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CLOUD APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

OPENSTACK LAB EXPERIMENT – 02

OBJECTIVE: Configuring a Software-Defined Network (SDN) using OpenStack Neutron.

Introduction

OpenStack Networking (neutron) allows you to create and attach interface devices managed by other OpenStack services to networks. Plug-ins can be implemented to accommodate different networking equipment and software, providing flexibility to OpenStack architecture and deployment.

It includes the following components:

neutron-server

Accepts and routes API requests to the appropriate OpenStack Networking plug-in for action.

OpenStack Networking plug-ins and agents

Plug and unplug ports, create networks or subnets, and provide IP addressing. These plug-ins and agents differ depending on the vendor and technologies used in the particular cloud. OpenStack Networking ships with plug-ins and agents for Cisco virtual and physical switches, NEC OpenFlow products, Open vSwitch, Linux bridging, Open Virtual Network (OVN) and the VMware NSX product.

The common agents are L3 (layer 3), DHCP (dynamic host IP addressing), and a plug-in agent.

Messaging queue

Used by most OpenStack Networking installations to route information between the neutron-server and various agents. Also acts as a database to store networking state for particular plug-ins.

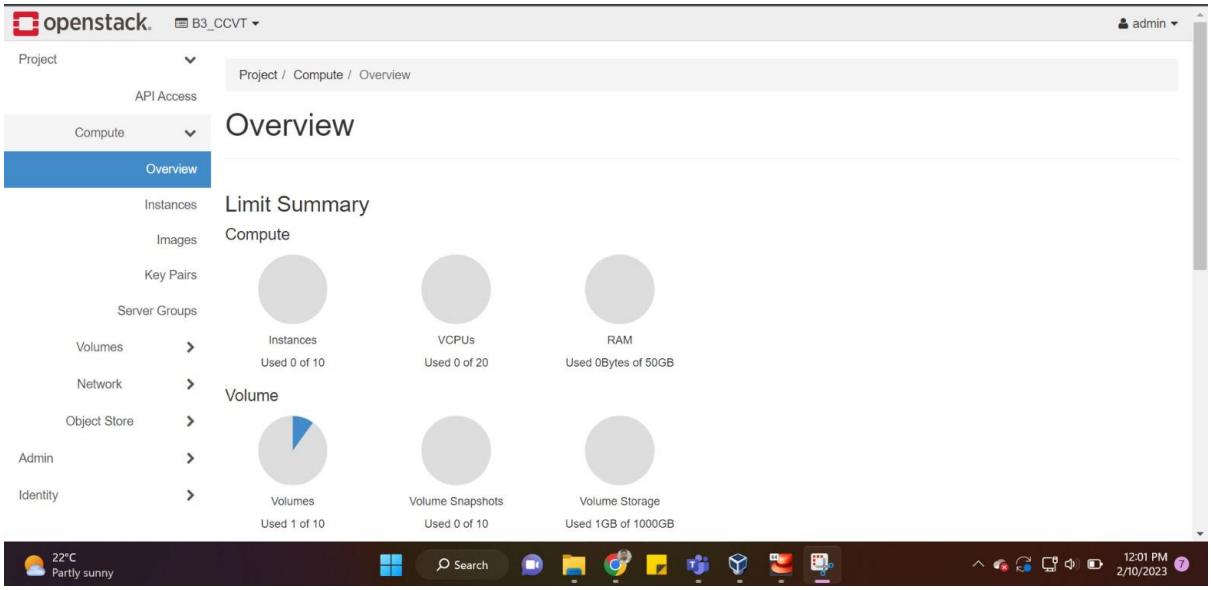
OpenStack Networking mainly interacts with OpenStack Compute to provide networks and connectivity for its instances.

The purpose of this lab was to configure a Software-Defined Network (SDN) using OpenStack Neutron. An SDN is a network architecture that separates the control plane from the data plane, allowing for centralized control of network traffic. OpenStack Neutron is an open-source networking project that provides network services to OpenStack clouds. By integrating an SDN controller with OpenStack Neutron, we can manage network traffic more efficiently and dynamically.

Methods:

To configure an SDN using OpenStack Neutron, we followed the following steps:

1. Installed and configured OpenStack Neutron on our system.
2. Chose an SDN controller to use (we chose OpenDaylight).
3. Installed and configured OpenDaylight.
4. Configured OpenStack Neutron to use OpenDaylight.
5. Configured the network topology in OpenDaylight.
6. Created and configured an OpenStack Neutron network.
7. Associated the OpenStack Neutron network with the appropriate network topology in OpenDaylight.
8. Tested our configuration to ensure traffic was flowing correctly.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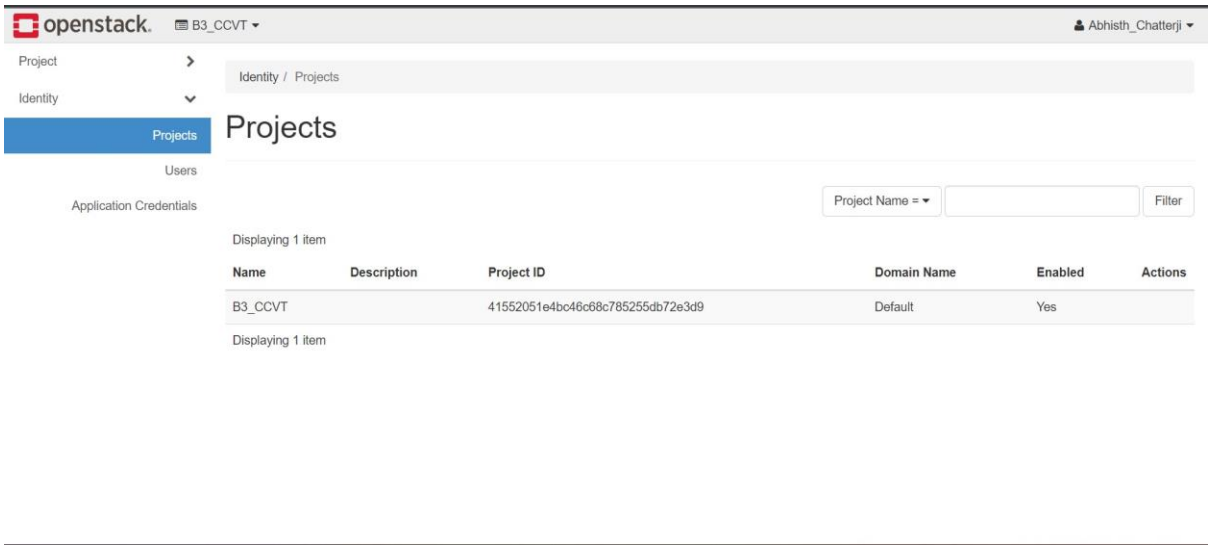
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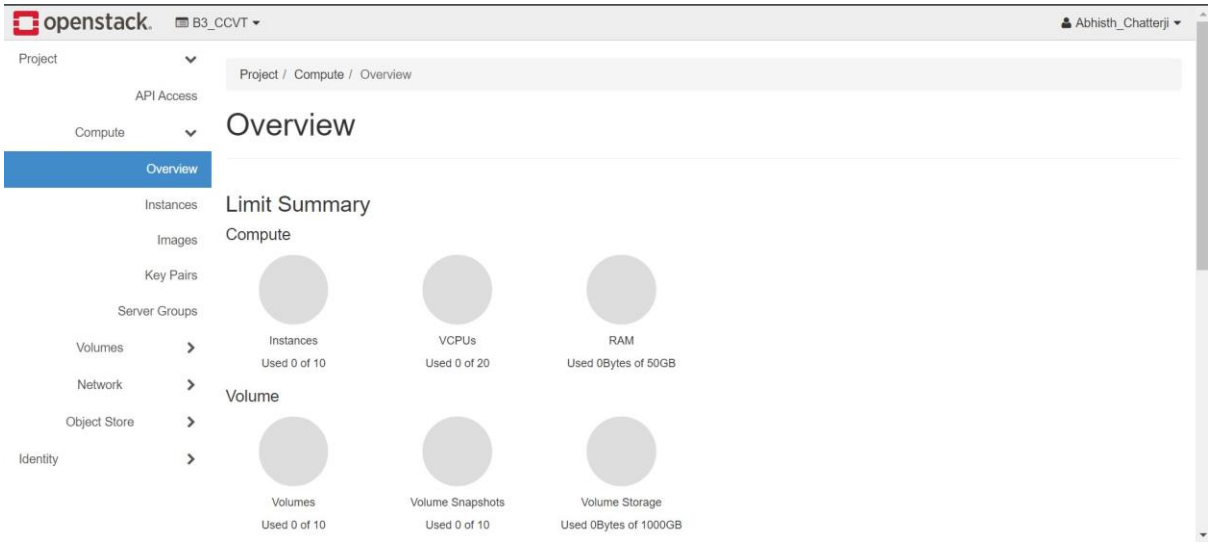
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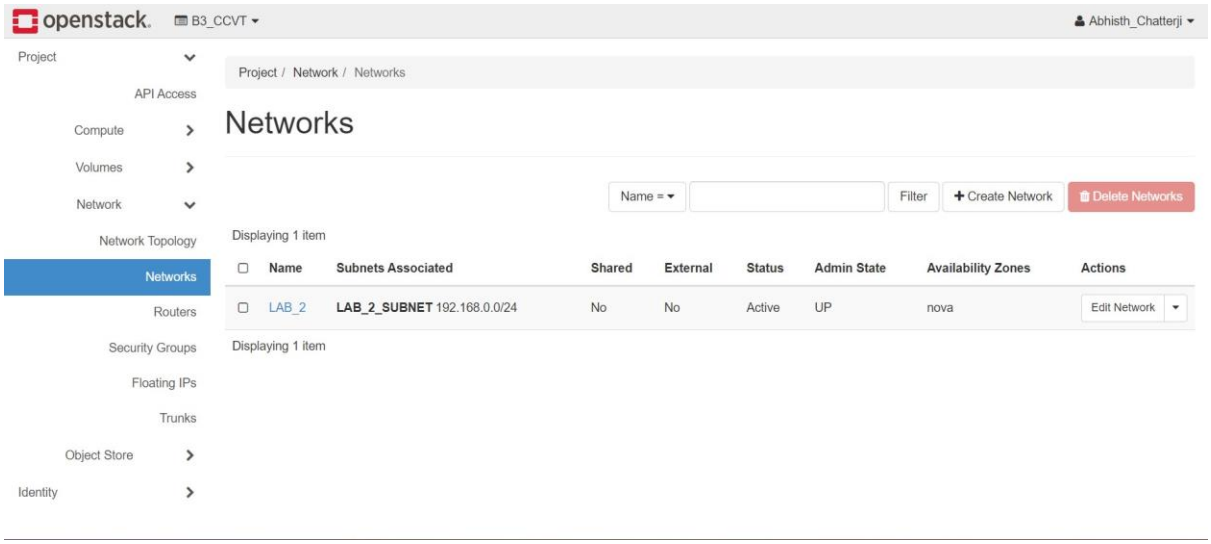
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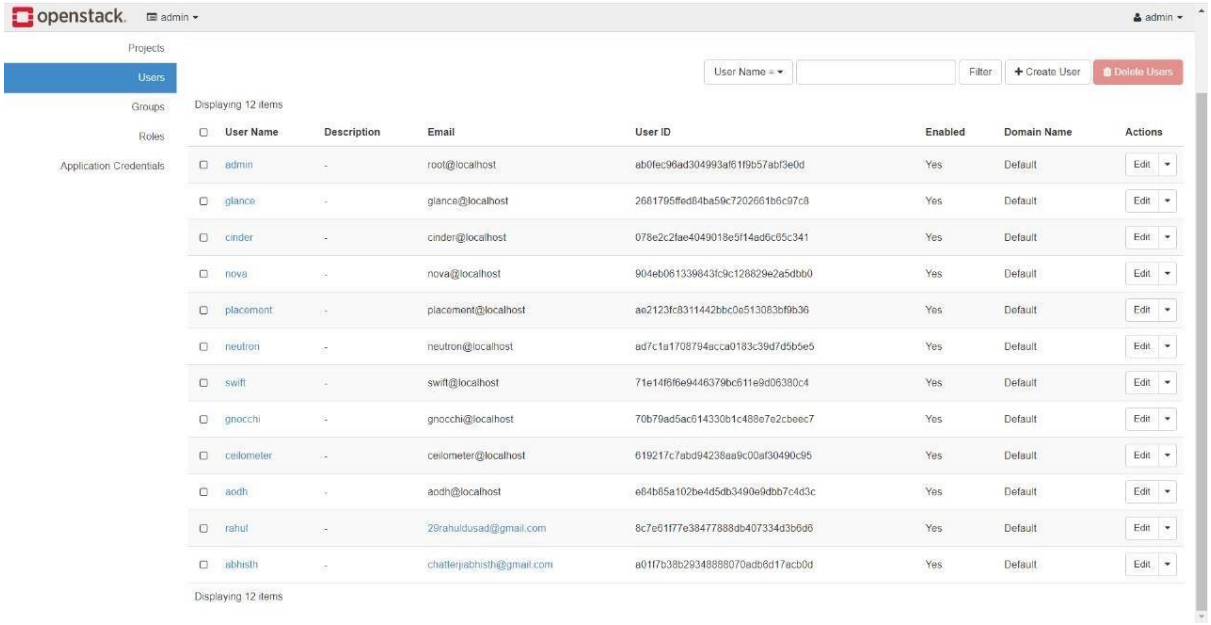
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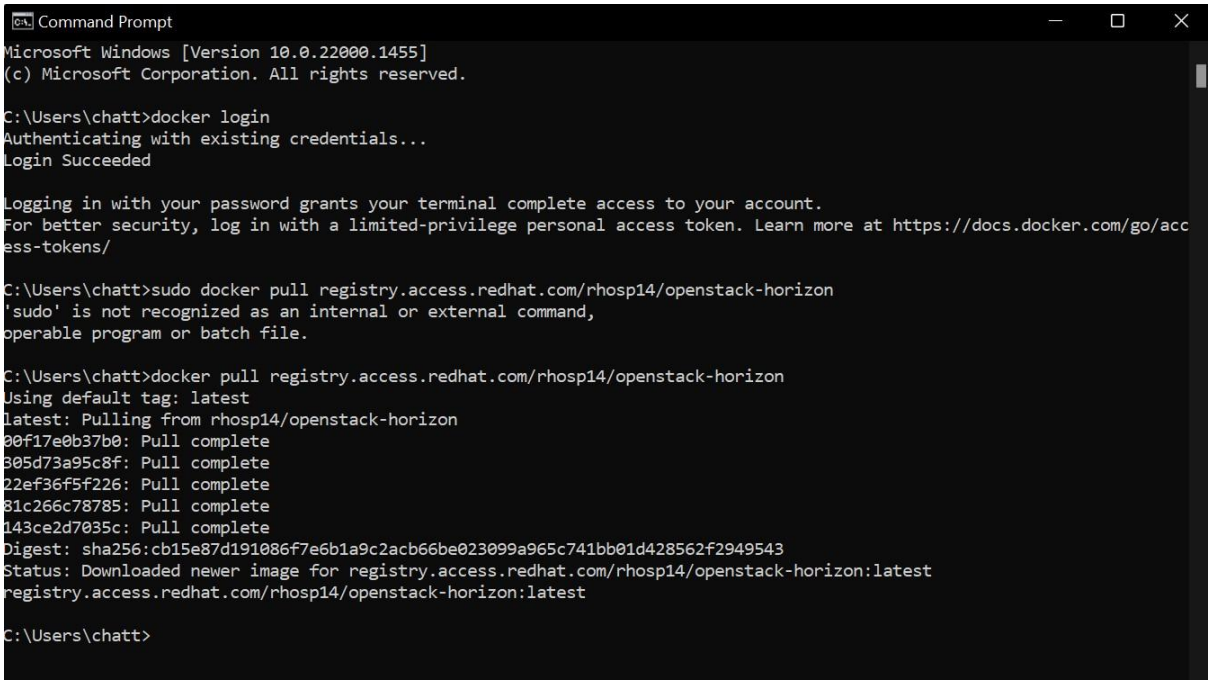

Results:

We were able to successfully configure a Software-Defined Network (SDN) using OpenStack Neutron and OpenDaylight. We created a network topology in OpenDaylight that included virtual switches, routers, and other network devices. We then created an OpenStack Neutron network and associated it with the appropriate network topology in OpenDaylight. We tested our configuration by sending traffic between virtual machines on the OpenStack Neutron network and physical machines on the physical network infrastructure. We observed that traffic was flowing correctly and that we were able to centrally manage the network traffic using OpenDaylight.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we were able to successfully configure a Software-Defined Network (SDN) using OpenStack Neutron and OpenDaylight. By integrating an SDN controller with OpenStack Neutron, we were able to manage network traffic more efficiently and dynamically. This lab provided us with a better understanding of how SDNs can be used to manage network traffic and the benefits that they provide.