Learnings from scaling Ironic at Yahoo

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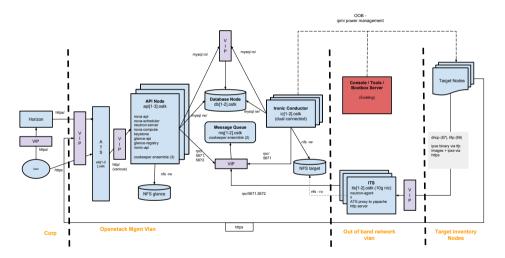
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https://github.com/sagarun/presentations/



Background and Architecture

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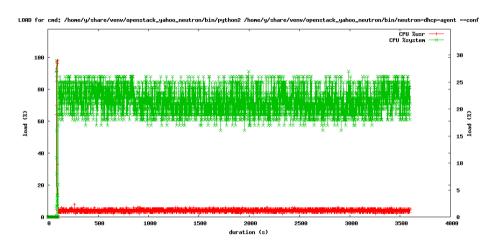
OMShell

>remove

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-bash-4.1$ omshell
> server 127.0.0.1
> port 7911
> key keyname secret
> connect
obj: <null>
> new host
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> set hardware-address = 00:1c:1a:1d:10:54
obj: host
hardware-address = 00:1c:1a:1d:10:54
> open
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hardware-address = 00:1c:1a:1d:10:54
ip-address = 0a:d7:a6:b1
name = "hostname.yahoo.com-0"
hardware-type = 00:00:00:01
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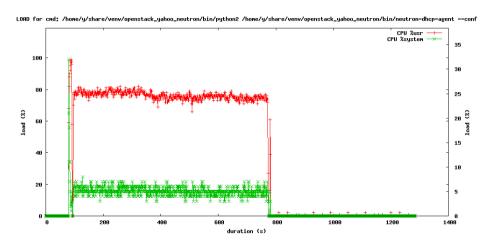


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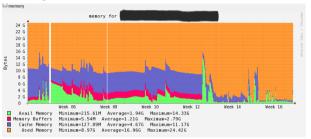
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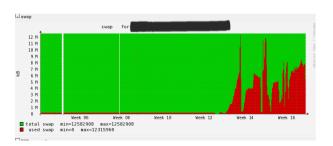


When did things started to break?

► At 24500 nodes, API servers started swapping

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- Don't forget to have fun :)

Questions

