# **OpenStack** client and API

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# DevStack: All-In-One Single Machine

Add your user

adduser stack

apt-get install sudo -y || yum install -y sudo echo "stack ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL" >> /etc/sudoers

**Download DevStack** 2.

> sudo apt-get install git -y || sudo yum install -y git git clone https://git.openstack.org/openstack-dev/devstack cd devstack

Run DevStack

./stack.sh

local.conf

browse

[[local|localrc]] FLOATING\_RANGE=192.168.1.224/27 FIXED\_RANGE=10.11.12.0/24 FIXED\_NETWORK\_SIZE=256 FLAT\_INTERFACE=eth0 ADMIN PASSWORD=supersecret DATABASE PASSWORD=iheartdatabases RABBIT PASSWORD=flopsymopsy SERVICE\_PASSWORD=iheartks1

http://192.168.1.201/ for the dashboard (aka Horizon)

## OpenStack API

- Use OpenStack APIs to
  - launch server instances,
  - create images,
  - assign metadata to instances and images,
  - create storage containers and objects, and
  - complete other actions in your OpenStack cloud
- You can launch instances from images and assign metadata to instances through the Compute API or the openstack command-line client.

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# Sending API requests

- OpenStack command-line client
  - The OpenStack project provides a command-line client that enables you to access APIs through easy-to-use commands.
- cURL
  - A command-line tool that lets you send HTTP requests and receive responses. See the section called OpenStack APIs.
- REST clients
  - Both Mozilla and Google provide browser-based graphical interfaces for REST.
- OpenStack Python Software Development Kit (SDK)
  - Use this SDK to write Python automation scripts that create and manage resources in your OpenStack cloud.

## OpenStack clients



- OpenStack provides command line clients which allow you to manage resources.
- Command line client called openstack can be used for all resource management tasks.
- You may install the clients on any computer, e.g. on your VM or your local computer (Win/Mac/Linux).
- There are also application programming interfaces (APIs) available for Python, C++, Java and more.
  - a list of known software development kits refer to https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/SDKs

## OpenStack clients



**Exercise 1**: Install the **openstack** command line client on your computer.

Follow instructions in the **On-Line Documentation!** Summary:

#### **Windows**

Install Python incl. *pip* from www.python.org

Install setuptools (see docs).

Open windows command line:

\$ pip install pyOpenSSL
\$ set PATH=%PATH%;

C:\Python27\Scripts
\$ pip install pythonopenstackclient

#### **Ubuntu Linux:**

\$ sudo apt-get install pythonopenstackclient

#### Mac OS X:

\$ brew install python or install from www.python.org

Install setuptools (see documentatiaon).

Upgrade setuptools and install clients:

\$ sudo pip install --upgrade setuptools
\$ sudo pip install python-openstackclient

## OpenStack credentials



- The *openstack* command line client is now installed on your computer.
- Before you can use it, you need to *load your* credentials, so the client can connect to your account.
- Where to get your credentials?

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#### **Exercise 2:** Get your OpenStack credentials.

- Go to Dashboard → Compute → Access & Security → API Access.
- Download your **OpenStack RC file** (button top right).
- You will also need your **OpenStack password**.
  - This is **not** the same password you use to log onto the Dashboard!
  - You need to reset your password to activate it.
    - Click next to your user name (your e-mail) on the top right and select Settings.
    - Click "Reset password" and copy&paste the password, save it as text file somewhere safe.

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#### **Exercise 3:** Load your OpenStack credentials.

#### Windows: Linux / Mac OSX: Change your OpenStack RC file to openrc.ps1: Load your credentials: \$env:OS\_AUTH\_URL= "https://keystone.rc.nectar.org.au:5000/v2.0/" \$ source \$env:OS\_TENANT\_ID="f12d34....c" \$env:OS\_TENANT\_NAME= <path-to-openrc.sh> "<your-tentant-name>" \$env:OS\_USERNAME="<your-email>" \$env:OS\_PASSWORD="<OpenStack-Passwd>"; \$env:OS REGION NAME="<Region-Name>" Open PowerShell from Windows Command line: \$ powershell.exe Load the credentials: \$ C:\<Path-to-OpenRC>\openrc.ps1

## OpenStack clients



- You can now use the *openstack* command line client.
- Every time you open a new terminal to use openstack, you have to load your credentials again ("source" your OpenStack RC script file)!
- The client is structured into several "**tools**" for various tasks.

## OpenStack command help



- To get help on the client, type:
  - \$ openstack help
    - This will print a list of all the "tools".
    - To print help on a tool:
  - \$ openstack help <tool-name>
    - For example for the server tool:
  - \$ openstack help server

## Accessing the Object Store



### **Exercise 4**: List objects and create container

### Read the help:

- \$ openstack help object
- \$ openstack help container

#### List your containers:

\$ openstack container list

### Create a container called *MyTestContainer*.

\$ openstack container create MyTestContainer

### List files in the container (still empty):

\$ openstack object list MyTestContainer

## Accessing the Object Store



#### **Exercise 5**: Upload / Download files

Create a new text file *MyTestFile.txt* on your computer and upload it:

```
$ cd <folder-containing-MyNewTextFile.txt>
$ openstack object create
    MyTestContainer MyNewTextFile.txt
```

List the file in the container:

```
$ openstack object list MyTestContainer
```

Download file again and save as MyDownloadedFile.txt.

```
$ openstack object save --file MyDownloadedFile.txt
    MyTestContainer MyNewTextFile.txt
```

## Controlling an instance



#### **Exercise 6**: Launching an instance.

```
Read the help:
```

```
$ openstack help server
$ openstack help server create
```

Get the ID of the NeCTAR Ubuntu image you would like to launch:

```
$ openstack image list | grep NeCTAR
```

Launch an instance called ClientLaunchedInstance:

```
$ openstack server create --flavor m1.small
    --image <image-id> --key-name Nectar_Key
    --security-group icmp --security-group ssh
    ClientLaunchedInstance
```

#### List your instances:

```
$ openstack server list
```

## Controlling an instance



**Exercise 7**: Create a snapshot of the instance.

Create a snapshot called *ClientLaunchedSnapshot*.

```
$ openstack server image create
    --name ClientLaunchedSnapshot
    ClientLaunchedInstance
```

Show details of the snapshot:

```
$ openstack image show ClientLaunchedSnapshot
```

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**Exercise 8**: Launch a new instance from the snapshot.

```
List your private images (incl. snapshots):

$ openstack image list --private
```

```
Launch a new instance:
```

```
$ openstack server create --flavor m1.small
     --image ClientLaunchedSnapshot --key-name
Nectar Key
```

--security-group icmp --security-group ssh
CopyOfClientLaunchedInstance

### Show details of the new instance:

```
$ openstack server show
CopyOfClientLaunchedInstance
```

## Managing Volumes



- Creating and deleting volumes
- Attaching / detaching volumes to an instance.
- Make a "backup" of a volume
  - Backup vs. Snapshot was discussed in Module 9.
- Restore a volume from a backup.
- Create a snapshot of a volume
- Create a new volume of a snapshot

## Managing volumes



**Exercise 9:** Create a new volume (only users with allocation)

```
Read the help:
```

```
$ openstack help volume
```

\$ openstack help volume create

#### List availability zones:

\$ openstack availability zone list

Create a new volume called *MyNewStorage*:

```
$ openstack volume create
```

- --description "Description of the volume"
  - --availability-zone <your zone name>
  - --size 1 MyNewStorage

#### List all volumes:

\$ openstack volume list

## Managing volumes



#### **Exercise 10:** Attach a volume (only users with allocation)

```
Read the help:
```

```
$ openstack server help | grep volume
```

Attach to your instance ClientLaunchedInstance:

\$ openstack server add volume
 ClientLaunchedInstance MyNewStorage

#### List the volumes:

```
$ openstack volume list
```

#### Detach the volume:

```
$ openstack server remove volume
ClientLaunchedInstance MyNewStorage
```

## Managing Volumes



#### Exercise 11: Backup a volume

#### Read the help:

```
$ openstack help backup
```

\$ openstack help backup create

### Create a backup of your volume MyNewStorage:

MyNewStorage

#### List your backup files:

\$ openstack backup list

#### Display your backup file in the object store:

\$ openstack container list

\$ openstack object list Backups

## Managing Volumes



**Exercise 12:** Restore from a *backup* and delete the *backup*.

```
Read the help:
```

\$ openstack help backup restore

Get the ID of your backup:

\$ openstack backup list

Restore the backup onto your volume MyNewStorage:

\$ openstack backup restore <Backup-ID>
MyNewStorage

Delete the backup file from the Object Store:

\$ openstack backup delete <Backup-ID>

## Managing Volumes



**Exercise 13:** Create a snapshot of a volume.

Make sure the volume is detached (status "available"):

\$ openstack volume list

Create a snapshot of the new Volume MyNewStorage:

- \$ openstack snapshot create
  - --name MyNewStorageSnapshot1
  - --description "First snapshot" MyNewStorage

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**Exercise 14:** Create a new volume of the snapshot.

List the snapshots and copy the snapshot's ID:

\$ openstack snapshot list

Create a new volume called MyRestoredVolume of the snapshot:

- \$ openstack volume create
  - --snapshot <ID of MyNewStorageSnapshot1>
  - --description "My restored Volume"
  - --size 2 MyRestoredVolume

List your volumes to see the new one:

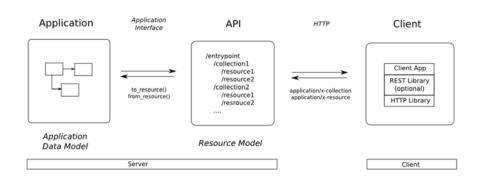
\$ openstack volume list

To delete your snapshot:

\$ openstack snapshot delete MyNewStorageSnapshot1

## **REST**

- REST (REpresentational State Transfer) is an architectural style, and an approach to communications that is often used in the development of web services
- REST is a lightweight alternative to Web Services and RPC.
  - REST is often preferred over the more heavyweight SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) style
- REST does not leverage as much bandwidth, which makes it a better fit for use over the Internet



### Resources

- The fundamental concept in any RESTful API is the resource.
- Resources model objects from the application data model.
- □ These resources can be pictures, video files, Web pages, business information, etc.
- A resource is an object with a type, associated data, relationships to other resources, and a set of methods that operate on it.
- Each resource has a unique URL

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# Addressing Resources

- A RESTful service uses a directory hierarchy like human readable URIs to address its resources.
- The job of a URI is to identify a resource or a collection of resources.
- □ The actual operation is determined by an HTTP verb.
- The URI should not say anything about the operation or action. This enables us to call the same URI with different HTTP verbs to perform different operations.
  - Bad: http://api.company.com/DeletePerson?id=1
- □ Example resource: <a href="http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/">http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/</a>

## **Resource Data**

- Resources have data associated with them.
- In JSON, just three types of data exist:
  - scalar (number, string, boolean, null).
  - array
  - object
- Data associated with a resource is modeled as key:value pairs on the JSON object.

```
"firstName": "John",

"lastName": "Smith",

"address":

"streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",

"city": "New York",

"state": "NY",

"postalCode": 10021

,

"phoneNumbers": [

"212 555-1234",

"646 555-4567"

String Array

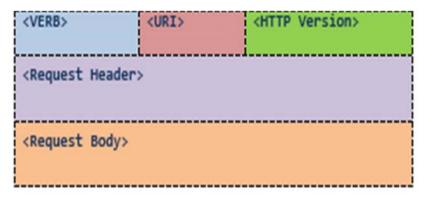
Number data type
```

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# **HTTP Messages**

- □ The client and service talk to each other via messages.
- Clients send a request to the server, and the server replies with a response.
- Apart from the actual data, these messages also contain some metadata about the message.
- HTTP Request:



# Request Message Example

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# Response Message Example

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 23 Aug 2014 18:31:04 GMT
Server: Apache/2
Last-Modified: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:24:52 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 32859
Cache-Control: max-age=21600, must-revalidate
Expires: Sun, 24 Aug 2014 00:31:04 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
<html>
<head><title>CS449 Calendar</title></head>
<body>
...
```

### **HTTP Methods**

- Methods are verbs or actions that can be performed on resources
- Methods can be executed on resources via their URL.
- Standard methods that have a well-defined meaning for all resources and collections:

Method	Scope	Semantics	Quality
GET	Collection	Retrieve all resources in a Safe collection	
GET	Resource	Retrieve a single resource	Safe
POST	Collection	Create a new resource in a N/A collection	
PUT	Resource	Update a resource Idempotent	
DELETE	Resource	Delete a resource	Idempotent
HEAD	Resource	Retrieve only the response Safe headers	
OPTIONS	Resource	List the allowed operations on a resource.	Safe

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# Methods [cont.]

- GET is Safe. A Safe operation is an operation that does not have any effect on the original value of the resource.
- PUT and DELETE are Idempotent. An Idempotent operation is an operation that gives the same result no matter how many times you perform it. Note, if you are adding a resource with PUT you have to specify the unique ID of the resource.

### Difference between PUT and POST

- PUT is idempotent while POST is not.
- No matter how many times you send a PUT request, the results will be same.
- POST is not an idempotent method. Making a POST multiple times may result in multiple resources getting created on the server.
- With PUT, it is the client's job to choose a unique name or ID for the resource. With POST, the server decides. This is why POST is not idempotent.
- There is no difference between PUT and POST if the resource already exists

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# **Options**

The method OPTIONS is used to get a list of allowed operations on the resource. For example

#### Request:

```
OPTIONS
```

http://api.business.com/Persons/1

HTTP/1.1

HOST: api.business.com

### Response:

200 OK

Allow: HEAD, GET, PUT

### Use cURL

- Open a terminal window:
  - Click on the terminal icon on the left menu or open a new tab on existing terminal window.
- cURL format:
  - curl --user <user>:<password> -H <header 1> -H <header-2> -X <requesttype> <url> -d '<request-body>'
- Get the topology with cURL:
  - curl --user "admin": "admin" -H "Accept: application/xml" -H "Content-type: application/xml" -X GET http://localhost:8181/restconf/operational/network-topology/

# Authentication and API request

Parameter	Туре	Description
username (required)	string	The user name. If you do not provide a user name and password, you must provide a token.
password (required)	string	The password for the user.
tenantName (Optional)	string	The tenant name. Both the <i>tenantId</i> and <i>tenantName</i> are optional and mutually exclusive. If you specify both attributes, the server returns the Bad Request (400) response code.
tenantId (Optional) string		The tenant ID. Both the <i>tenantId</i> and <i>tenantName</i> are optional and mutually exclusive. If you specify both attributes, the server returns the Bad Request (400) response code. If you do not know the tenant name or ID, send a request with "" for the tenant name or ID. The response returns the tenant name or ID.
token (Optional)	string	A token. If you do not provide a token, you must provide a user name and password.

```
$ curl -s -X POST $0S_AUTH_URL/tokens \
   -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
   -d '{"auth": {"tenantName": "'"$0S_PROJECT_NAME"'", "passwordCredentials": {"username": "'"$0S_USERNAME"'", "passwordCredentials": {"username": "'" {"username"
```

# **Command Line Interfaces (CLI)**

- Manage OpenStack components make use of the REST APIs behind the scenes
- Brings consistency to OpenStack management efforts and discourages disparity between standard tooling (CLI) and custom tooling (direct API access).
- Credentials are required to access the REST APIs.
- In your devstack

```
source openre admin admin
```

- Some clients support a debug option
  - output full details about the request and response cycle.
  - Raw request and response details can be helpful when learning the APIs or
  - creating programmatic access libraries that wrap the APIs.

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```
$ nova --debug flavor-list
REQ: curl -i 'http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:5000/v2.0/tokens' -X POST -H "Accept: application/json" -H "Cont
INFO (connectionpool:258) Starting new HTTP connection (1): proxy.company.com
DEBUG (connectionpool:375) Setting read timeout to 600.0
DEBUG (connectionpool:415) "POST http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:5000/v2.0/tokens HTTP/1.1" 200 6823
RESP: [200] CaseInsensitiveDict({'content-length': '6823', 'proxy-connection': 'Keep-Alive', 'vary': 'X-Auth-Toke
RESP BODY: {"access": {"token": {"issued_at": "2014-08-21T19:09:21.692110", "expires": "2014-08-21T20:09:21Z", "
REQ: curl -i 'http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:8774/v2/32c13e88d51e49179c28520f688fa74d/flavors/detail' -X GET
INFO (connectionpool:258) Starting new HTTP connection (1): proxy.company.com
DEBUG (connectionpool:375) Setting read timeout to 600.0
DEBUG (connectionpool:415) "GET http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:8774/v2/32c13e88d51e49179c28520f688fa74d/flavd
RESP: [200] CaseInsensitiveDict({'content-length': '3337', 'proxy-connection': 'Keep-Alive', 'x-compute-request-
RESP BODY: {"flavors": [{"name": "ml.tiny", "links": [{"href": "http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:8774/v2/32c136
I ID | Name | Memory_MB | Disk | Ephemeral | Swap_MB | VCPUs | RXTX_Factor | Is_Public |
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```

- □ The first two sections are calls the REST APIs,
  - first for the keystone service to Authenticate and receive a token.
  - Responses come as JSON due to the Accept header of application/json.
- □ The response actually included an access token and entry point URLs for each of the services that are integrated with keystone.

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- □ The second section is the actual call to the nova API.
- It returns a list of eight flavors.
- The final section is a tabular view of the JSON response created by the nova command line client.

# Call keystone to get a list of tenants

\$ curl -i -X GET http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:35357/v2.0/tenants -H "User-Agent: linux-command-line" -H "X-Auth-Token: TOKEN" HTTP/1.1 200 OK

```
$ curl -i -X GET http://openstack.danielwatrous.com:35357/v2.0/tenants -H "User-Agent: linux-command-line" -H "X-HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2014 20:05:39 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
Vary: X-Auth-Token
Content-Length: 546
Content-Type: application/json
Proxy-Connection: Keep-Alive
Connection: Keep-Alive

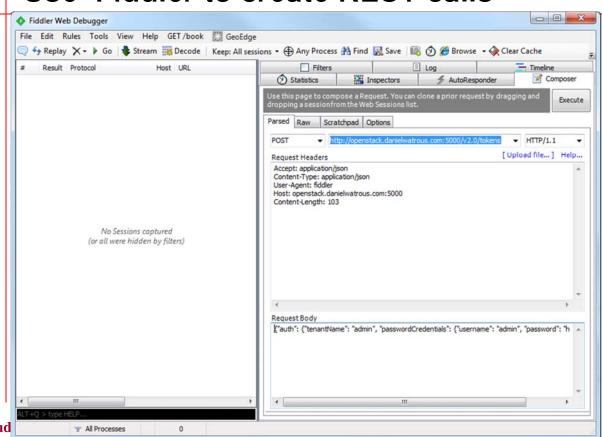
{"tenants_links": [], "tenants": [{"description": null, "enabled": true, "id": "lb7f733fa1394b9fb96838d3d7c6feea
```

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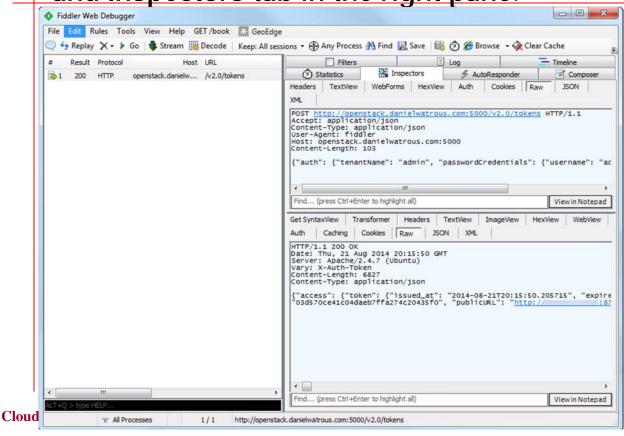
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## Use Fiddler to create REST calls



Response can be viewed in the left pane and Inspectors tab in the right pane.



# Fiddler provides various JSON parsers

