OpenStack Cinder Deep Dive

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To implement services and libraries to provide on-demand, self-service access to Block Storage resources via abstraction and automation on top of other block storage devices.

Cinder drivers

Cinder is an abstraction layer for around 80 storage backends:

- Open: LVM, GlusterFS, Ceph, NFS...
- ▶ Proprietary: NetApp, SolidFire, Dell, EMC, HPE, Fujitsu, Hitachi, IBM, Lenovo, VMWare, Violin, Quobyte, Scality, Tegile. . .
- ▶ Protocols: iSCSI, NFS, RBD, Fiber Channel, proprietary. . .
- Backup: Swift, RBD, GlusterFS, NFS, IBM TSM

Required features

- ▶ Volume Create/Delete
- ► Volume Attach/Detach
- Snapshot Create/Delete
- Create Volume from Snapshot
- ► Get Volume Stats
- Copy Image to Volume
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- ► Clone Volume
- Extend Volume

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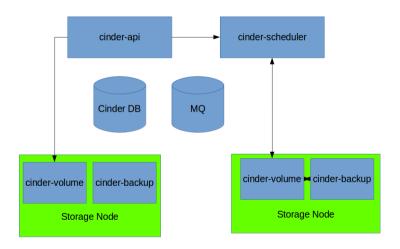
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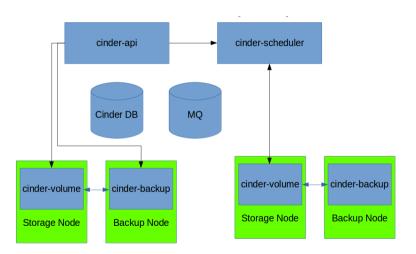
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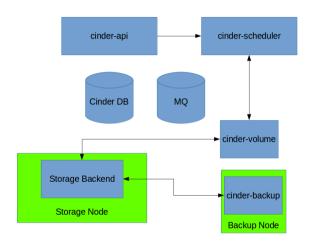
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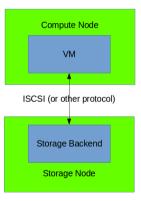


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- Cinder usage outside of OpenStack
 - python-brick-cinderclient-ext project
 - ► You'll still need DB (MySQL), MQ (RabbitMQ) and Keystone

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- cinder-volume service clustering AKA c-vol A/A HA support
 - ▶ Right now it is still risky to run multiple c-vols controlling a single storage backend

Thank you!