Google Cluster: Machine & Job Level Analysis

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Introduction

- Industries and workloads are shifting towards cloud
- Modern cluster management systems are evolving to cope with managing diverse cloud applications on heterogeneous clusters
- Vast amounts of data available for analysis

Objectives

- Conducting exploratory analysis to reveal underlying trends required to build an efficient cloud scheduler
- Taking a top-down approach to decode complex decisions taken by cloud schedulers
- Focusing on machine and collection level aspects to uncover valuable insights that will ensure high service reliability and availability

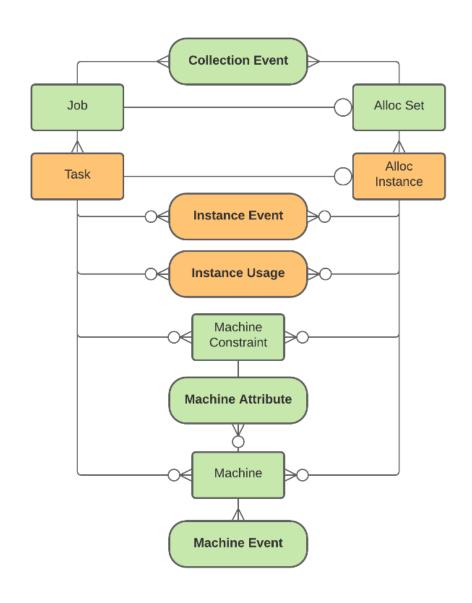
Cloud Components

- Clusters A set of machines, packed into physical enclosures, and connected by a high bandwidth cluster network
- **Cell** A set of machines, typically all in a single cluster, that share a common cluster-management system that allocates work to machines
- Jobs A collection of one or more tasks
- Tasks Linux program, consisting of multiple processes, to be run on a single cluster

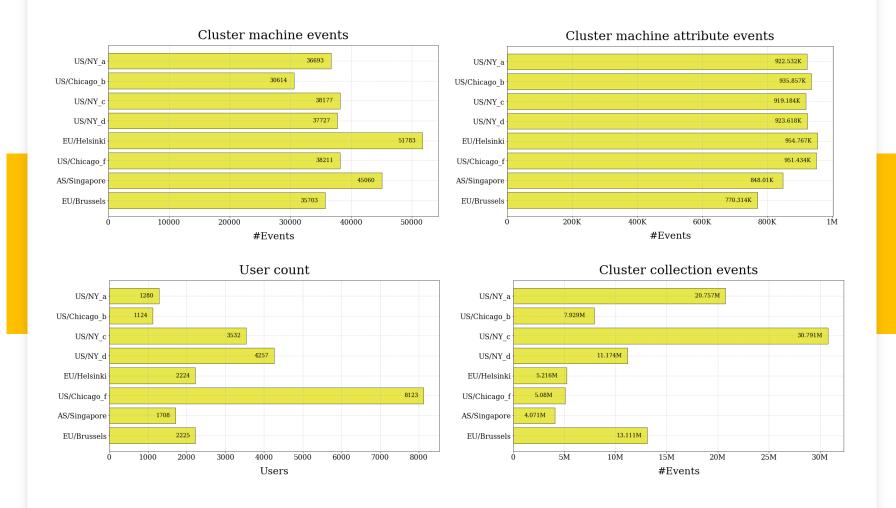
Data Components

- Machine Events Records ADD, REMOVE, UPDATE Events
- Machine Attribute Events Records Machine Property changes
- Collection Events Records Job lifecycle Events
- Instance Events Records Task events
- **Instance Usage** Resource Usage stats

Entity-Relationship Model



Data at Scale



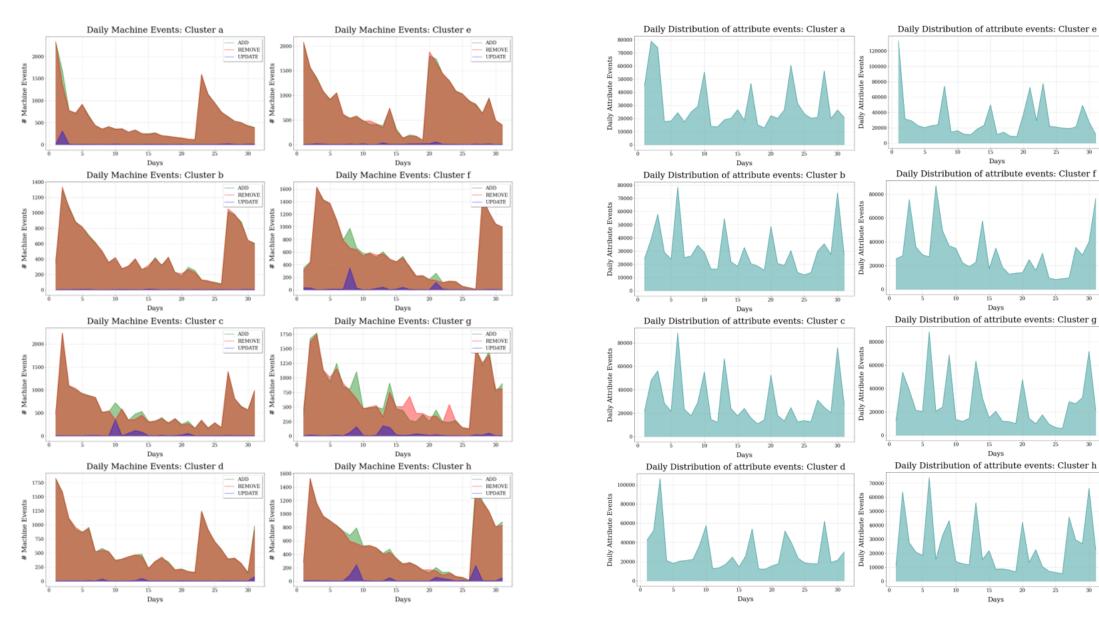
Machine Events

There are three types of machine events:

- ADD: Machine becoming available to the cluster.
- **REMOVE**: Machine removed from the cluster. Machine removal could indicate system failure or scheduled maintenance.
- **UPDATE**: The machine has its resources changed when it was available to the cluster.

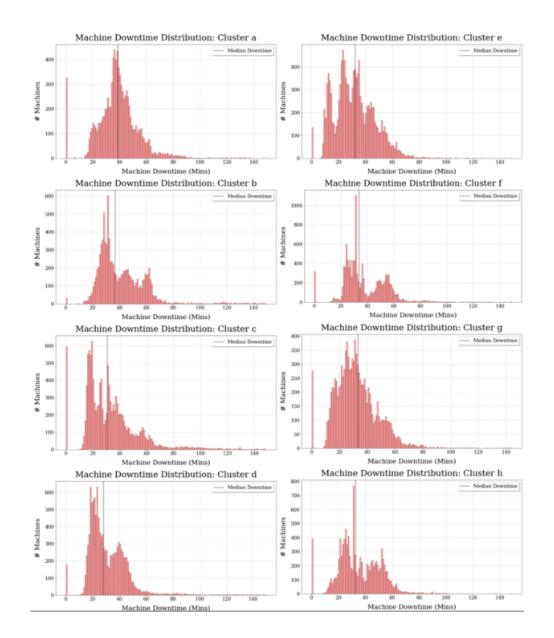
A typical machine lifecycle is as follows:

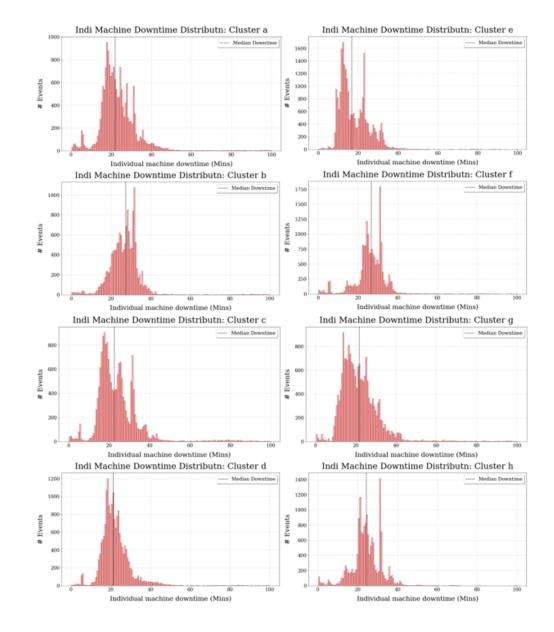
Machines become available to the scheduler to host tasks and alloc instances. While being operational, they may experience changes in resource availability. They might get removed and become unavailable due to a system failure or scheduled maintenance. They become available to the programmed after resolving the problem.



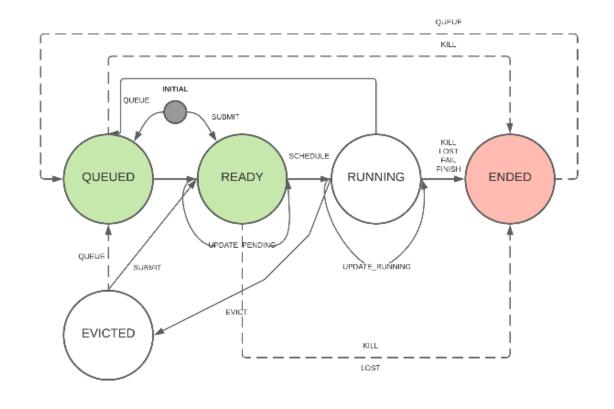
Machine Downtime Analysis

- Machine downtime is the time a machine was unavailable for task scheduling.
- Machine downtime is the time difference between REMOVE and subsequent ADD events.
- For the cases where we do not have a subsequent ADD event, we have considered the end of the trace time.





Collection Events

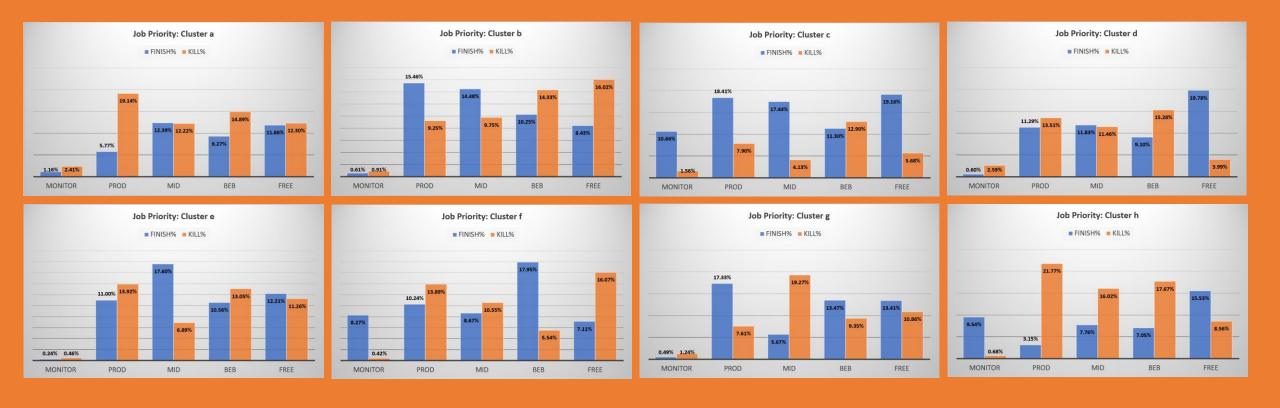




Collection Events Distribution

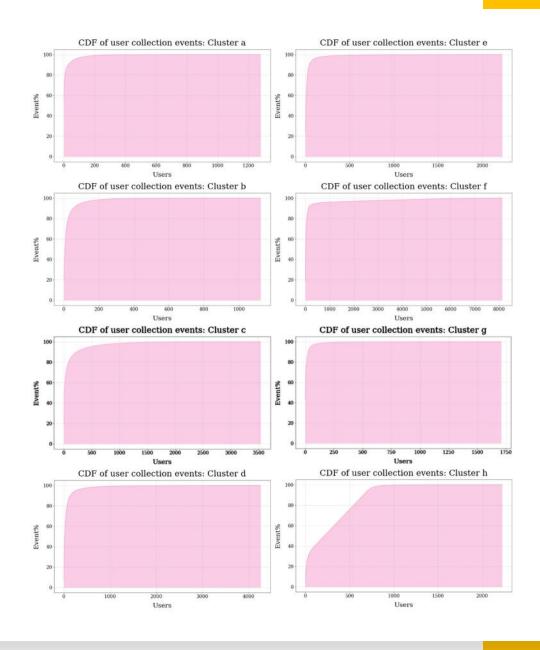


Scheduling Class FINISH and KILL Rates



Job Priority FINISH and KILL Rates

User Event Rates



Journey Ahead

- We wish to dig deeper in understanding the remarkable shift of free tier jobs to best effort batch jobs that will help cater to the users' requirement needs
- We plan to employ a parallel research to combine queuing delay for collections and scheduling delays for tasks to better visualize task life cycle inside best effort batch tier jobs
- We plan to investigate quantitative contributions of vertical scaling to reduce slack resources.
- We would like to draw strong conclusions in how heterogeneity of machines is affecting machine downtimes

