud 6
 - When running as xCAT+OpenStack, can be part of VMWare vRealize or IBM Cloud Orchestrator
 - CMA can only manage z/VM
 - Cloud enablement solution
 - Works in conjunction with hypervisor management tools



CMA Liberty – March 2016

- Provides a migration path from ICM solution to CMA
 - Makes sure no customers are left behind
 - RHEL7 and SLES12 provisioning through OpenStack images
 - OpenStack Keystone v3

z/VM 6.4

6.4 ships with the CMA Liberty appliance Remove ZHCP userid Change XCAT userid to OPNCLOUD Change the configuration files to a model using IMBED files instead of the LOCALMOD process (which can be painful in an SSI environment) Document process for Alternative Deploy Provisioning (cloning via OpenStack)



Alternative Deploy Provisioning

- Allows you to make an exact copy of a guest (cloning)
- Looks like a regular deploy from image to OpenStack
- Can use Flashcopy (if available) for a super-fast deploy
- Some restrictions:
 - Must have your own networking that's provisioned on the guest as it IPLs the first time
 - Snapshot and resize OpenStack functions are not allowed
- Detailed instructions available in Chapter 8 of the Enabling zVM for OpenStack book



Alternative Deploy Provisioning

- Setup steps:
 - 1. Create a dummy image, subnet and flavor in OpenStack
 - 1. The dummy image is first created via a special xCAT script, then uploaded into OpenStack
 - 2. The dummy subnet and flavor can have any attributes, they are not used
 - 2. Unlock the master virtual machine to the CMA exchange keys
 - 3. Create a DOCLONE COPY file on the MAINT 193 disk
 - 1. The name of the dummy image, which virtual machine to copy, and what pool of DASD to use
 - 4. Upload the DOCLONE COPY file to the CMA via a provided script





CMA Newton

The current major release of our appliance is OpenStack Newton Released on January 20, 2016 for z/VM 6.4 only

- Major items
 - Logging enhancements
 - Ubuntu guest support
 - Switch to IUCV instead of SSH as the communication path between CMA and the guests
 - Installation simplification
 - Continued OpenStack community support
 - Ongoing security support



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Installation Simplification

CONFIGUR wizard to help guide you through the DMSSICMO and DMSSICNF files

- Can also check to see that installed service is up to date
- Can work on the MAINT 193 disk files, or a local disk version
- Options to save progress, or only do a stripped down version of the wizard without so much explanation.





Installation Simplification

This set of panels collects information related to the z/VM Hypervisor.

Host -----

Each z/VM host is uniquely identified and represented in xCAT as an xCAT node. OpenStack will use this node name when it invokes xCAT functions related to the z/VM host. You should choose a node name that you will recognize as representing this z/VM host, and you should assume that you will NEVER be permitted to change it. xCAT node names are case sensitive. We strongly recommend that the value be specified in lowercase.

Note: The xCAT and OpenStack code will remember the name that you specify. If you need to change the name then you will need to contact IBM support for a set of manual procedures on updating the name. Changing this value can cause unexpected results.

What is the node name xCAT and/or OpenStack will use to represent this z/VM host ? POKDEV63

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Macro-read 1 File

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Installation Simplification

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The value for this field can be one of the following:

 * an xCAT node name where the first character is an alphabetic character followed by any combination of alphabetic, numeric and hyphen characters

This field is related to the 'XCAT_zvmsysid' property.

Additional info: http://www.vm.ibm.com/sysman/ZVM640/ICNF_ops.html

See section 'Chapter 4, subsection: Configuring the DMSSICNF COPY File' in the related manual.

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Logging and serviceability enhancements

- Installation Verification Program runs automatically every hour
- Will send results to the notify ID if problems detected
- Standardized error messages on CMA startup, if there are errors in the config files
 - Also cleaned up extra messages to the console on CMA startup
- Laying the groundwork for future improvements
 - Passing down the request ID from OpenStack to xCAT to be able to group together all calls associated with that transaction
 - When a userid fails to deploy, message notify ID





Logging and serviceability enhancements

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> Log shown is /var/log/messsages
> Additional log entries are in /var/log/nova/nova-compute.log if debug logging is on





Ubuntu Guest Support

- Support for Ubuntu 16.04
 - Does not include boot from volume support
 - Instructions also included in Chapter 6 of the Enabling Guide on how to create a deployable image



- This enables more support in OpenStack than using the Ubuntu provided images
- Support for OpenStack deploys of Ubuntu only
 - · Like RHEL7 and SLES12, xCAT deploy support is not available yet



IUCV for Guest \rightarrow CMA communication

- Inter User Communication Vehicle is a z/VM only method of communicating between guests. It requires a script to run on the guests to handle the data, and directory authorization for the client.
 - No hardware or key exchanges needed
 When possible, use IUCV instead of SSH to communicate between deployed guests and the CMA
 - Exceptions:
 - · Guests were not created with the new xcatconf4z activation engine
 - Discovered guests
 - · Alternative Deploy Provisioned (cloned) guests
- This is true for both OpenStack and xCAT deployed guests
- If you had existing guests, they should be migrated to the new IUCV communications as part of the Newton migration



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IUCV for Guest → CMA communication

- When all guests use IUCV, the administration network between guests and the CMA will not be needed
- This means that guests need no IP connectivity for the control plane, which allows for better network isolation and true VLAN support
 - openstack_xcat_mgt_ip and openstack_xcat_mgt_mask properties
 - · in the DMSSICMO COPY file will be deprecated
- Check out the IUCV client and server code to see how this works
 - Github link: http://bit.ly/2gMgLhX
- The OPNCLOUD id now has an "IUCV ANY" statement in its directory entry





Community relations

- Working to develop xCAT fully in the open.
 - The zhcp code is done and is built from github
 - Still working on the xCAT mn code, merging it with the current
 - upstream codebase
 - Github link to both repositories
 - https://github.com/zVMopenstack
- Console log support for OpenStack
 - · Community required function to integrate into nova project
 - You must add the directory statement COMMAND SPOOL CONS * START to the OSDFLT SAMPPROF file on the MAINT 193 disk to enable this
 - · Available through the "Log" tab on the instance





What's next

- CMA Liberty will continue to be supported with security APARs
 - On 6.3 until End of Service
 - On 6.4 until July 20, 2017
- CMA Newton
 - Planning fixpacks as well as security APARs
 - Known issues we plan to address
 - Boot from volume support
 - IUCV support for cloned and discovered guests
- Next OpenStack release we plan to update CMA for is Pike
 - OpenStack Community Pike will come out sometime late summer/early fall
 2017
 - CMA Pike will be sometime after that



SUSE OpenStack Cloud 6



- Provides support for clouds stretched across multiple platforms (z/VM, VMWare, KVM, Xen, Hyper-V, Docker)
- Simplifies OpenStack installation and configuration, as well as application deployment
- Provides High Availability for controller node, as well as some types of compute nodes
- SUSE OpenStack Cloud 6 (Liberty) provides functionality to manage z/VM from an x86 environment.
- SUSE OpenStack Cloud 7 (Newton) will provide functionality to manage z/VM from a z Systems environment
- 60 day free trial! https://www.suse.com/products/suse-openstack-cloud/







- Starting an OpenStack Cloud Consortium under the Open Mainframe Project
- Bringing together customers, business partners and IBM to work jointly on:
 - Use cases and reference architecture for OpenStack on z Systems
 - Driving innovation in our drivers, defining what OpenStack means on the mainframe
- Currently looking for more customers interested in telling their Mainframe OpenStack story
- Watch the Open Mainframe Project blog and wiki for more information!
 - https://www.openmainframeproject.org/blog/2016/11/09/352





• Partnership between IBM and Marist University that provides a 120 day free trial of Linux running on z/VM to anyone who wants one

- Aka: Public Cloud
- Uses the z/VM Liberty CMA support to control their cloud
 - Wrote their own portal that calls OpenStack APIs that's tailored to their needs
 - Supporting hundreds of machines on just two z/VM systems
- Allows IBM to highlight new projects they're getting involved with includes how to set up Blockchain or Apache Spark. We hope this encourages new open source developers on z Systems.
- Try it out! https://developer.ibm.com/linuxone/



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References

- Webpage This is where you'll find links to the latest service information and books http://www.vm.ibm.com/sysman/osmntlvl.html
- Wiki for OpenStack support on z/VM This is where we'll put doc updates, tips and tricks, etc http://ibm.co/2lk9KHO
- Blog where one of our dev leads puts tips and tricks http://ibm.co/2kT9izI
- Newton support announcement http://bit.ly/2l8VwaE



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