

# CloudI

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## A Cloud at the lowest level!

### Quick Start

#### Install Quick Start Tools

- **Ubuntu:** `sudo apt-get install wget curl`
- **OSX:** `sudo port install wget curl`

#### Get CloudI Running

```
$ wget http://sourceforge.net/projects/cloudi/files/latest/download -O cloudi-1.2.2.tar.gz
$ tar zxvf cloudi-1.2.2.tar.gz
$ cd cloudi-1.2.2/src
$ ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install
$ cd ../..
$ sudo cloudi start
```

The CloudI tests are now running and consuming your available CPUs.

The Quick Start guide below shows how to create both an internal (Erlang) CloudI service and an external (Python) CloudI service.

#### Create an Internal (Erlang) CloudI Service

```
$ mkdir cloudi-quickstart
$ cd cloudi-quickstart
$ cat << EOF > hello_world.erl
-module(hello_world).
-behaviour(cloudi_service).

%% cloudi_service callbacks
-export([cloudi_service_init/3,
        cloudi_service_handle_request/11,
        cloudi_service_handle_info/3,
        cloudi_service_terminate/2]).

-include_lib("cloudi_core/include/cloudi_logger.hrl").

-record(state,
{
}).

cloudi_service_init(_Args, _Prefix, Dispatcher) ->
    cloudi_service:subscribe(Dispatcher, "hello_world/get"),
```

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```

    {ok, #state{}}.

cloudi_service_handle_request(_Type, _Name, _Pattern, _RequestInfo, _Request,
                              _Timeout, _Priority, _TransId, _Pid,
                              #state{} = State, _Dispatcher) ->
    {reply, <<"Hello World!">>, State}.

cloudi_service_handle_info(Request, State, _) ->
    ?LOG_WARN("Unknown info \"~p\"", [Request]),
    {noreply, State}.

cloudi_service_terminate(_, #state{}) ->
    ok.
EOF
$ erlc -pz /usr/local/lib/cloudi-1.2.2/lib/cloudi_core-1.2.2 -pz /usr/local/lib/cloudi-1.2.2/lib

```

You now have a compiled internal CloudI service which is ready to run. You can also provide an OTP application file with the same name, if the internal CloudI service has application dependencies.

## Run the Internal (Erlang) CloudI Service

While you are still in the cloudi-quickstart directory, use the CloudI Service API to run the internal CloudI service.

```

$ curl -X POST -d '""`pwd`""' http://localhost:6467/cloudi/api/erlang/code_path_add
$ cat << EOF > hello_world.conf
[{internal,
  "/quickstart/hello/",
  hello_world,
  [],
  lazy_closest,
  5000, 5000, 5000, [api], undefined, 1, 5, 300, []}]
EOF
$ curl -X POST -d @hello_world.conf http://localhost:6467/cloudi/api/erlang/services_add

```

These HTTP requests communicate with `src/lib/cloudi_services_internal` / `src/cloudi_service_http_cowboy.erl` which runs the cowboy HTTP webserver on port 6467, because of the default CloudI configuration (installed at `/usr/local/etc/cloudi/cloudi.conf`). The request becomes a CloudI request, within the `cloudi_service_http_cowboy` internal CloudI service, which is sent to `src/lib/cloudi_services_internal/src/cloudi_service_api.erl`. The `cloudi_service_api` internal CloudI service provides runtime configuration of CloudI.

You will notice that the syntax used to start the CloudI service in the `hello_world.conf` file is the same as what is specified in the "services" section of `/usr/local/etc/cloudi/cloudi.conf`.

## Use the Internal (Erlang) CloudI Service

```

$ curl http://localhost:6467/quickstart/hello/hello_world
Hello World!

```

The HTTP GET request has received the "Hello World!" message from your new internal CloudI service.

You can get the same behavior with an external CloudI service, which is written in a supported programming language, currently: C/C++, Java, Python, or Ruby.

## Use an External (Python) CloudI Service

```
$ cat << EOF > hello_world.py
import sys
sys.path.append('/usr/local/lib/cloudi-1.2.2/api/python/')
from cloudi_c import API

class Task(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.__api = API(0) # first/only thread == 0

    def run(self):
        self.__api.subscribe("hello_world_python/get", self.__hello_world)
        result = self.__api.poll()
        print 'exited:', result

    def __hello_world(self, command, name, pattern, request_info, request,
                      timeout, priority, trans_id, pid):
        return 'Hello World!'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    assert API.thread_count() == 1 # simple example, without threads
    task = Task()
    task.run()
EOF
$ PYTHON_PATH=`which python`
$ PWD=`pwd`
$ cat << EOF > hello_world_python.conf
[{external,
  "/quickstart/hello/",
  "$PYTHON_PATH",
  "$PWD/hello_world.py",
  [],
  none, default, default,
  5000, 5000, 5000, [api], undefined, 1, 1, 5, 300, []}]
EOF
$ curl -X POST -d @hello_world_python.conf http://localhost:6467/cloudi/api/erlang/services_add
$ curl http://localhost:6466/quickstart/hello/hello_world_python
Hello World!
```

You may notice the port number 6466 is different from what was used for the internal CloudI service. This is a different instance of the `cloudi_service_http_cowboy` internal CloudI service which forces all outgoing CloudI requests to be binary. All external CloudI services handle request data and request\_info data as binary data, to simplify integration efforts and make service runtime more efficient. If you had tried to use the port number 6466 for the CloudI Services API, you would have received a timeout, not because binary requests are not accepted, but rather because the `cloudi_service_http_cowboy` ACL (Access Control List) prevents API requests (with a service name pattern, referred to as `api`). Please refer to the [API documentation](#) for more information.

You now have an external CloudI service written in Python which is able to perform the same task as your internal CloudI service (written in Erlang). You can use the same techniques to create other external CloudI services with new or pre-existing source code to gain fault-tolerance and scalability. Creating CloudI services makes integration tasks simpler and allows your software to grow without limitations!

