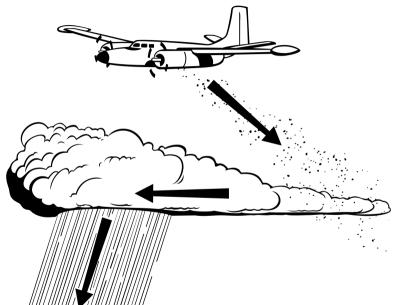
Dirty Clouds Done Dirt Cheap

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https://github.com/mtreinish/dirty-clouds-done-dirt-cheap

Building a Cloud



Scope of the Project

- ▶ Pretend to be a sysadmin with no prior OpenStack knowledge
- ► Try to rely only on install docs and google searches
- ▶ \$1500 USD Budget
- ▶ Build a basic compute cloud:
 - Keystone
 - ► Glance
 - Nova
 - Neutron
- ► Install Ocata from tarballs
- ▶ No automation or pre-existing install scripts

Buying Hardware

- ► Maximize core count per USD
- ► Second priority is amount of RAM per core
- Machines don't need to be fast (that costs money!)



The Servers

Model	PowerEdge R610
Processor	2x Intel Xeon E5540
Memory Installed	32GB Total Memory; 8 x 4 GB DDR3
Hard Drives	2x 146GB 10K SAS Hard Drive
RAID Controller	Dell PowerEdge R610 Perc 6i
Ethernet	2x Dual Port Embedded Broadcom NetXtreme II 5709c
Return Policy/Warranty	60 days Money Back Or Exchange

\$215 Each!!



Quirks with the servers

- ► Super stripped down:
 - ► No management interface
 - ► No redundant power supply
- 4x8GB of RAM not 8x4GB
- Memory installed in wrong slots
- ► Dead RAID controller battery
- ► Came with 15k RPM hard drives not 10k RPM
- ► Came pre-installed with Windows Server 2012 (and default password Apple123)
- ► At full fan speed >70 dB

LackRack

https://wiki.eth0.nl/index.php/LackRack

- ▶ Use a LACK side table from Ikea
- ▶ 19 inch width between legs
- ► Can fit 8U
- ► Lots of color choices
- ▶ \$9.99 USD

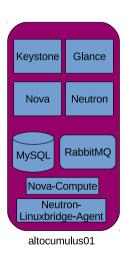
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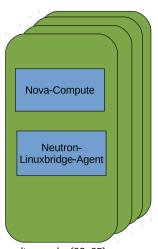






Installing OpenStack





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Installing OpenStack Services

- 1. Download service tarball
- 2. Create service users
- 3. Install binary requirements
- 4. Create service dirs in /etc and /var/lib
- 5. Copy etc/ from tarball into /etc/\$Service
- 6. pip install the tarball
- 7. Follow install guide on project configuration and setup

Setting Up Keystone

- 2 config options
- Install guide doesn't have instructions on apache wsgi app setup
- ► Google search found: https://docs.openstack.org/developer/keystone/apachehttpd.html



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Python Requirements aren't fun

```
ERROR keystone Traceback (most recent call last):
ERROR keystone
                 File "/usr/local/bin/keystone-wsgi-admin". line 51. in <module>
ERROR keystone
                   application = initialize admin application()
                 File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/keystone/server/wsgi.py", line
ERROR keystone
     132, in initialize admin application
                   config files = get config files())
ERROR keystone
ERROR keystone
                 File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/paste/deploy/loadwsgi.py", line
     640, in find egg entry point
ERROR keystone
                   pkg resources.require(self.spec)
                 File // usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/pkg resources/ init .py", line 943,
ERROR keystone
     in require
ERROR keystone
                   needed = self.resolve(parse requirements(requirements))
ERROR keystone
                 File "/usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/pkg resources/ init .py", line 834,
     in resolve
                   raise VersionConflict(dist, req).with context(dependent req)
ERROR keystone
ERROR keystone Contextual Version Conflict: (requests 2.13.0 (/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-
     packages). Requirement parse ('requests!=2.12.2.!=2.13.0.>=2.10.0'), set (['oslo.policy']))
```

Setting up Glance

- ► Straightforward configuration:
 - ► Auth
 - ► Image Directories
 - Database



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Don't forget to create glance store directory

Setting up Nova

- ▶ Database migrations are slower, took about 3mins
- ▶ Don't forget the placement API, no docs on apache setup
- novnc is problematic from source



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Requirements still aren't fun

```
ERROR nova Traceback (most recent call last):
FRROR nova
             File "/usr/local/bin/nova-api". line 10. in <module>
ERROR nova
               sys.exit(main())
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/cmd/api.py", line 59, in main
FRROR nova
               server = service. WSGIService(api, use ssl=should use ssl)
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/pkg resources/ init .py", line
ERROR nova
     2324. in require
               items = working set.resolve(regs. env. installer. extras=self.extras)
ERROR nova
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/pkg resources/ init .pv". line
     859. in resolve
ERROR nova
               raise VersionConflict(dist, req).with context(dependent req)
ERROR nova Contextual Version Conflict: (pbr 1.10.0 (/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages).
     Requirement.parse('pbr>=2.0.0'), set(['oslo.i18n', 'oslo.log', 'oslo.context', 'oslo.
     utils '1))
```

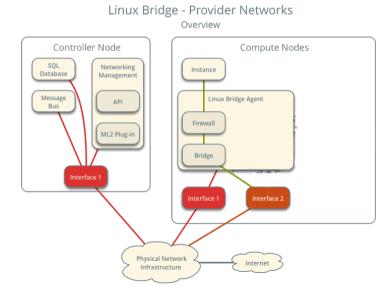
You need a sudoers file

```
ERROR nova Traceback (most recent call last):
             File "/usr/local/bin/nova-api", line 10, in <module>
ERROR nova
FRROR nova
               svs.exit(main())
FRROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/cmd/api.py", line 59, in main
ERROR nova
               server = service. WSGIService(api, use ssl=should use ssl)
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/service.py", line 309, in
       init
ERROR nova
               self.manager = self. get manager()
FRROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/utils.py", line 180, in execute
FRROR nova
               return processutils.execute(*cmd. **kwargs)
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/oslo concurrency/processutils.py".
     line 400, in execute
FRROR nova
               cmd=sanitized cmd)
ERROR nova ProcessExecution Error: Unexpected error while running command.
ERROR nova Command: sudo nova-rootwrap /etc/nova/rootwrap.conf iptables-save -c
ERROR nova Exit code: 1
ERROR nova Stdout: "'
ERROR nova Stderr: u'sudo: no tty present and no askpass program specified\n'
ERROR nova
```

Don't forget to create state directories

```
ERROR nova Traceback (most recent call last):
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             File "/usr/local/bin/nova-api", line 10, in <module>
FRROR nova
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             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/cmd/api.py", line 59, in main
               server = service. WSGIService(api, use ssl=should use ssl)
ERROR nova
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/service.py", line 311, in
       init
ERROR nova
               self.app = self.loader.load app(name)
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/wsgi.py", line 497, in load app
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/nova/api/openstack/compute/cloudpipe
ERROR nova
     .pv", line 55, in setup
               fileutils ensure tree(CONF.crvpto.kevs path)
ERROR nova
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/oslo utils/fileutils.py", line 40,
     in ensure tree
               os.makedirs(path.mode)
FRROR nova
ERROR nova
             File "/usr/lib/python2.7/os.py", line 157, in makedirs
ERROR nova
               mkdir(name, mode)
ERROR nova OSError: | Errno 13| Permission denied: '/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/keys
```

Networking Configuration



Setting Up Neutron

- ► Too many configuration files
- ▶ Blindly copying pasting from install guide
- Rootwrap and sudo configuration are not documented
- ► First time I had to look at packages and/or devstack



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Setting up Compute Nodes

- ► Same basic formula
- ► Rinse and repeat 4 times
- ► Don't forget to run nova discover_hosts after bring it up

What to do with your budget cloud?



OpenStack Development

- ► Lots of capacity for running devstack
- ► A really good platform to develop and test OpenStack applications

Cloud Native Compute Workloads

- Good for running embarrasingly parallel workloads
- ► Each invidiual machine is slow, but a fair amount of parallel capacity.
- ► My example use case: https://github.com/mtreinish/handbrakecloud

Virtualized Home Infrastructure

- ► Gives you the flexability
- ► Also enables HA migration to public cloud

Installation Pain Points

- ▶ Python Packaging:
 - ► Binary Dependencies
 - etc files (and any data files)
 - ▶ No dependency solver, always use upper constraints
- ► Debugging OpenStack requires a high level of competence

Making OpenStack Better for Small Deployments

- ► Honestly, it's not that bad
- ightharpoonup >=90% of the issues were because of using tarballs
- ► Networking and neutron is too confusing
- ► Work on improving logging and error reporting

Why you don't want to do this

- ▶ 5x 1U Servers in your bedroom closet is not pleasant
- ► The power bill (at peak draw it's about 1.1kW for the rack)
- ▶ Don't get to spend \$1,328.37 on a weekend vacation

Where to get more information

- openstack-dev ML openstack-dev@lists.openstack.org
- ► Ocata install guides https://docs.openstack.org/project-install-guide/ocata/
- ► Ocata network guides https://docs.openstack.org/ocata/networking-guide/