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ABSTRACT

This document summarizes a number of objects that are instrumental for the interaction with Clouds, Containers, and HPC systems to manage virtual clusters to support the Big Data Reference Architecture. Big Data is a term used to describe the large amount of data in the networked, digitized, sensor-laden, information-driven world. While opportunities exist with Big Data, the data can overwhelm traditional technical approaches, and the growth of data is outpacing scientific and technological advances in data analytics. To advance progress in Big Data, the NIST Big Data Public Working Group (NBD-PWG) is working to develop consensus on important fundamental concepts related to Big Data. The results are reported in the NIST Big Data Interoperability Framework series of volumes. This volume, Volume 8, summarizes the work performed by the NBD-PWG to identify objects instrumental for the Big Data Reference Architecture (NBDRA) as introduced in Volume 6.

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Application Provider; Big Data; Big Data characteristics; Data Consumer; Data Provider; Framework Provider; Management Fabric; reference architecture; Security and Privacy Fabric; System Orchestrator; use cases.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NIST Big Data Interoperability Framework: Volume 8 document [6] was prepared by the NIST Big Data Public Working Group (NBD-PWG) Interface Subgroup to identify interfaces in support of the NIST Big Data Reference Architecture (NBDRA) The interafces contain two different aspects:

- the definition of resources that are part of the NBDRA. These resources are formulated in Json format and can be integrated into a REST framework or an object based framework easily.
- the definition of simple interface use cases that allow us to illustrate the usefulness of the resources defined.

We categorized the resources in groups that are identified by the NBDRA set forward in Volume 6. While Volume 3 provides *application* oriented high level use cases the usecases defined in this document are subsets of them and focus on *interface* use cases. The interface use cases are not meant to be complete examples, but showcase why the resource has been defined. Hence, the interfaces use cases are, of course, only representative, and do not represent the entire spectrum of Big Data usage. All of the interfaces were openly discussed in the working group. Additions are welcome and we like to dicuss your contributions in the group.

The NIST Big Data Interoperability Framework consists of nine volumes, each of which addresses a specific key topic, resulting from the work of the NBD-PWG. The eight volumes are:

- Volume 1, Definitions
- Volume 2, Taxonomies
- Volume 3, Use Cases and General Requirements
- Volume 4, Security and Privacy
- Volume 5, Architectures White Paper Survey
- Volume 6, Reference Architecture
- Volume 7, Standards Roadmap
- Volume 8, Interfaces
- Volume 9, Big Data Adoption and Modernization

The NIST Big Data Interoperability Framework will be released in three versions, which correspond to the three development stages of the NBD-PWG work. The three stages aim to achieve the following with respect to the NIST Big Data Reference Architecture (NBDRA).

- Stage 1: Identify the high-level Big Data reference architecture key components, which are technology-, infrastructure-, and vendor-agnostic.
- Stage 2: Define general interfaces between the NBDRA components.
- Stage 3: Validate the NBDRA by building Big Data general applications through the general interfaces.

This document is targeting Stage 2 of the NBDRA. Coordination of the group is conducted on its Web page [7].

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Volume 6 Reference Architecture document [6] provides a list of comprehensive high-level reference architecture requirements and introduces the NIST Big Data Reference Architecture (NBDRA). To enable interoperability between the NBDRA components, a list of well-defined NBDRA interface is needed. These interfaces are documented in this volume 8 [10]. To introduce them, we will follow the NBDRA and focus on interfaces that allow us to bootstrap the NBDRA. Each section will introduce an interface while documenting the requirement as well as a simple specification addressing the immediate interface needs. We will showcase a selected number of use cases to outline how the specific interface can be used in a reference implementation of 8 the NBDRA. We expect that this document will grow with the help of contributions from the community to achieve a comprehensive set of interfaces that will be usable for the implementation of Big Data Architectures. 10 Validation of this approach can be achieved while applying it to the application use cases that have been 11 gathered in Volume 3 [4]. These application use cases have considerably contributed towards the design of 12 the NBDRA. Hence our expectation is that (a) the interfaces can be used to help implementing a big data 13 architecture for a specific use case, and (b) the proper implementation can validate the NBDRA. Through 14 this approach, we can facilitate subsequent analysis and comparison of the use cases. To correlate this 15 document and the definition of its interfaces we augmented the NBDRA with section numbers referring to 16 the section that we use to describe the specific interface categories in support of teh NBDRA (see Figure 1).

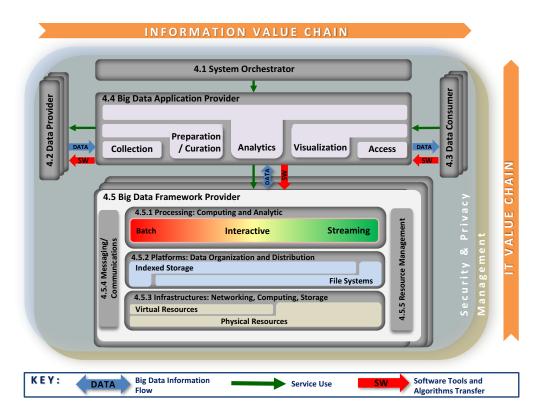


Figure 1: NIST Big Data Reference Architecture (NBDRA)

2. NBDRA INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

- 19 Before we start the specific interfaces, we introduce some general requirements and outline how we are goind
- to define the interfaces while encouraging discussions.

2.1. High Level Requirements of the Interface Approach

First, we focus on the high-level requirements of the interface approach as depicted in Figure 1.

23 2.1.1. Technology and Vendor Agnostic

Due to the many different tools, services, and infrastructures available in the general area of big data an interface ought to be as vendor independent as possible, while at the same time be able to leverage best practices. As such we need to provide a methodology that allows extension of interfaces to adapt and leverage existing approaches, but also allows the interfaces to provide merit in easy specifications that assist the formulation and definition of the NBDRA.

29 2.1.2. Support of Plug-In Compute Infrastructure

As big data is not just about hosting data, but about analyzing data the interfaces we provide must encapsulate a rich infrastructure environment that is used by data scientists. This includes the ability to integrate
(or plug-in) various compute resources and services to provide the necessary compute power to analyze the
data. This includes (a) access to hierarchy of compute resources, from the laptop/desktop, servers, data
clusters, and clouds, (b) he ability to integrate special purpose hardware such as GPUs and FPGAs that are
used in accelerated analysis of data, and (c) the integration of services including micro services that allow
the analysis of the data by delegating them to hosted or dynamically deployed services on the infrastructure
of choice.

2.1.3. Orchestration of Infrastructure and Services

As part of the use case collection we present in Volume 3 [4], it is obvious that we need to address the mechanism of preparing the preparation of infrastructures suitable for various use cases. As such we are not attempting to deliver a single deployed BDRA, but allow the setup of an infrastructure that satisfies the particular uses case. To achieve this task, we need to provision software tacks and services on infrastructures and orchestrate their deployment, It is not focus of this document to replace existing orchestration software and services, but provide an interface to them to leverage them as part of defining and creating the infrastructure. Various orchestration frameworks and services could therefore be leveraged and work in orchestrated fashion to achieve the goal of preparing an infrastructure suitable for one or more applications.

2.1.4. Orchestration of Big Data Applications and Experiments

The creation of the infrastructure suitable for big data applications provides the basic infrastructure. However big data applications may require the creation of sophisticated applications as part of interactive experiments 49 to analyze and probe the data. For this purpose, we need to be able to orchestrate and interact with experiments conducted on the data while assuring reproducibility and correctness of the data. For this 51 purpose, a System Orchestrator (either the Data Scientists or a service acting in behalf of the scientist) uses the BD Application Provider as the command center to orchestrate dataflow from Data Provider, carryout the 53 BD application lifecycle with the help of the BD Framework Provider, and enable Data Consumer to consume Big Data processing results. An interface is needed to describe the interactions and to allow leveraging of 55 experiment management frameworks in scripted fashion. We require a customization of parameters on several levels. On the highest level, we require high level-application motivated parameters to drive the orchestration 57 of the experiment. On lower levels these high-level parameters may drive and create service level agreement augmented specifications and parameters that could even lead to the orchestration of infrastructure and 59 services to satisfy experiment needs. 60

61 2.1.5. Reusability

The interfaces provided must encourage reusability of the infrastructure, services and experiments described by them. This includes (a) reusability of available analytics packages and services for adoption (b) deployment of customizable analytics tools and services, and (c) operational adjustments that allow the services and infrastructure to be adapted while at the same time allowing for reproducible experiment execution

2.1.6. Execution Workloads

One of the important aspects of distributed big data services can be that the data served is simply to big to be moved to a different location. Instead we are in the need of an interface allowing us to describe and 68 package analytics algorithms and potentially also tools as a payload to a data service. This can be best achieved not by sending the detailed execution, but sending an interface description that describes how 70 such an algorithm or tool can be created on the server end and be executed under security considerations 71 integrated with authentication and authorization in mind. 72

2.1.7. Security and Privacy Fabric Requirements 73

Although the focus of this document is not security and privacy, which are documented in Volume 4 [8] 74 of the NBDRA, we must make sure that the interfaces we define can be integrated into a secure refrence 75 architecture that supports privacy. Consequently, the interfaces that we define here can be augmented with 76 frameworks and solutions that provide such mechanisms. As such, we need to distinguish diverse requirement 77 needs stemming from different use cases. Although many of the interfaces and its objects to support physics 78 big data application are similar to those in health care, they distinguish themselves from the integration of 79 security interfaces and policies. In future versions of this document we intend to mors specifically address such interfaces. IN the meanwhile we consider them as an advanced usecase showcasing that the validity of 81 the specificatins introduced here is preserved even if security and privacity requirements vastly differ among application use cases. 83

2.2. Component Specific Interface Requirements 84

In this section, we summarize a set of requirements for the interface of a particular component in the NBDRA. The components are listed in Figure 1 and addressed in each of the subsections as part of Section 86 ?? of this document. The five main functional components of the NBDRA represent the different technical roles within a Big Data system. The functional components are listed below and discussed in subsequent 88 subsections. System Orchestrator: Defines and integrates the required data application activities into an operational vertical system; Big Data Application Provider: Executes a data life cycle to meet security ٩n and privacy requirements as well as System Orchestrator-defined requirements; Data Provider: Introduces 91 new data or information feeds into the Big Data system; Big Data Framework Provider: Establishes a 92 computing framework in which to execute certain transformation applications while protecting the privacy 93 and integrity of data; and Data Consumer: Includes end users or other systems that use the results of the 94 Big Data Application Provider. 95

2.2.1. System Orchestrator Interface Requirement

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The System Orchestrator role includes defining and integrating the required data application activities into an operational vertical system. Typically, the System Orchestrator involves a collection of more specific roles, performed by one or more actors, which manage and orchestrate the operation of the Big Data system. These 99 actors may be human components, software components, or some combination of the two. The function of the System Orchestrator is to configure and manage the other components of the Big Data architecture to 101 implement one or more workloads that the architecture is designed to execute. The workloads managed by the System Orchestrator may be assigning/provisioning framework components to individual physical or virtual 103 nodes at the lower level, or providing a graphical user interface that supports the specification of workflows linking together multiple applications and components at the higher level. The System Orchestrator may also, through the Management Fabric, monitor the workloads and system to confirm that specific quality of service requirements are met for each workload, and may actually elastically assign and provision additional physical or virtual resources to meet workload requirements resulting from changes/surges in the data or number of users/transactions. The interface to the system orchestrator must be capable of specifying the task of orchestration the deployment, configuration, and the execution of applications within the NBDRA. 110 A simple vendor neutral specification to coordinate the various parts either as simple parallel language tasks or as a workflow specification is needed to facilitate the overall coordination. Integration of existing tools and services into the orchestrator as extensible interface is desirable.

2.2.2. Data Provider Interface Requirement

The Data Provider role introduces new data or information feeds into the Big Data system for discovery, 115 access, and transformation by the Big Data system. New data feeds are distinct from the data already in 116 use by the system and residing in the various system repositories. Similar technologies can be used to access 117 both new data feeds and existing data. The Data Provider actors can be anything from a sensor, to a human 118 inputting data manually, to another Big Data system. Interfaces for data providers must be able to specify a data provider so it can be located by a data consumer. It also must include enough details to identify the 120 services offered so they can be pragmatically reused by consumers. Interfaces to describe pipes and filters must be addressed. 122

2.2.3. Data Consumer Interface Requirement

Similar to the Data Provider, the role of Data Consumer within the NBDRA can be an actual end user 124 or another system. In many ways, this role is the mirror image of the Data Provider, with the entire Big 125 Data framework appearing like a Data Provider to the Data Consumer. The activities associated with the Data Consumer role include (a) Search and Retrieve (b) Download (c) Analyze Locally (d) Reporting (d) 127 Visualization (e) Data to Use for Their Own Processes. The interface for the data consumer must be able 128 to describe the consuming services and how they retrieve information or leverage data consumers. 129

2.2.4. Big Data Application Interface Provider Requirements 130

The Big Data Application Provider role executes a specific set of operations along the data life cycle to meet the requirements established by the System Orchestrator, as well as meeting security and privacy requirements. The Big Data Application Provider is the architecture component that encapsulates the business logic and functionality to be executed by the architecture. The interfaces to describe big data applications include interfaces for the various subcomponents including collections, preparation/curation, analytics, visualization, and access. Some if the interfaces used in these components can be reused from other interfaces introduced in other sections of this document. Where appropriate we will identify application specific interfaces and provide examples of them while focusing on a use case as identified in Volume 3 [4] of this series.

2.2.4.1 Collection

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In general, the collection activity of the Big Data Application Provider handles the interface with the Data Provider. This may be a general service, such as a file server or web server configured by the System 142 Orchestrator to accept or perform specific collections of data, or it may be an application-specific service 143 designed to pull data or receive pushes of data from the Data Provider. Since this activity is receiving data 144 at a minimum, it must store/buffer the received data until it is persisted through the Big Data Framework 145 Provider. This persistence need not be to physical media but may simply be to an in-memory queue or other 146 service provided by the processing frameworks of the Big Data Framework Provider. The collection activity 147 is likely where the extraction portion of the Extract, Transform, Load (ETL)/Extract, Load, Transform 148 (ELT) cycle is performed. At the initial collection stage, sets of data (e.g., data records) of similar structure 149 are collected (and combined), resulting in uniform security, policy, and other considerations. Initial metadata 150 is created (e.g., subjects with keys are identified) to facilitate subsequent aggregation or look-up methods. 151

2.2.4.2 Preparation

The preparation activity is where the transformation portion of the ETL/ELT cycle is likely performed. 153 although analytics activity will also likely perform advanced parts of the transformation. Tasks performed by this activity could include data validation (e.g., checksums/hashes, format checks), cleansing (e.g., elimi-155 nating bad records/fields), outlier removal, standardization, reformatting, or encapsulating. This activity is 156 also where source data will frequently be persisted to archive storage in the Big Data Framework Provider 157 and provenance data will be verified or attached/associated. Verification or attachment may include opti-158 mization of data through manipulations (e.g., deduplication) and indexing to optimize the analytics process. 159 This activity may also aggregate data from different Data Providers, leveraging metadata keys to create an 160 expanded and enhanced data set.

2.2.4.3 Analytics

The analytics activity of the Big Data Application Provider includes the encoding of the low-level business logic of the Big Data system (with higher-level business process logic being encoded by the System Orchestra-164 tor). The activity implements the techniques to extract knowledge from the data based on the requirements 165 of the vertical application. The requirements specify the data processing algorithms for processing the data 166 to produce new insights that will address the technical goal. The analytics activity will leverage the pro-167 cessing frameworks to implement the associated logic. This typically involves the activity providing software 168 that implements the analytic logic to the batch and/or streaming elements of the processing framework for 169 execution. The messaging/communication framework of the Big Data Framework Provider may be used to 170 pass data or control functions to the application logic running in the processing frameworks. The analytic 171 logic may be broken up into multiple modules to be executed by the processing frameworks which commu-172 nicate, through the messaging/communication framework, with each other and other functions instantiated 173 by the Big Data Application Provider. 174

2.2.4.4 Visualization 175

The visualization activity of the Big Data Application Provider prepares elements of the processed data and 176 the output of the analytic activity for presentation to the Data Consumer. The objective of this activity 177 is to format and present data in such a way as to optimally communicate meaning and knowledge. The 178 visualization preparation may involve producing a text-based report or rendering the analytic results as some 179 form of graphic. The resulting output may be a static visualization and may simply be stored through the 180 Big Data Framework Provider for later access. However, the visualization activity frequently interacts with 181 the access activity, the analytics activity, and the Big Data Framework Provider (processing and platform) to 182 provide interactive visualization of the data to the Data Consumer based on parameters provided to the access activity by the Data Consumer. The visualization activity may be completely application-implemented, 184 leverage one or more application libraries, or may use specialized visualization processing frameworks within 185 the Big Data Framework Provider. 186

2.2.4.5 Access

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The access activity within the Big Data Application Provider is focused on the communication/interaction with the Data Consumer. Similar to the collection activity, the access activity may be a generic service such as a web server or application server that is configured by the System Orchestrator to handle specific requests from the Data Consumer. This activity would interface with the visualization and analytic activities to respond to requests from the Data Consumer (who may be a person) and uses the processing and platform frameworks to retrieve data to respond to Data Consumer requests. In addition, the access activity confirms 193 that descriptive and administrative metadata and metadata schemes are captured and maintained for access by the Data Consumer and as data is transferred to the Data Consumer. The interface with the Data Consumer may be synchronous or asynchronous in nature and may use a pull or push paradigm for data transfer.

Big Data Provider Framework Interface Requirements

Data for Big Data applications are delivered through data providers. They can be either local providers 199 contributed by a user or distributed data providers that refer to data on the internet. We must be able to 200 provide the following functionality (1) interfaces to files (2) interfaces ti virtual data directories (3) interfaces 201 ti data streams (4) and interfaces to data filters. 202

2.2.4.7 Infrastructures Interface Requirements

This Big Data Framework Provider element provides all of the resources necessary to host/run the activities 204 of the other components of the Big Data system. Typically, these resources consist of some combination 205 of physical resources, which may host/support similar virtual resources. As part of the NBDRA we need interfaces that can be used to deal with the underlying infrastructure to address networking, computing, and storage

2.2.4.8 Platforms Interface Requirements

As part of the NBDRA platforms we need interfaces that can address platform needs and services for data organization, data distribution, indexed storage, and file systems.

2.2.4.9 Processing Interface Requirements

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The processing frameworks for Big Data provide the necessary infrastructure software to support implementation of applications that can deal with the volume, velocity, variety, and variability of data. Processing frameworks define how the computation and processing of the data is organized. Big Data applications rely on various platforms and technologies to meet the challenges of scalable data analytics and operation.
We need to be able to interface easily with computing services that offer specific analytics services, batch processing capabilities, interactive analysis, and data streaming.

219 2.2.4.10 Crosscutting Interface Requirements

A number of crosscutting interface requirements within the NBDRA provider frameworks include messaging, communication, and resource management. Often these eservices may actually be hidden from explicit interface use as they are part of larger systems that expose higher level functionality through their interfaces. However, it may be needed to expose such interfaces also on a lower level in case finer grained control is needed. We will identify the need for such crosscutting interface requirements form Volume 3 [4] of this series.

6 2.2.4.11 Messaging/Communications Frameworks

Messaging and communications frameworks have their roots in the High Performance Computing (HPC)
environments long popular in the scientific and research communities. Messaging/Communications Frameworks were developed to provide APIs for the reliable queuing, transmission, and receipt of data

230 2.2.4.12 Resource Management Framework

As Big Data systems have evolved and become more complex, and as businesses work to leverage limited computation and storage resources to address a broader range of applications and business challenges, the requirement to effectively manage those resources has grown significantly. While tools for resource management and elastic computing have expanded and matured in response to the needs of cloud providers and virtualization technologies, Big Data introduces unique requirements for these tools. However, Big Data frameworks tend to fall more into a distributed computing paradigm, which presents additional challenges.

2.2.5. BD Application Provider to Framework Provider Interface

The Big Data Framework Provider typically consists of one or more hierarchically organized instances of the components in the NBDRA IT value chain (Figure 2). There is no requirement that all instances at a given level in the hierarchy be of the same technology. In fact, most Big Data implementations are hybrids that combine multiple technology approaches in order to provide flexibility or meet the complete range of requirements, which are driven from the Big Data Application Provider.

3. SPECIFICATION PARADIGM

In this document we summarize elementary objects that are important to for the NBDRA.

3.1. Lessons Learned

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Originally we used a full REST specification for defining the objets related to the BDRA. However we found quickly that at this stage of the document it would introduce a more complex notation framework.

This would result in (a) a considerable increase in length of this document (b) a more complex framework for participation and (c) a more complex framework for developing a reference implementation. Thus we have decided in this version of the document to introduce a design concept by example that is used to automatically create a schema.

3.2. Hybrid and Multiple Frameworks

It is obvious that we must be able to deal with hybrid and multiple frameworks to avoid vendor lock in.
This is not only true for Cloud, container, but also other components of the NBDRA.

3.3. Design by Example

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To accelerate discussion among the team we use an approach to define objects and its interfaces by example. These examples are than taken in a later version of the document and a schema is generated from it. The schema will be added in its complete form to the appendix ??. While focusing first on examples it allows us to speed up our design and simplifies discussions of the objects and interfaces eliminating getting lost in complex syntactical specifications. The process and specifications used in this document will also allow us to automatically create a implementation of the objects that can be integrated into a reference architecture as provided by for example the cloudmesh client and rest project [9].

An example object will demonstrate our approach. The following object defines a JSON object representing a user.

```
Object 3.1: Example object specification

{
    "profile": {
        "description": "The Profile of a user",
        "uuid": "jshdjkdh...",
        "context:": "resource",
        "email": "laszewski@gmail.com",
        "firstname": "Gregor",
        "lastname": "von Laszewski",
        "username": "gregor"
    }
}

}
```

Such an object can be transformed to a schema specification while introspecting the types of the original example. The resulting schema object follows the Cerberus [1] specification and looks for our object as follows:

```
profile = {
   'description': { type: string},
   email: { type: email },
   firstname: { type: string},
   lastname: { type: string },
   username: { type: string }
}
```

As mentioned before, the Appendix?? will list the schema that is automatically created from the definitions.

More information about the creatin can be found in Appendix B.

When using the objets we assume one can implement the typical CRUD actions using HTTP methods mapped as follows:

```
GET
            profile
                       Retrieves a list of profile
GET
            profile12
                       Retrieves a specific profile
            profile
                       Creates a new profile
POST
PUT
            profile12
                       Updates profile #12
PATCH
            profile12
                       Partially updates profile #12
            profile12
                       Deletes profile #12
DELETE
```

3.4. Interface Compliancy

Due to the extensibility of our interfaces it is important to introduce a terminology that allows us to define interface compliancy. We define it as follows

Full Compliance: These are reference implementations that provide full compliance to the objects defined in this document. A version number will be added to assure the snapshot in time of the objects is associated with the version. This reference implementation will implement all objects.

Partially Compliance: These are reference implementations that provide partial compliance to the objects defined in this document. A version number will be added to assure the snapshot in time of the objects is associated with the version. This reference implementation will implement a partial list of the objects. A document is accompanied that lists all objects defined, but also lists the objects that are not defined by the reference architecture.

Full and extended Compliance: These are interfaces that in addition to the full compliance also introduce additional interfaces and extend them.

4. SPECIFICATION

4.1. User and Profile

In a multiuser environment we need a simple mechanism of associating objects and data to a particular person or group. While we do not want to replace with our efforts more elaborate solutions such as proposed by eduPerson [5] or others, we need a very simple way of distinguishing users. Therefore we have introduced a number of simple objects including a profile and a user.

4.1.1. Profile

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A profile defines the identity of an individual. It contains name and e-mail information. It may have an optional unid and/or use a unique e-mail to distinguish a user.

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Object 4.1: Profile

{
    "profile": {
        "description": "The Profile of a user",
        "uuid": "jshdjkdh...",
        "context:": "resource",
        "email": "laszewski@gmail.com",
        "firstname": "Gregor",
        "lastname": "von Laszewski",
        "username": "gregor"
    }
}

}
```

4.1.2. User

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In contrast to the profile a user contains additional attributs that define the role of the user within the multi-user system. This associates different roles to individuals, these roles potentially have gradations of responsibility and privilege.

There's redundancy in the definition of Profile and User, namely everything except "roles". I don't think the current definitions clearly illustrate what each is supposed to represent and how they fit together in the system.

```
Object 4.2: User
    {
      "user": {
2
        "uuid": "jshdjkdh...",
3
        "context:": "resource",
        "email": "laszewski@gmail.com",
5
        "firstname": "Gregor",
6
        "lastname": "von Laszewski",
        "username": "gregor",
        "roles": ["admin", "user"]
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   }
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4.1.3. Organization

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An important concept in many applications is the management of a roup of users in a virtual organization. This can be achieved through two concepts. First, it can be achieved while useing the profile and user resources itself as they contain the ability to manage multiple users as part of the REST interface. The second concept is to create a virtual organization that lists all users of this virtual organization. The third concept is to introduce groups and roles either as part of the user definition or as part of a simple list similar to the organization

3 4.1.4. Group/Role

A group contains a number of users. It is used to manage authorized services.

```
Object 4.4: Group

{
    "group": {
        "name": "users",
        "description": "This group contains all users",
        "users": [
        "objectid:user"
        ]
    }
}
```

A role is a further refinement of a group. Group members can have specific roles. A good example is that ability to formulate a group of users that have access to a repository. However the role defines more specifically read and write privileges to the data within the repository.

```
Object 4.5: Role

{
    "role": {
        "name": "editor",
        "description": "This role contains all editors",
        "users": [
        "objectid:user"
        ]
    }
}
```

4.2. Data

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Data for Big Data applications are delivered through data providers. They can be either local providers contributed by a user or distributed data providers that refer to data on the internet. At this time we focus on an elementary set of abstractions related to data providers that offer us to utilize variables, files, virtual data directories, data streams, and data filters.

Variables are used to hold specific contents that is associated in programming language as a variable. A variable has a name, value and type.

Default is a special type of variable that allows adding of a context. Defaults can than created for different contexts.

Files are used to represent information collected within the context of classical files in an operating system.

```
I don't think this is very clear. Elaborate with examples?
```

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Streams are services that offer the consumer a stream of data. Streams may allow the initiation of filters to reduce the amount of data requested by the consumer. Stream Filters operate in streams or on files converting them to streams.

```
What are the semantics of streams?
```

Batch Filters operate on streams and on files while working in the background and delivering as output Files.

```
Whats the difference between Batch Filters and Stream Filters mentioned in Streams?
```

Virtual directories and non-virtual directories are collection of files that organize them. For our initial purpose the distinction between virtual and non-virtual directories is non-essential and we will focus on abstracting all directories to be virtual. This could mean that the files are physically hosted on different disks. However, it is important to note that virtual data directories can hold more than files, they can also contain data streams and data filters.

```
Do we have examples of what this would look like?
```

4.2.1. Var

Variables are used to store a simple values. Each variable can have a type. The variable value format is defined as string to allow maximal probability. The type of the value is also provided.

```
Object 4.6: Var

{
    "var": {
        "name": "name of the variable",
        "value": "the value of the variable as string",
        "type": "the datatype of the variable such as int, str, float, ..."
    }
}
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4.2.2. Default

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A default is a special variable that has a context associated with it. This allows one to define values that can be easily retrieved based on its context. A good example for a default would be the image name for a cloud where the context is defined by the cloud name.

```
Object 4.7: Default

{
    "default": {
        "value": "string",
        "name": "string",
        "context": "string - defines the context of the default (user, cloud, ...)"
    }
}
```

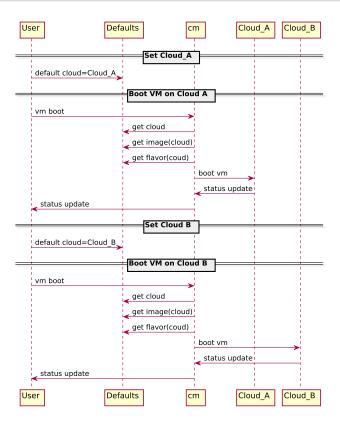


Figure 2: Booting a virtual machine from defaults

4.2.3. File

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A file is a computer resource allowing to store data that is being processed. The interface to a file provides the mechanism to appropriately locate a file in a distributed system. Identification include the name, and andpoint, the checksum and the size. Additional parameters such as the lasst access time could be stored also. As such the Interface only describes the location of the file

The file object has name, endpoint (location), size in GB, MB, Byte, checksum for integrity check, and last accessed timestamp.

```
Object 4.8: File
   {
        "file": {
2
            "name": "report.dat",
3
            "endpoint": "file://gregor@machine.edu:/data/report.dat",
            "checksum": {"sha256":"c01b39c7a35ccc ...... ebfeb45c69f08e17dfe3ef375a7b"},
5
            "accessed": "1.1.2017:05:00:00:EST",
            "created": "1.1.2017:05:00:00:EST",
            "modified": "1.1.2017:05:00:00:EST",
            "size": ["GB", "Byte"]
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     }
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   }
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```

363 4.2.4. File Alias

A file could have one alias or even multiple ones. The reason for an alias is that a file may have a complex name but a user may want to refer to that file in a name space that is suitable for the users application.

```
Object 4.9: File alias

{
    "file_alias": {
        "alias": "report-alias.dat",
        "name": "report.dat"
    }
}
```

4.2.5. Replica

In many distributed systems, it is of importance that a file can be replicated among different systems in order to provide faster access. It is important to provide a mechanism that allows to trace the pedigree of the file while pointing to its original source. The need for the replicat is

We need to describe why a Replica is different from a File object.

```
Object 4.10: Replica
     {
       "replica": {
  2
          "name": "replica_report.dat",
          "replica": "report.dat",
  4
          "endpoint": "file://gregor@machine.edu:/data/replica_report.dat",
          "checksum": {
  6
              "md5": "8c324f12047dc2254b74031b8f029ad0"
          },
          "accessed": "1.1.2017:05:00:00:EST",
          "size": [
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"GB",
"Byte"

13 ]
14 }
15 }
```

374 4.2.6. Virtual Directory

A collection of files or replicas. A virtual directory can contain an number of entities cincluding files, streams, and other virtual directories as part of a collection. The element in the collection can either be defined by uuid or by name.

```
Object 4.11: Virtual directory
        "virtual_directory": {
  2
          "name": "data",
  3
          "endpoint": "http://.../data/",
  4
          "protocol": "http",
          "collection": [
  6
            "report.dat",
            "file2"
          ]
        }
 10
     }
 11
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```

4.2.7. Database

A database could have a name, an endpoint (e.g., host:port), and protocol used (e.g., SQL, mongo, etc.).

```
Object 4.12: Database

{
    "database": {
        "name": "data",
        "endpoint": "http://.../data/",
        "protocol": "mongo"
    }
}
```

382 4.2.8. Stream

A stream proveds a stream of data while providing information about rate and number of items exchanged while issuing requests to the stream. A stream my return data items in a specific fromat that is defined by the stream.

```
Object 4.13: Stream

{
    "stream": {
        "name": "name of the variable",
        "format": "the format of the data exchanged in the stream",
        "attributes": {
            "rate": 10,
            "limit": 1000
```

```
8 }
9 }
10 }
```

Examples for streams could be a stream of random numbers but could also include more complex formats such as the retrieval of data records.

Services can subscribe, unsubscribe from a stream, while also applying filters to the subscribed stream.

```
Object 4.14: Filter

{
    "filter": {
        "name": "name of the filter",
        "function": "the function of the data exchanged in the stream"
    }
}

Filter needs to be refined
```

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In this subsection we are defining resources related to Infrastructure as a Service frameworks. This includes specific objects useful for OpenStack, Azure, and AWS, as well as others.

4.3.1. Openstack

4.3.1.1 Openstack Flavor

```
Object 4.15: Openstack flavor
   {
      "openstack_flavor": {
2
        "os_flv_disabled": "string",
3
        "uuid": "string",
        "os_flv_ext_data": "string",
        "ram": "string",
        "os_flavor_acces": "string",
        "vcpus": "string",
        "swap": "string",
        "rxtx_factor": "string",
10
        "disk": "string"
11
     }
12
   }
13
```

399 4.3.1.2 Openstack Image

```
Object 4.16: Openstack image

{
    "openstack_image": {
        "status": "string",
        "username": "string",
        "updated": "string",
        "uuid": "string",
        "created": "string",
        "minDisk": "string",
```

```
"progress": "string",
  9
          "minRam": "string",
 10
          "os_image_size": "string",
 11
          "metadata": {
            "image_location": "string",
 13
            "image_state": "string",
 14
            "description": "string",
 15
            "kernel_id": "string",
 16
            "instance_type_id": "string",
 17
            "ramdisk_id": "string",
 18
            "instance_type_name": "string",
            "instance_type_rxtx_factor": "string",
 20
            "instance_type_vcpus": "string",
            "user_id": "string",
 22
            "base_image_ref": "string",
            "instance_uuid": "string",
 24
            "instance_type_memory_mb": "string",
 25
            "instance_type_swap": "string",
 26
            "image_type": "string",
 27
            "instance_type_ephemeral_gb": "string",
 28
            "instance_type_root_gb": "string",
            "network_allocated": "string",
 30
            "instance_type_flavorid": "string",
 31
            "owner_id": "string"
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         }
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       }
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     }
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```

402 4.3.1.3 Openstack Vm

```
Object 4.17: Openstack vm
       "openstack_vm": {
  2
         "username": "string",
          "vm_state": "string",
          "updated": "string",
          "hostId": "string",
          "availability_zone": "string",
          "terminated_at": "string",
          "image": "string",
  9
          "floating_ip": "string",
  10
          "diskConfig": "string",
 11
          "key": "string",
 12
          "flavor__id": "string",
 13
          "user_id": "string",
 14
          "flavor": "string",
 15
          "static_ip": "string",
 16
          "security_groups": "string",
 17
          "volumes_attached": "string",
          "task_state": "string",
 19
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```

```
"group": "string",
 20
          "uuid": "string",
 21
          "created": "string",
 22
          "tenant_id": "string",
          "accessIPv4": "string",
 24
          "accessIPv6": "string",
 25
          "status": "string",
 26
          "power_state": "string",
 27
          "progress": "string",
 28
          "image__id": "string",
 29
          "launched_at": "string",
          "config_drive": "string"
 31
       }
 32
     }
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```

405 4.3.2. Azure

4.3.2.1 Azure Size

 $_{407}$ The size description of an azure vm

```
Object 4.18: Azure-size
     {
        "azure-size": {
  2
          "_uuid": "None",
  3
          "name": "D14 Faster Compute Instance",
  4
          "extra": {
            "cores": 16,
  6
            "max_data_disks": 32
         },
          "price": 1.6261,
          "ram": 114688,
 10
          "driver": "libcloud",
 11
          "bandwidth": "None",
 12
          "disk": 127,
 13
          "id": "Standard_D14"
 14
       }
 15
     }
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```

409 4.3.2.2 Azure Image

```
Object 4.19: Azure-image

{
    "azure_image": {
        "_uuid": "None",
        "driver": "libcloud",
        "extra": {
        "affinity_group": "",
        "category": "Public",
}
```

```
"description": "Linux VM image with coreclr-x64-beta5-11624 installed to
         /opt/dnx. This image is based on Ubuntu 14.04 LTS, with prerequisites of CoreCLR
        installed. It also contains PartsUnlimited demo app which runs on the installed
        coreclr. The demo app is installed to /opt/demo. To run the demo, please type the
        command /opt/demo/Kestrel in a terminal window. The website is listening on port
         5004. Please enable or map a endpoint of HTTP port 5004 for your azure VM.",
           "location": "East Asia; Southeast Asia; Australia East; Australia Southeast; Brazil
        South; North Europe; West Europe; Japan East; Japan West; Central US; East US; East US
        2; North Central US; South Central US; West US",
           "media_link": "",
 10
           "os": "Linux",
 11
           "vm_image": "False"
 12
 13
         "id": "03f55de797f546a1b29d1....",
 14
         "name": "CoreCLR x64 Beta5 (11624) with PartsUnlimited Demo App on Ubuntu Server
      → 14.04 LTS"
       }
 16
     }
 17
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```

412 4.3.2.3 Azure Vm

413 An Azure virtual machine

```
Object 4.20: Azure-vm
     {
       "azure-vm": {
          "username": "string",
          "status": "string",
  4
          "deployment_slot": "string",
          "cloud_service": "string",
          "image": "string",
          "floating_ip": "string",
          "image_name": "string",
          "key": "string",
 10
          "flavor": "string",
  11
          "resource_location": "string",
 12
          "disk_name": "string",
          "private_ips": "string",
 14
          "group": "string",
 15
          "uuid": "string",
 16
          "dns_name": "string",
 17
          "instance_size": "string",
 18
          "instance_name": "string",
 19
          "public_ips": "string",
 20
          "media_link": "string"
 21
       }
 22
     }
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```

4.4. HPC

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4.4.1. Batch Job

```
Object 4.21: Batchjob
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       "batchjob": {
          "output_file": "string",
          "group": "string",
          "job_id": "string",
          "script": "string, the batch job script",
          "cmd": "string, executes the cmd, if None path is used",
          "queue": "string",
          "cluster": "string",
          "time": "string",
  10
          "path": "string, path of the batchjob, if non cmd is used",
 11
          "nodes": "string",
 12
          "dir": "string"
 13
 14
     }
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```

4.5. Virtual Cluster

4.5.1. Cluster

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The cluster object has name, label, endpoint and provider. The endpoint defines.... The provider defines the nature of the cluster, e.g., its a virtual cluster on an openstack cloud, or from AWS, or a bare-metal cluster. Figure ?? illustrates the process for allocating and provisioning a virtual cluster. The user defines the desired physical properties of the cluster such CPU, memory, disk and the intended configuration (such as software, users, etc). After requesting the stack to be deployed, cloudmesh allocates the machines as desired by matching the desired properties with the available images and booting. The stack definition is then parsed then evaluated to provision the cluster.

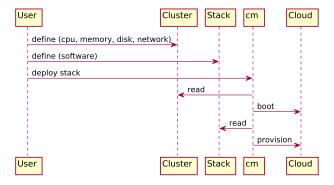


Figure 3: Allocating and provisioning a virtual cluster

```
Object 4.22: Cluster

{
    "cluster": {
        "label": "c0",
        "endpoint": {
```

```
"passwd": "secret",
             "url": "https"
  6
          },
  7
          "name": "myCLuster",
          "provider": [
  9
 10
             "openstack",
             "aws",
 11
            "azure",
 12
            "eucalyptus"
 13
 14
        }
 15
     }
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```

430 4.5.2. New Cluster

```
Object 4.23: Cluster
        "virtual_cluster": {
  2
          "name": "myvc",
            "frontend": 0,
            "nodes": [
  5
                { "count": 3,
                   "node": "objectid:virtual_machine"
            ]
  9
        },
 10
        "virtual_machine" :{
 11
          "name": "vm1",
 12
          "ncpu": 2,
 13
          "RAM": "4G",
 14
          "disk": "40G",
 15
          "nics": ["objectid:nic"
 16
 17
          "OS": "Ubuntu-16.04",
          "loginuser": "ubuntu",
 19
          "status": "active",
 20
          "metadata":{
 21
          },
 22
          "authorized_keys": [
 23
            "objectid:sshkey"
 24
          ]
 25
        },
 26
        "sshkey": {
 27
          "comment": "string",
 28
          "source": "string",
          "uri": "string",
 30
          "value": "ssh-rsa AAA.....",
 31
          "fingerprint": "string, unique"
 32
        },
 33
        "nic": {
 34
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```

```
"name": "eth0",
35
        "type": "ethernet",
36
        "mac": "00:00:00:11:22:33",
37
        "ip": "123.123.1.2",
38
        "mask": "255.255.255.0",
39
        "broadcast": "123.123.1.255",
40
        "gateway": "123.123.1.1",
41
        "mtu": 1500,
42
        "bandwidth": "10Gbps"
43
44
    }
45
```

4.5.3. Compute Resource

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An important concept for big data analysis it the representation of a compute resource on which we execute the analysis. We define a compute resource by name and by endpoint. A compute resource is an abstract concept and can be instantiated through virtual machines, containers, or bare metal resources. This is defined by the *kind* of the compute resource

compute_resource object has attribute endpoint which specifies ... The kind could be baremetal or VC.

```
Object 4.24: Compute resource

{
    "compute_resource": {
        "name": "Compute1",
        "endpoint": "http://.../cluster/",
        "kind": "baremetal"
    }
}
```

4.5.4. Computer

This defines a *computer* object. A computer has name, label, IP address. It also listed the relevant specs such as memory, disk size, etc.

```
Object 4.25: Computer

{
    "computer": {
        "ip": "127.0.0.1",
        "name": "myComputer",
        "memoryGB": 16,
        "label": "server-001"
    }
}
```

4.5.5. Compute Node

446 A node is composed of multiple components:

- 1. Metadata such as the name or owner.
- 2. Physical properties such as cores or memory.
- 3. Configuration guidance such as create_external_ip, security_groups, or users.

The metadata is associated with the node on the provider end (if supported) as well as in the database.

Certain parts of the metadata (such as owner) can be used to implement access control. Physical properties
are relevant for the initial allocation of the node. Other configuration parameters control and further
provisioning.

In the above, after allocation, the node is configured with a user called hello who is part of the wheel group whose account can be accessed with several SSH identities whose public keys are provided (in authorized_keys).

Additionally, three ssh keys are generated on the node for the hello user. The first uses the ed25519 cryptographic method with a password read in from a GPG-encrypted file on the Command and Control node. The second is a 4098-bit RSA key also password-protected from the GPG-encrypted file. The third key is copied to the remote node from an encrypted file on the Command and Control node.

This definition also provides a security group to control access to the node from the wide-area-network. In this case all ingress and egress TCP and UDP traffic is allowed provided they are to ports 22 (SSH), 443 (SSL), and 80 and 8080 (web).

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```
Object 4.26: Node
  1
        "node_new": {
  2
          "authorized_keys": [
  3
            "ssh-rsa AAAA...",
             "ssh-ed25519 AAAA...",
  5
             "...etc"
  6
          ],
  7
          "name": "example-001",
          "external_ip": "",
  9
          "loginuser": "root"
 10
          "create_external_ip": true,
  11
          "internal_ip": "",
 12
          "memory": 2048,
 13
          "owner": "",
 14
          "cores": 2,
 15
          "users": {
  16
             "name": "hello",
  17
             "groups": [
  18
               "wheel"
  19
            1
 20
          },
 21
          "disk": 80,
 22
          "security_groups": [
 23
             {
 24
               "ingress": "0.0.0.0/32",
 25
               "egress": "0.0.0.0/32",
 26
               "ports": [
 27
                 22,
 28
                 443.
 29
                 80,
                 8080
 31
               ],
 32
               "protocols": [
 33
                 "tcp",
                 "udp"
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]
 36
            }
 37
          ],
 38
          "ssh_keys": [
 39
            {
 40
               "to": ".ssh/id_rsa",
 41
               "password": {
 42
                 "decrypt": "gpg",
 43
                 "from": "yaml",
 44
                 "file": "secrets.yml.gpg",
 45
                 "key": "users.hello.ssh[0]"
              },
 47
               "method": "ed25519",
               "ssh_keygen": true
 49
            },
            {
 51
               "to": ".ssh/testing",
 52
               "password": {
 53
                 "decrypt": "gpg",
 54
                 "from": "yaml",
 55
                 "file": "secrets.yml.gpg",
 56
                 "key": "users.hello.ssh[1]"
 57
              },
 58
              "bits": 4098,
 59
               "method": "rsa",
 60
               "ssh_keygen": true
 61
            },
 62
            {
               "decrypt": "gpg",
 64
               "from": "secrets/ssh/hello/copied.gpg",
               "ssh_keygen": false,
 66
               "to": ".ssh/copied"
 67
            }
 68
          ]
        }
 70
     }
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```

466 4.5.6. Virtual Cluster

A virtual cluster is an agglomeration of virtual compute nodes that constitute the cluster. Nodes can be assembled to be baremetal, virtual machines, and containers. A virtual cluster contains a number of virtual compute nodes.

```
Object 4.27: Virtual cluster

{
    "virtual_cluster": {
        "name": "myvc",
        "frontend": "objectid:virtual_machine",
        "nodes": [
        "objectid:virtual_machine"
        ]

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Object 4.27: Virtual cluster

{
        "name": "support of the property of the propert
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```
}
}
```

4.5.7. Virtual Compute node

```
Object 4.28: Virtual compute node
      "virtual_compute_node": {
2
        "name": "data",
3
        "endpoint": "http://.../cluster/",
4
        "metadata": {
          "experiment": "exp-001"
6
        "image": "Ubuntu-16.04",
        "ip": [
          "TBD"
10
        ],
11
        "flavor": "TBD",
12
        "status": "TBD"
13
      }
14
   }
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```

4.5.8. Virtual Machine

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Virtual machines are an emulation of a computer system. We are maintaining a very basic set of informa-475 tion. It is expected that through the endpoint the virtual machine can be introspected and more detailed information can be retrieved.

```
Object 4.29: Virtual machine
      "virtual_machine" :{
2
        "name": "vm1",
        "ncpu": 2,
        "RAM": "4G",
        "disk": "40G",
        "nics": ["objectid:nic"
        ],
        "OS": "Ubuntu-16.04",
9
        "loginuser": "ubuntu",
10
        "status": "active",
11
        "metadata":{
^{12}
        },
13
        "authorized_keys": [
14
          "objectid:sshkey"
15
        ]
16
      }
17
   }
```

4.5.9. Mesos

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```
Object 4.30: Mesos
        "mesos-docker": {
  2
          "instances": 1,
  3
          "container": {
            "docker": {
              "credential": {
                "secret": "my-secret",
                "principal": "my-principal"
              },
              "image": "mesosphere/inky"
 10
            },
 11
            "type": "MESOS"
 12
          },
 13
          "mem": 16.0,
 14
          "args": [
 15
            "argument"
 16
 17
          "cpus": 0.2,
 18
          "id": "mesos-docker"
 19
 20
     }
 21
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```

4.6. Containers

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This defines container object.

4.6.2. Kubernetes

```
"name": "127.0.0.1"
               },
  9
               "status": {
  10
                 "capacity": {
                    "cpu": "4"
  12
                 },
  13
                  "addresses": [
  14
                    {
  15
                      "type": "LegacyHostIP",
  16
                      "address": "127.0.0.1"
  17
                 ]
  19
               }
  20
             },
 21
               "kind": "None",
 23
               "metadata": {
  24
                 "name": "127.0.0.2"
  25
               },
 26
               "status": {
 27
                 "capacity": {
                    "cpu": "8"
 29
                 },
 30
                 "addresses": [
 31
 32
                      "type": "LegacyHostIP",
  33
                      "address": "127.0.0.2"
 34
                   },
  35
 36
                      "type": "another",
  37
                      "address": "127.0.0.3"
 38
  39
                 ]
  40
               }
             }
  42
          ],
  43
          "users": [
  44
             {
               "name": "myself",
  46
               "user": "gregor"
  47
             },
  48
             {
  49
               "name": "e2e",
  50
               "user": {
 51
                  "username": "admin",
  52
                  "password": "secret"
 53
               }
  54
             }
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          ]
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        }
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4.7. Deployment

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4.7.1. Deployment

A deployment consists of the resource *cluster*, the location *provider*, e.g., AWS, OpenStack, etc., and software *stack* to be deployed (e.g., hadoop, spark).

```
Object 4.33: Deployment
    {
        "deployment": {
2
             "cluster": [{ "name": "myCluster"},
3
                          { "id" : "cm-0001"}
4
                         ],
5
             "stack": {
                  "layers": [
                      "zookeeper",
                      "hadoop",
9
                      "spark",
                      "postgresql"
11
                 ],
12
                  "parameters": {
13
                      "hadoop": { "zookeeper.quorum": [ "IP", "IP", "IP"]
14
                                 }
15
                 }
16
             }
17
        }
18
   }
19
```

4.8. Mapreduce

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4.8.1. Mapreduce

The mapreduce deployment has as inputs parameters defining the applied function and the input data. Both function and data objects define a "source" parameter, which specify the location it is retrieved from. For instance, the "file://" URI indicates sending a directory structure from the local file system where the "ftp://" indicates that the data should be fetched from a FTP resource. It is the framework's responsibility to materialize and instantiation of the desired environment along with the function and data.

```
Object 4.34: Mapreduce
        "mapreduce": {
  2
            "function": {
  3
                 "source": "file://.",
  4
                 "args": {}
            },
  6
            "data": {
                 "source": "ftp:///...",
                 "dest": "/data"
            },
 10
            "fault_tolerant": true,
 11
            "backend": {"type": "hadoop"}
 12
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13 }
14 }
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Additional parameters include the "fault_tolerant" and "backend" parameters. The former flag indicates if the *mapreduce* deployment should operate in a fault tolerant mode. For instance, in the case of Hadoop, this may mean configuring automatic failover of name nodes using Zookeeper. The "backend" parameter accepts an object describing the system providing the *mapreduce* workflow. This may be a native deployment of Hadoop, or a special instantiation using other frameworks such as Mesos.

A function prototype is defined in Listing 4.35. Key properties are that functions describe their input parameters and generated results. For the former, the "buildInputs" and "systemBuildInputs" respectively describe the objects which should be evaluated and system packages which should be present before this function can be installed. The "eval" attribute describes how to apply this function to its input data. Parameters affecting the evaluation of the function may be passed in as the "args" attribute. The results of the function application can be accessed via the "outputs" object, which is a mapping from arbitrary keys (e.g. "data", "processed", "model") to an object representing the result.

```
Object 4.35: Mapreduce function
      {"name": "name of this function",
       "description": "These should be self-describing",
      "source": "a URI to obtain the resource",
  3
      "install": {
  4
           "description": "instructions to install the source if needed",
           "script": "source://install.sh"
  6
      },
      "eval": {
           "description": "How to evaluate this function",
           "script": "source://run.sh",
  10
      },
  11
      "args": [],
 12
       "buildInputs": [
 13
           "list of",
  14
           "objects this function",
 15
           "depends on"
 16
 17
       "systemBuildInputs": [
 18
           "list of",
 19
           "packages required",
 20
           "to install"
 21
      ],
 22
       "outputs": {
 23
           "key1": {},
 24
           "key2": {}
 25
      }
 26
     }
 27
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```

Some example functions include the "NoOp" function shown in Listing 4.36. In the case of undefined arguments, the parameters default to an identity element. In the case of mappings this is the empty mapping while for lists this is the empty list.

```
Object 4.36: Mapreduce noop

{ "name": "noop",
    "description": "A function with no effect"
}
```

4.8.2. Hadoop

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A hadoop definition defines which deployer to be used, the parameters of the deployment, and the system packages as requires. For each requirement, it could have attributes such as the library origin, version, etc.

```
Object 4.37: Hadoop
    {
      "hadoop": {
        "deployers": {
3
          "ansible": "git://github.com/cloudmesh_roles/hadoop"
4
        "requires": {
          "java": {
             "implementation": "OpenJDK",
             "version": "1.8",
            "zookeeper": "TBD",
10
             "supervisord": "TBD"
11
          }
12
        },
13
        "parameters": {
14
          "num_resourcemanagers": 1,
15
           "num_namenodes": 1,
16
          "use_yarn": false,
          "use_hdfs": true,
18
          "num_datanodes": 1,
19
          "num_historyservers": 1,
20
           "num_journalnodes": 1
21
        }
22
23
    }
24
```

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4.9.1. Key

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Object 4.38: Key

{

"sshkey": {

"comment": "string",

"source": "string",

"uri": "string",

"value": "ssh-rsa",

"fingerprint": "string, unique"

}

}
```

4.10. Microservice

4.10.1. Microservice

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introduce registry we can register many things to it latency provide example on how to use each of them, not just the object definition example

necessity of local direct attached storage. Mimd model to storage Kubernetis, mesos can not spin up?

Takes time to spin them up and coordinate them. While setting up environment takes more than using the microservice, so we must make sure that the microservices are used sufficiently to offset spinup cost.

536 limitation of resource capacity such as networking.

Benchmarking to find out thing about service level agreement to access the

A system could be composed of from various microservices, and this defines each of them.

```
Object 4.39: Microservice

{
    "microservice" : {
        "name": "ms1",
        "endpoint": "http://.../ms/",
        "function": "microservice spec"
        }
}

}
```

4.10.2. Reservation

```
Object 4.40: Reservation
      {
        "reservation": {
           "hosts": "string",
  3
           "description": "string",
           "start_time": [
  5
             "date",
             "time"
          ],
           "end_time": [
  9
             "date",
  10
             "time"
  11
           ٦
  12
        }
  13
      }
  14
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```

4.10.3. Accounting

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As in big data applications and systems considerable amount of resources are used an accounting system must be present either on the server side or on the application and user side to allow checking of balances. Due to the potential heterogeneous nature of the services used existing accounting frameworks may not be present to dela with this issue. E.g. we see potentially the use of multiple accounting systems with different scales of accuracy information feedback rates. For example, if the existing accounting system informs the user only hours after she has started a job this could pose a significant risk because charging is started immediately. While making access to big data infrastructure and services more simple, the user or application may underestimate the overall cost projected by the implementation of the big data reference architecture.

```
Object 4.41: Accounting
     "accounting_resource": {
2
        "description": "The Description of a resource that we apply accounting to",
3
        "uuid": "unique uuid for this resource",
        "name": "the name of the resource",
5
        "charge": "1.1 * parameter1 + 3.1 * parameter2",
        "parameters": {"parameter1": 1.0,
                        "parameter2": 1.0},
        "unites": {"parameter1": "GB",
                   "parameter2": "cores"},
10
        "user": "username",
11
          "group": "groupname",
12
        "account": "accountname"
13
     }
14
   }
```

```
Object 4.42: Account
       "account": {
  2
            "description": "The Description of the account",
            "uuid": "unique uuid for this resource",
  4
            "name": "the name of the account",
  5
            "startDate": "10/10/2017:00:00:00",
  6
            "endDate": "10/10/2017:00:00:00",
            "status": "one of active, suspended, closed",
            "balance": 1.0,
            "user": ["username"],
 10
            "group": ["groupname"]
 11
       }
 12
     }
 13
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```

4.10.3.1 Usecase: Accounting Service

Figure ?? depicts a possible accounting service that allows an administrator to register a variety of resources to an account for a user. The services that are than invoked by the user can than consume the resource and are charged accordingly.

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5. STATUS CODES AND ERROR RESPONSES

In case of an error or a successful response, the response header contains a HTTP code. The response body usually contains

- the HTTP response code
- an accompanying message for the HTTP response code
 - a field or object where the error occurred

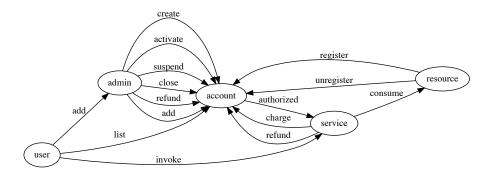


Figure 4: Create Resource

Table 1: HTTP response codes

HTTP	response Description code
200	OK success code, for GET or HEAD request.
201	Created success code, for POST request.
204	No Content success code, for DELETE request.
300	The value returned when an external ID exists in more than one record.
304	The request content has not changed since a specified date and time.
400	The request could not be understood.
401	The session ID or OAuth token used has expired or is invalid.
403	The request has been refused.
404	The requested resource couldnot be found.
405	The method specified in the Request-Line isnt allowed for the resource specified in the URI.
415	The entity in the request is in a format thats not supported by the specified method.

http://www.restapitutorial.com/httpstatuscodes.html

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_HTTP_status_codes http://www.ietf.org/assignments/http-status-code

http-status-codes.xml https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231

569 5.1. Acronyms and Terms

The following acronyms and terms are used in the paper

ACID Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability

API Application Programming Interface

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

Basically Available, Soft state, Eventual consistency

See http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/drafts/800-180/sp800-180_draft.pdf

576 Cloud Computing

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the practice of using a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet to store, manage, and process data, rather than a local server or a personal computer. See http://nvlpubs.

nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-145.pdf

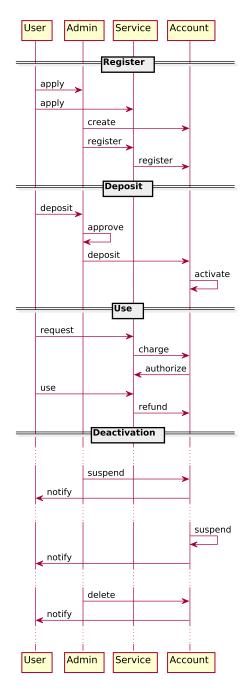


Figure 5: Accounting

DevOps A clipped compound of software DEVelopment and information technology OPerationS

Deployment The action of installing software on resources.

582 **HTTP** HyperText Transfer Protocol HTTPS HTTP Secure

Hybrid Cloud See http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-145.

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IaaS Infrastructure as a Service SaaS Software as a Service

ITLInformation Technology Laboratory

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Is an approach to build applications based on many smaller modular services. Each module supports a specific goal and uses a simple, well-defined interface to communicate with other sets of services.

NBD-PWG NIST Big Data Public Working Group 591 **NBDRA** NIST Big Data Reference Architecture

NBDRAI NIST Big Data Reference Architecture Interface 593

NIST National Institute of Standards 594

osOperating System 595

REST REpresentational State Transfer 596

A duplicate of a file on another resource in order to avoid costly transfer costs in case of Replica 597

frequent access.

Serverless Computing

Serverless computing specifies the paragdigm of function as a service (FaaS). It is a cloud computing code execution model in which a cloud provider manages the function deployment and utilization while clients can utilize them. The charge model is based on execution of the function rather than the cost to manage and host the virtual machine or container.

Software Stack A set of programs and services that are installed on a resource in order to support applications.

Virtual Filesysyem

An abstraction layer on top of a a distributed physical file system to allow easy access to the files by the user or application.

Virtual Machine

A virtual machine is a software computer that, like a physical computer, runs an operating system and applications. The virtual machine is comprised of a set of specification and configuration files and is backed by the physical resources of a host.

Virtual Cluster 613

A virtual cluster is a software cluster that integrate either virtual machines, containers or physical resources into an agglomoration of compute resources. A virtual cluster allows user sto authenticate and authorize to the virtual compute nodes tu utilize them for calculations. Optional high level services that can be deployed on a virtual cluster may simplify interaction with the virtual cluster or provide higher level services.

Workflow the sequence of processes or tasks 619

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621 A. APPENDIX

A.1. Schema

 623 Listing A.1 showcases the schema generated from the objects defined in this document.

```
Object A.1: schema
                                                                                                    ⟨/>
     profile = {
          'schema': {
  2
               'username': {
  3
                   'type': 'string'
  4
              },
  5
               'context:': {
                   'type': 'string'
              },
               'description': {
  9
                   'type': 'string'
              },
 11
               'firstname': {
 12
                   'type': 'string'
 13
 14
               'lastname': {
 15
                   'type': 'string'
 16
              },
 17
               'email': {
 18
                   'type': 'string'
 19
              },
 20
               'uuid': {
 21
                   'type': 'string'
 22
 23
          }
 24
      }
 25
 26
      virtual_machine = {
          'schema': {
 28
               'status': {
 29
                   'type': 'string'
 30
              },
 31
               'authorized_keys': {
 32
                   'type': 'list',
 33
                   'schema': {
                        'type': 'objectid',
 35
                        'data_relation': {
 36
                            'resource': 'sshkey',
 37
                            'field': '_id',
                            'embeddable': True
 39
                        }
                   }
 41
              },
 42
               'name': {
 43
                   'type': 'string'
              },
 45
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```
'nics': {
 46
                   'type': 'list',
 47
                   'schema': {
 48
                        'type': 'objectid',
                        'data_relation': {
 50
                            'resource': 'nic',
 51
                            'field': '_id',
  52
                            'embeddable': True
 53
                       }
  54
                   }
 55
              },
               'RAM': {
 57
                   'type': 'string'
              },
 59
               'ncpu': {
                   'type': 'integer'
 61
  62
               'loginuser': {
  63
                   'type': 'string'
 64
 65
               'disk': {
                   'type': 'string'
 67
              },
  68
               '0S': {
  69
                   'type': 'string'
  70
              },
 71
               'metadata': {
 72
                   'type': 'dict',
  73
                   'schema': {}
 74
              }
 75
          }
 76
     }
 77
 78
     kubernetes = {
          'schema': {
 80
               'items': {
 81
                   'type': 'list',
 82
                   'schema': {
 83
                        'type': 'dict',
  84
                        'schema': {
  85
                            'status': {
  86
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B. CLOUDMESH REST

Cloudmesh Resst is a reference implementation for the NBDRA. It allows to define automatically a REST service based on the objects specified by the NBDRA document. In collaboration with other cloudmesh components it allows easy interaction with hybrid clouds and the creation of user managed big data services.

B.1. Prerequistis

The preriquisits for Cloudmesh REST are Python 2.7.13 or 3.6.1 it can easily be installed on a variety of systems (at this time we have only tried ubuntu greater 16.04 and OSX Sierra. However, it would naturally be possible to also port it to Windows. The installation instruction in this document are not complete and we recommend to refer to the cloudmesh manuals which are under development. The goal will be to make the installation (after your system is set up for developing python) as simple as

pip install cloudmesh.rest

B.2. REST Service

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With the cloudmesh REST framework it is easy to create REST services while defining the resources via example json objects. This is achieved while leveraging the python eve [2] and a modified version of python evengine [3].

670 A valid json resource specification looks like this:

```
{
671
      "profile": {
672
         "description": "The Profile of a user",
673
        "email": "laszewski@gmail.com",
674
        "firstname": "Gregor",
675
        "lastname": "von Laszewski",
676
         "username": "gregor"
677
678
   }
679
```

here we define an object called profile, that contains a number of attributes and values. The type of the values are automatically determined. All json specifications are contained in a directory and can easily be converted into a valid schema for the eve rest service by executing the commands

```
cms schema cat . all.json cms schema convert all.json
```

This will create a the configuration all.settings.py that can be used to start an eve service

Once the schema has defined, cloudmesh specifies defaults for managing a sample data base that is coupled with the REST service. We use mongodb which could be placed on a sharded mongo service.

B.3. Limitations

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The current implementation is a demonstration and showcases that it is easy to generate a fully functioning REST service based on the specifications provided in this document. However, it is expected that scalability, distribution of services, and other advanced options need to be addrassed based on application requirements.

C. CONTRIBUTING

We invite you to contribute to this paper and its discussion to improve it. Improvements can be done with pull requests. We suggest you do *small* individual changes to a single subsection and object rather than large changes as this allows us to integrate the changes individually and comment on your contribution via github. Once contributed we will appropriately acknowledge you either as contributor or author. Please discuss with us how we best acknowledge you.

598 C.1. Document Creation

599 It is assumed that you have installed all the tools. TO create the document you can simply do

```
git clone https://github.com/cloudmesh/cloudmesh.rest
cd cloudmesh.rest/docs
make
```

This will produce in that directory a file called object.pdf containing this document.

Conversion to Word

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We found that it is most convenient to manage the draft document on github. Currently the document is located at:

• https://github.com/cloudmesh/cloudmesh.rest/tree/master/docs

Managing the document ther has provided us with the advantage that a reference implementation can be automatically derived from the specified objects. Also it is easy to contribute as all text is written in ASCII while using IATEX syntax to allow for formating in PDF.

708 Contributions can be mades as follows:

Contributions with git pull requests: You can fork the repository, make modifications and create a pull request that we than review and integrate

Contribution with direct access: Cloudmesh.rest developers have direct access to the repository. If you are a frequent contributor to the document and are familiar with github we can grant you access. HOwever we do prefer pull requests as this minimizes our administrative overhead to avoid issues with git

Contributing ASCII sections with git issues: You can identify the version of the document, specify
the section and line numbers you want to modify and include the new text. We will integrate and
address these issues ASAP. Issues can be submitted at https://github.com/cloudmesh/cloudmesh.
rest/issues