

Support for Scientific Workflows in a Model-based Cloud Platform

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Motivation and Objectives

Motivation

- ☐ Provisioning of multi-cloud resources for scientific workflows
- □ Loosely coupled integration with cloud management platforms
- Leverage cloud elasticity for autoscaling of scientific workflows driven by workflow execution stage

Objectives

- Integrate the HyperFlow workflow runtime environment with the PaaSage cloud platform
- Application-agnostic interplay of application-specific workflow scheduler with generic provisioning and autoscaling components of PaaSage

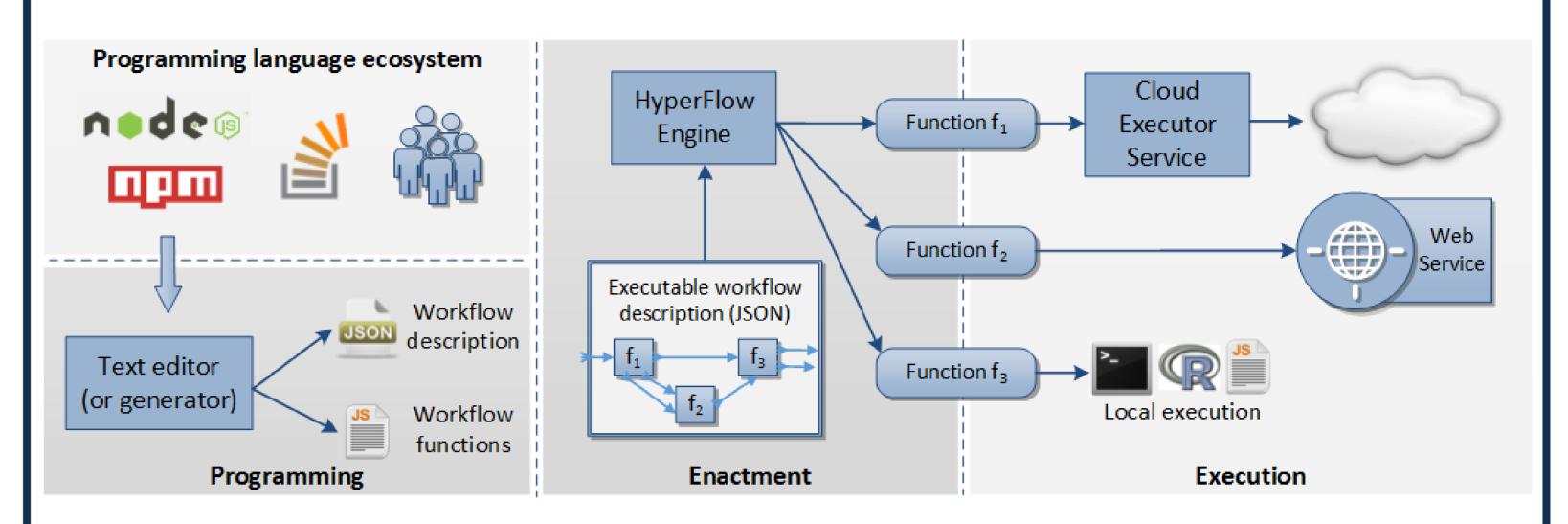
PaaSage platform

Open and integrated platform to support model-driven development, deployment and adaptive execution of multi-cloud applications.

Define your application once — deploy it at the full spectrum of the Clouds

HyperFlow workflow engine

- Simple high-level workflow description + low-level programming capabilities for advanced developers
- Skilled programmers can be as productive as in any mainstream programming language
- Lightweight, non-invasive workflow deployment model that can be applied to various cloud platforms / infrastructures



Lightweight enactment engine based on platform Node.js, easy to deploy in the cloud, workflow engine is treated as part of the cloud application

□ Abstracts details of the execution environment enabling loosely-coupled integration with execution, scheduling and resource provisioning services

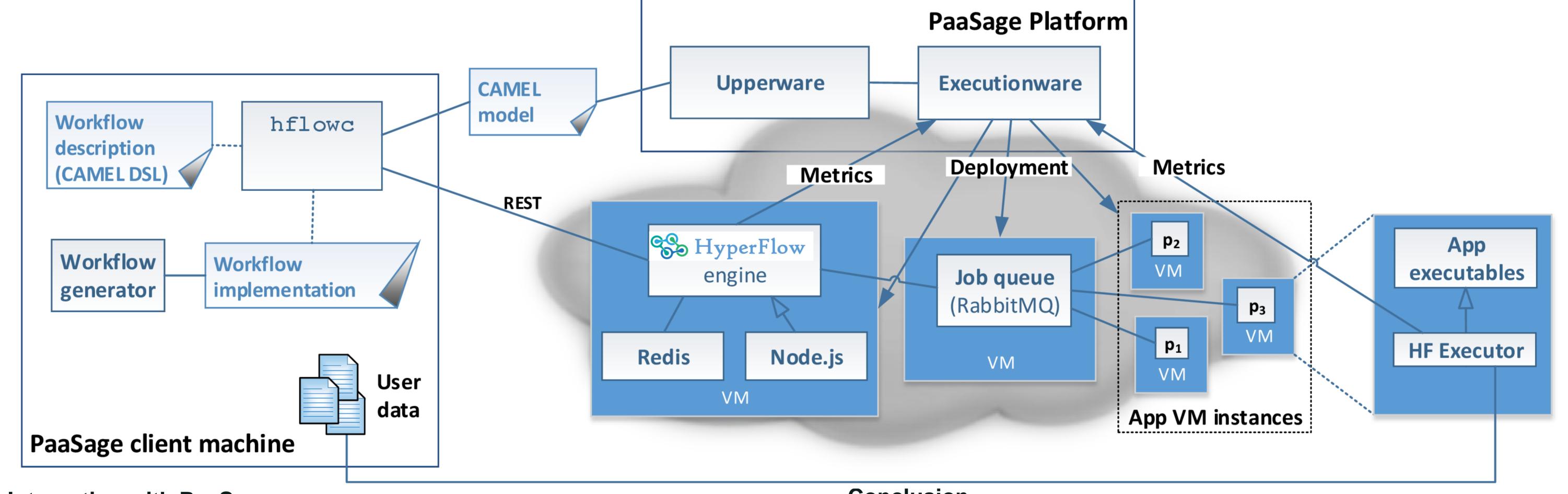
Solution Architecture

Main components

- HyperFlow workflow engine: workflow enactment
- •Job queue: submission of task requests, fetching results, and execution monitoring
- hflowc: prepares the execution plan taking into account constraints such as cost and deadline and generates the CAMEL model
- •Executors: deployed on VMs alongside workflow components, controlling their execution and data transfer

Rapid deployment model and its benefits

- •Improved isolation: each workflow runs in its own sandbox (separate instance of the workflow runtime system)
- •Improved performance: workflow engine orchestrates the workflow from inside the cloud leveraging instance-to-instance communication.
- •Easier integration: no tight coupling integration with a specific cloud platform is required; the same deployment model can be applied to various clouds through deployment plugins



Integration with PaaSage

- •CAMEL application model automatically generated based on the HyperFlow workflow description. Includes initial deployment plan and scalability rules which control autoscaling behavior
- Monitoring information sent from the Task scheduler and VM workers to the PaaSage Executionware; Triggers the scalability rules and automatic scaling of the workflow application

Conclusion

- A solution for deployment, execution and autoscaling of scientific workflows
- •Workflow runtime environment deployed in the cloud on-demand as part of the workflow application
- Loosely-coupled integration with the PaaSage cloud platform

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