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**NCL OpenStack VM Testing Intern Assignment [06/05/2022]**

**Project Description**

This assignment is an individual project which aims to let National Cybersecurity R&D Laboratory (NCL) interns ~~can~~ pick up the knowledge about OpenStack infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) clouds virtual servers provision system, get familiar with the OpenStack user platform, test all the public virtual machine images in NCL OpenStack [Beta] platform and create some OpenStack VM images which can be used by the NCL customers.

Project type: Program testing, Individual project

Project workload: 1 day/week, total 12 week.

1. **Assignment Introduction**

**1.1 Assignment background**

National Cybersecurity R&D Lab (NCL) was established in 2015 and funded under the National Cybersecurity R&D (NCR) Programme. NCL is providing support to the Singapore Cybersecurity R&D Community in terms of their R&D, research experimentation and testing requirements. One of NCL business service is providing the infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) clouds virtual servers provision system for users to do development, testing, and evaluation of security solutions, training, and skills assessment with OpenStack provision testbed.

OpenStack is an open-source cloud computing infrastructure software project and is one of the three most active open-source projects in the world.

**1.2 NCL OpenStack Testbed Platform**

Currently NCL is using OpenStack to implement the cluster construction and provide the testbed platform service. NCL has several distinct levels of OpenStack service cluster for various kinds of users as shown below, the intern will do this assignment on the Open stack [Beta].

* OpenStack [**Production**]: This platform is used for providing the testbed with large computing resource for the public users, mid-size companies or cyber exercise host origination.
* OpenStack [**Beta**]: This platform is used for providing the testbed/training platform for education/research usage purpose such the CTF event host, NUS student/staff course assignment.
* OpenStack [**Ironic**]: This platform is used for NCL internal users/developers to do the testing before deploying the new function to the production.

The users can build their own (customized/standard) instance and install the OS image file in the instance to create a VM. The detail usage workflow of NCL OpenStack [Beta] is shown below. Currently the OpenStack [Beta] have 121 VM images stored in the OpenStack [Beta]. In the 121 VMs, 36 are public VM images which can be used by our customers. Some VM is converted from some of the customers’ uploaded private VM, so currently we need to figure out how many VMs in the 39 public VM image that can work normally when our customers try to install them in their instance.

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NCL OpenStack [Beta] testbed link: <https://openstack.ncl.sg>

NCL OpenStack [Beta] Image list page:

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**1.3 Related knowledge and reference doc**

The related knowledge needed for the project:

* OpenStack knowledge of standard web usage. (Create project, create instance, launch VM, etc.)
* Basic Linux/Windows system command, shell program.
* VM and virt-manager usage.
* System remote access. (SSH, RDP, VNC, etc.)

Needed document:

* NCL\_OpenStack\_Beta\_Account\_Creation\_Manual.pdf
* NCL\_OpenStack\_Beta\_LinuxVM\_User\_Manual.pdf
* NCL\_OpenStack\_Beta\_WindowsVM\_User\_Manual.pdf

1. **Assignment Main Task**

**2.1 Task 1: VM image testing.**

This task is aiming to test all 36 public VM images in NCL OpenStack [Beta] platform and create a VM image manual. For each VM image, below are the contents needed to be listed down (some information might not be available):

1. VM name
2. VM type: Linux/Windows. (32bit/64bit)
3. VM OS + version+ UI state: (ubuntu 18.04, CentOS)
4. VM image CPU min limit config.
5. VM image RAM min limit config.
6. VM image Hard disk min limit config.
7. VM remote access config. (Such as whether the SSH/RDP/VNC is enabled?)
8. VM login detail. (username/password)
9. VM network interface config detail. (Such as network interface number, Ipv4 config: DHCP/Fix static)
10. VM image lib/tool included: (openssl, python3.x, docker, g++, etc.)

By checking the list for all the public VM, the customer can find the correct image with the login detail based on their requirement instead of sending message to NCL Biz-Team to ask these basic questions such what the VM log in password.

Update the information on the following document:

* Src/VM\_image\_detail\_table.docx

Expected workload: 1.5 day/week, total 10 weeks.

**2.2 Task 2: VM image creation.**

After the intern has got familiar about the testing, they can try to create some VM images, such as some lite Linux OS for IOT:

1. raspberry pi OS: raspbian 32bit/64bit
2. raspberry pi OS: noobs 32bit
3. raspberry pi OS: Ubuntu 16/18/Lite
4. raspberry pi OS: CentOS 6/7
5. BeagleBone Black OS: Debian-C
6. BeagleBone Black OS:  fedora

The intern will test the customized VM image upload and usage part in OpenStack [Beta] and create a report about the detail steps for how to build these images. The created VM images can be used in the future OT/IOT security testbed.

Source on how to create VM image in OpenStack platform: <https://docs.openstack.org/image-guide/net-running.html>.

Expected workload: 0.5 day/week, total 6 weeks.

**2.3 Assignment Final Goal**

After finished the assignment, the intern student needs to provide below document and program:

1. Provide an Intern assignment proposal/timeline plan.
2. Provide a VM image manual/dictionary to listed down all the VM detail information.
3. Provide a Linux shell script to list down all the information about the OS/VM.
4. Provide a Windows cmd script file to list down all the information about the Windows VM.
5. Provide more than 3 embedded system VM image.
6. Provide a manual about building a VM image.
7. Provide a general report and presentation about the task implement.
8. [Optional] Provide a knowledge sharing doc to share with other intern about the learning experience.

The Intern need to finish and submit all these files for project evaluation:

1. Improved assignment introduction doc: OpenStackVM\_Testing\_Intern.docx
2. Project progress tracking doc: TimeLine.md
3. Intern project final report: OpenStackVM\_Testing\_final\_report.docx
4. Intern project final presentation: OpenStackVM\_Testing\_final\_report.pptx
5. Linux system information scan shell script: linux\_sys\_checker.sh
6. Windows system information scan shell script: win\_sys\_checker.bat
7. OpenStack VM introduction manual: OpenStack\_Beta\_VM\_manual.docx
8. OpenStack VM introduction creation steps manual: OpenStack\_Image\_creation\_manual.docx
9. Project problem and solution tracking document: Problem and Solution.docx
10. Feedback on the current user manual: NCL\_OpenStack\_Beta\_LinuxVM\_User\_Manual\_Edit.docx and NCL\_OpenStack\_Beta\_WindowsVM\_User\_Manual\_Edit.docx
11. **Assignment Timeline/Milestone**

Below is the project timeline draft and we will do adjustment and change in the future. We may do a brief discussion every week and every month to track the project progress.

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| **Week Index** | **Task/Milestone** |
| Week 1 | * Improve the project design document. * Create a project implement plan timeline document. (TimeLine.md) * List down all the knowledge need to pick up. |
| Week 2 | * Read and try the NCL document/OpenStack manual. * Pick up the related knowledge |
| Week 3 | * Start testing and continues knowledge learning if needed. |
| Week 4-7 | * Finish the task 1 the main testing part. * Implement the test report. (OpenStackVM\_Testing\_final\_report.doc) |
| Week 8-9 | * Finish the task 2 VM image creation. * Implement the VM creation manual. (OpenStack\_Image\_creation\_manual.doc) |
| Week 10-12 | * Finish all the documents. * Short presentation to the team. |

1. **Reference**

The Intern can list down all the links/document he used for the project in the Problem and Solution document.

OpenStack Official web: <https://www.openstack.org/>