OpenStack Debugging Training – Student Lab Book

Setup

1. Setup Devstack VM prior to the class using instructions from https://github.com/txdev/OpenStack-Debugging

Using Devstack

Start the VM from VirtalBox by clicking on the "Start" button.
The VM will boot up and automatically logs you in.

Starting Devstack

- Open *xtem* (`start menu -> system tools -> xterm`)

- Run following commands from the *xterm*
  - `cd ~/devstack`
  - `./restart-devstack.sh`

Navigating Devstack Screens

In devstack, each OpenStack process is started in a virtual terminal called *screen.*
You can navigate among screens using following keystrokes:
(Eg: ctrl A + N means hold "control A" and press n)

- Go to next screen - *ctrl A + N*
- Go to previous screen – *ctrl A + P*
- List all screens – *ctrl A + "*
- Detach from screen – *ctrl A + D*
- Go to screen 9 – *ctrl A + 9*

Using Horizon

- Open Firefox
- Goto URL – http://localhost/horizon
- Login with admin/welcome (Login could be slow, be patient)
- Try options such as images, networks, instances

Using CLI

Openstack CLI provides tools to interact with various sub-systems

- Open a terminal and try commands such as
  - `nova list`
  - `neutron net-list`
  - `glance image-list`

Using PyCharm

Open Terminal and run following commands to start PyCharm.

- `cd ~/pycharm*`
- `bin/pycharm.sh &`

PyCharm already has two projects configured – Neutron and Horizon. You can create a new project by simply opening the correct OpenStack folder. As an example, to create "Nova" project, run these commands from PyCharm

- `File -> Open`
- `Select /opt/stack/nova folder`
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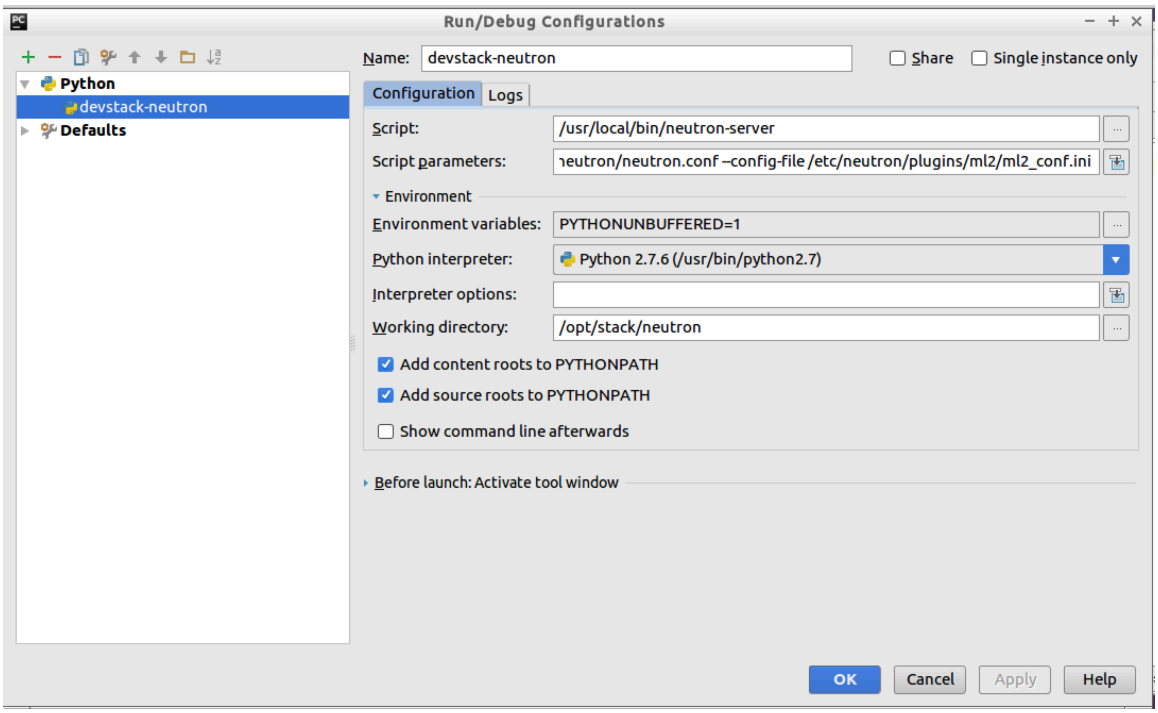
It may take a while to open the new project since PyCharm has to index all files.

- Open Neutron and Horizon projects

- Setting up debug configuration

Exercise 1 - Debug Neutron "Create Network"

- Open Neutron project in PyCharm
- Make sure that following debug configuration is present. If not, create new one.



Configuration details:

```
script ->/usr/local/bin/neutron-server
script parameters -> --config-file /etc/neutron/neutron.conf –
config-file /etc/neutron/plugins/ml2/ml2_conf.ini
Working directory -> /opt/stack/neutron
```

- Discuss the monkey patch (check the file neutron/common/eventlet_utils.py line number 32)
- Put a break point at neutron/neutron/plugins/ml2/plugin.py in update_port() method

Create a VM:

A VM can be created using Horizon GUI or OpenStack command line.

To create from command line, gather information about the following:

- Image name
  - Run “glance image-list” to get list of images
- Flavor name
  - Run “nova flavor-list” to get list of flavors
- Network id
  - Run “neutron net-list” to get list of networks

Run the following command to start a VM:

> nova boot --image <image name> --flavor <flavor name> --nic net-id <network-id> <VM Name>

Work through the PyCharm debugger

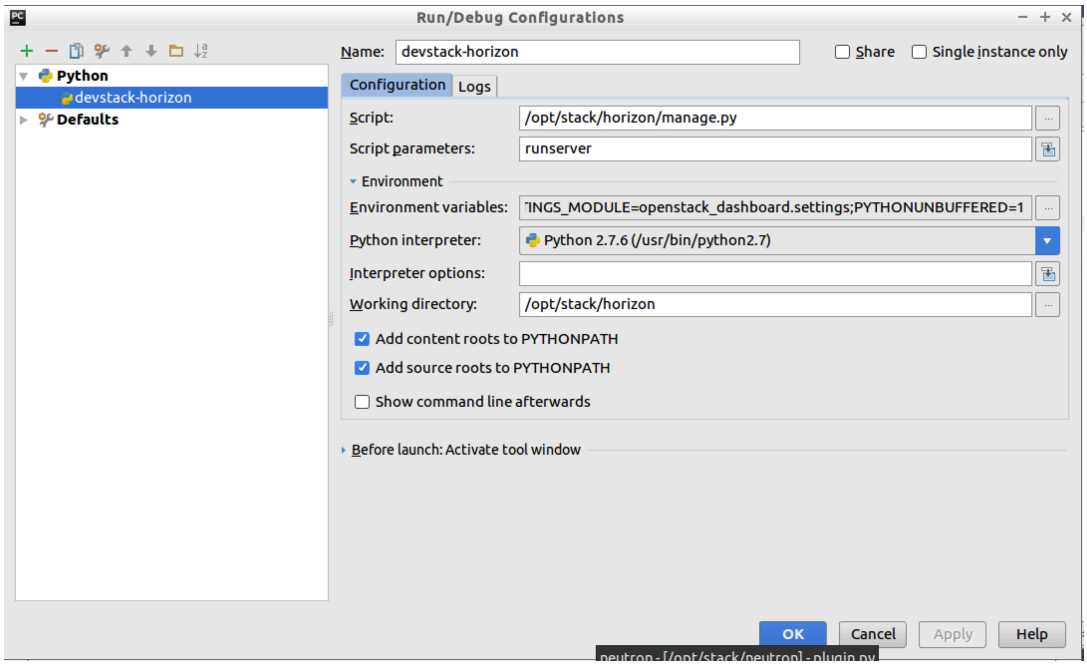
Exercise 2 - Debug Neutron “list network”

- Put a break point at neutron/neutron/plugins/ml2/plugin.py in get_networks() method
- List network from Horizon or CLI
- Work through the PyCharm debugger

Exercise 3 - Debug Horizon

When you start Horizon debugging from PyCharm, the websever will be started on port 8000. However, you still have to login to http://localhost to establish the session.

- Open Horizon project in PyCharm
- Check the debug configuration



Configuration details:

```
Script -> /opt/stack/horizon/manage.py
Script parameters -> runserver
Env variables ->
SETTINGS_MODULE=openstack_dashboard.settings;PYTHONUNBUFFERED=1
Python interpreter -> /usr/bin/python2.7
Working directory -> /opt/stack/horizon
```

- Put a break point at /opt/stack/horizon/openstack_dashboard/dashboards/project/networks/tables.py
- Start the debugger
- Point the browser to http://localhost and login with username/password of admin/welcome to create the session.
- Point the browser to http://localhost:8000
- Work through the debugger

Exercise 4 – Debug using pdb

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- Stop the Neutron server from the screen
- Edit file *neutron/neutron/plugins/ml2/plugin.py* and add this code in the get_networks() method

```
import pdb
pdb.set_trace()
```

- Start the neutron from the screen by recalling the previous command

Exercise 5 – Development workflow

- Git clone “horizon” project
- Modify local.conf to clone from local Horizon branch
- Make changes to the local branch and show how it can be pushed to the server

Exercise 6 – Adding logging statements

OpenStack services use standard logging levels – DEBUG, INFO, AUDIT, WARNING, ERROR, CRITICAL and TRACE.

To disable DEBUG-level logging, edit /etc/nova/nova.conf and add

```
debug=false
```

Adding a debug statement

Add a custom debug statement in neutron/neutron/plugins/ml2/plugin.py in get_networks() method:

```
LOG.debug(“entering get_networks”)
```

Restart the neutron from the Screen and run the command “neutron net-list”. Observe the console of screen to see the above message getting printed.