Introduction to Mesos and Marathon

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Share commodity cluster between many

computing frameworks

computing platforms

Clusters of commodity servers are major



Polyglot Persistence

Options

- Statically partition cluster (one framework per partition)
- Set of VMs to each framework

Requirements

- Support different frameworks
- Scalability
- Fault-tolerant and highly available

Design philosophy

Define a minimal interface that enables efficient resource sharing across frameworks and otherwise push control of task scheduling and execution to the frameworks.

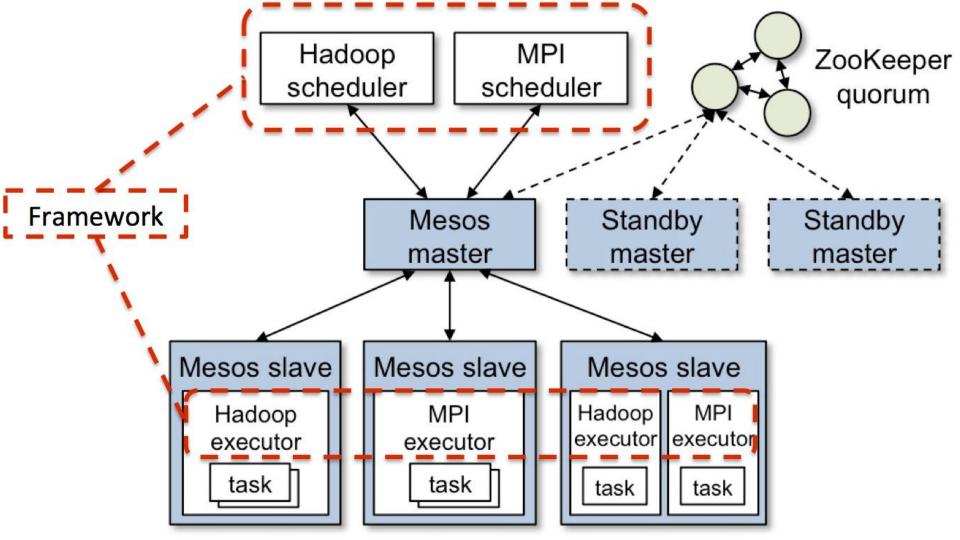
Centralized scheduler

- Complex
- Need for expressive API to capture all frameworks' requirements
- Burden load on core part
- Decentralized approach works well in practice

Many frameworks per cluster

- Multiple version for single framework (roll out upgrades)
- Separate production and experiments workloads





Two-level scheduling

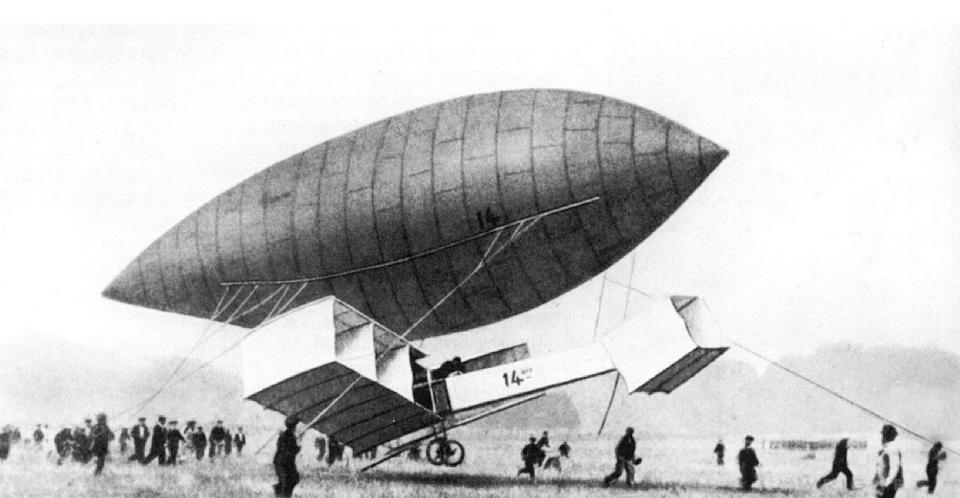
- Master decides how many resources to offer each framework (org policy)
- Framework decides which resource offers to accept (run computations on offered resources)

Fault tolerance

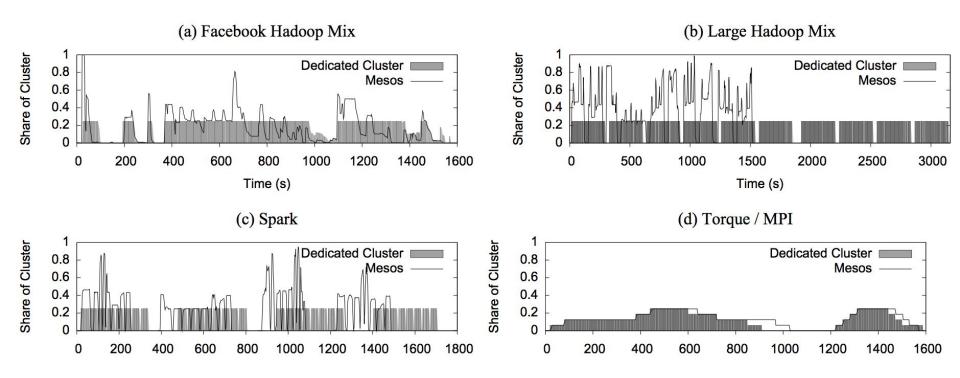
- soft state
- hot-standby (ZooKeeper is used to select new master)

Pluggable

- allocation modules (fair sharing, priorities, <u>Dominant Resource Fairness</u>, ...)
- isolation modules



Proven scalability up to 50k nodes



Powered by Mesos

- Twitter
- Apple (Siri)
- Netflix
- Uber
- and more



A cluster-wide init and control system for services in cgroups or Docker containers

Marathon REST

curl -X POST https://m3.mesos.services.ams.osa:8080/v2/apps

-d @app.json -H "Content-type: application/json"

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"id": "hello",
"cmd": "python3 -m http.server 8080",
"cpus": 0.5,
"mem": 32.0,
"container": {
  "type": "DOCKER",
  "docker": {
    "image": "python:3",
    "network": "BRIDGE",
    "portMappings": [
      { "containerPort": 8080, "hostPort": 0, "servicePort": 8001 }
"healthChecks": [
   "path": "/",
    "portIndex": 0,
    "protocol": "HTTP",
    "gracePeriodSeconds": 10,
    "intervalSeconds": 10,
    "timeoutSeconds": 20,
    "maxConsecutiveFailures": 3,
    "ignoreHttp1xx": false
"upgradeStrategy": {
  "minimumHealthCapacity": 0.5
```

curl -X PUT https://m3.mesos.services.ams.osa:8080/v2/apps/hello -d '{"instances": 5}' -H "Content-type: application/json"

curl -X PUT
https://m3.mesos.services.ams.osa:8080/v2/apps/hello -d
@app.json -H "Content-type: application/json"

Health checks

Types:

- TCP
- HTTP
- COMMAND

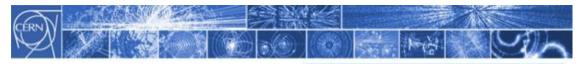
https://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/docs/health-checks.html

marathon-lb*

Issues before introducing Mesos

- Configuration drifts
- Underutilized nodes
- Stability / performance issues with OpenStack

Pets vs cattle



Service Model

Borrowed from
@randybias at Cloudscaling
http://www.slideshare.net/randybias/the-cloudrevolution-cyber-press-forum-philippines

- Pets are given names like pussinboots.cern.ch
- They are unique, lovingly hand raised and cared for
- When they get ill, you nurse them back to health



- Cattle are given numbers like vm0042.cern.ch
- · They are almost identical to other cattle
- When they get ill, you get another one
- Future application architectures should use Cattle but Pets with strong configuration management are viable and still needed

Gavin McCance, CERN

Resources

- Mesos: A Platform for Fine-Grained Resource Sharing in the Data Center
- Return of the Borg: How Twitter Rebuilt Google's Secret Weapon