OpenStack Assignment

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1 Describe what are the floating IP addresses used in Openstack (if they use a NAT, what type,etc.). Are they visible from inside the virtual machines? Upload together with the results memory the two files with the traffic captures.

OpenStack has two IP types in use: private and floating IP addresses. While private addresses are used for internal communication, floating IP adresses provide the means of accessing OpenStack virtual machines from external networks.

The term "floating" comes from the fact that there is an IP address pool from which OpenStack admins can attach addresses to any of their instances and each instance can have a limited number of floating IP addresses assigned. OpenStack uses one-to-one NAT to implement floating IP addresses and they are also visible from the virtual machines.

The two capture files can be found attached with this document.

2 Describe in memory what is the purpose and utility of the flavors used in OpenStack.

Virtual machine instances have parameters like number of CPU cores, RAM size and disk capacity in OpenStack, also known as Flavors. They are used to facilitate easier creation of new instances by providing predefined characteristics that are later on applied on the instance in question. Flavors can be created, modified and deleted only through the "admin" account.

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compute1 - console #1
                                                                                 Connected to tty 1
Type <Ctrl+a q> to exit the console, <Ctrl+a Ctrl+a> to enter Ctrl+a itself
Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS compute1 pts/0
compute1 login: root
Password:
Last login: Wed Aug 2 23:09:25 UTC 2017 on lxc/console
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-78-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Support:
root@compute1:~# virsh list
 Id Name
       instance-00000001
                                         running
root@compute1:~#
```

Figure 1: The list of instances on compute 1 node

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                                compute2 - console #1
Connected to tty 1
Type <Ctrl+a q> to exit the console, <Ctrl+a Ctrl+a> to enter Ctrl+a itself
Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS compute2 pts/0
compute2 login: root
Last login: Wed Aug 2 23:09:25 UTC 2017 on lxc/console
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-78-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonace

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
root@compute2:~# virsh list
Ιd
      Name
                                       State
1
       instance-00000002
                                     running
root@compute2:~#
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Figure 2: The list of instances on compute 2 node

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                                  compute2 - console #1
<domain type='kvm' id='1'>
 <name>instance-00000002</name>
  <uuid>0fe99f21-b88d-4d85-8121-6b589cf922a2</uuid>
 <metadata>
   <nova:instance xmlns:nova="http://openstack.org/xmlns/libvirt/nova/1.0">
      <nova:package version="15.1.3"/>
      <nova:name>vm2</nova:name>
      <nova:creationTime>2018-12-10 08:52:00</nova:creationTime>
      <nova:flavor name="m1.tiny":
        <nova:memory>512</nova:memory>
        <nova:disk>1</nova:disk>
        <nova:swap>0</nova:swap>
        <nova:ephemeral>0</nova:ephemeral>
        <nova:vcpus>1</nova:vcpus>
      </nova:flavor>
      <nova:owner>
        <nova:user uuid="2ca7800fbee14034aff27a1cbd6ffc2c">admin</nova:user>
        <nova:project uuid="75cbf8f6464a40db9f1fb2d87178c98f">admin</nova:projec
      <nova:root type="image" uuid="eb5e950e-c91f-4a75-8b76-11e857c31102"/>
   </nova:instance>
 </metadata>
 <memory unit='KiB'>524288</memory>
 <currentMemory unit='KiB'>524288</currentMemory>
 <vcpu placement='static'>1</vcpu>
    <shares>1024</shares>
  </cputune>
  <resource>
    <partition>/machine</partition>
```

Figure 3: Metadata of the virtual machine

3 Describe in the memory the main information of interest you find in the XML file. At least, mention the basic parameters such memory, virtual machine image and network interfaces. If from inside the compute node you would have to capture the traffic entering or leaving the virtual machine, what would be the command to execute?

As we can see vm1 is running on the compute 1, while vm2 on the compute 2 server. The details below have been analyzed for vm2:

- Memory: 512 MB, which are in accordance with our expectations having chosen the "m1.tiny" flavor. The same can be seen in figure 3.
- Virtual machine image: The most relevant details (e.g driver name and type, alias) of the vm image can be seen in figure 4.
- **Network interfaces:** The network interface is described in the figure 5 as part of the output.

Figure 4: Virtual machine image data

Figure 5: Network interface data

The command for capturing network traffic is the *tcpdump* command in the corresponding compute console.

4 Describe in the results memory the utility of key pairs in the context of OpenStack. In what file inside the virtual machine is the public key that allows password-less access stored?

Key pairs are generated to protect the instances and provide the means of password-less access from remote networks. Public/private key pairs work by saving the private key on the local machine and public key on the server. Once the server verifies that the two keys match, a secure connection between the two machines is established.

The public key is stored in the root/.ssh/authorized_keys file. When using password-less authentication, we needed to pass the private key that we earlier downloaded. Therefore, the command that can be used to download has the following format:

• slogin cirros@10.0.10.X -i vm2.pem

vm2.pem file is the private key of virtual machine. The above command will only work if we change the permissions of the PEM file using the following command:

• chmod 600 vm2.pem

Describe in the memory if you have been able to access root account and, if it was not possible, describe how to allow the access. Hint: compare the SSH configuration files of cirrus account and the root account. What should be done to access the virtual machine using another user (vnx user, for example) account without specifying the password?

The authorized_keys file was present inside the **root/.ssh/** folder. However, it was missing from the **cirrus/.ssh/** folder. Therefore, it was not possible to access root account directly. Below command was used to copy the authorized_keys.

• $slogin \ cirros@10.0.10.X - i \ vm2.pem$

As mentioned already, vm2.pem file is the private key of virtual machine. The above command will only work if we change the permissions of the PEM file using the following command:

• chmod 600 vm2.pem

Alternatively, We can also use the following command to copy the private key of virtual machine.

• ssh-copy-id -i vm2.pem

Now, there would an authorized_keys file also inside the **cirrus/.ssh/** folder. It will now allow password-less login access to virtual machine using another user.

6 Describe briefly in the results memory the procedure used to create the scenario.

- 1. Destroy the previously create virtual machines.
 - sudo vnx -f openstack_lab.xml -destroy
- 2. Create new virtual machines.
 - sudo vnx -f openstack_lab.xml -create
- 3. Start all the newly created virtual machines.
 - sudo vnx -f openstack_lab.xml -x start-all

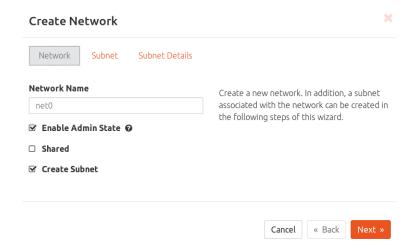


Figure 6: Network tab

- 4. The image to be loaded for creating virtual machines in OpenStack scenario.
 - sudo vnx -f openstack_lab.xml -x load-img
- 5. After login, navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Networks. Click on *Create Network* button. Provide the details as shown in the figures 6, 7 and 8.
- 6. Login as admin on the below URL.
 - http://10.0.10.11/horizon
- 7. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Compute \rightarrow Key Pairs. Click on Create Key Pair button.
 - Create two key pairs named vm1 and vm2 (virtual machine vm1 is already created and vm2 would be created in further steps where this key pair would be used). Download the private keys and save it on the local machine.
- 8. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Compute \rightarrow Instances. Click on *Launch Instance* button. Provide the details as shown in the figures 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.
- 9. Create a new instance named vm2. The steps to create vm2 is same as vm1 (detailed as part of point 8), but add the key pair which is named as vm2 instead of vm1.
- 10. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Networks. Click on *Create Network* button. Provide the details as shown in the figures 14, 15, and 16. Once the network is created, it has to be made *External* by navigating to Admin \rightarrow System \rightarrow Networks and clicking on *Edit Network*.
- 11. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Routers. Click on *Create Router* button. Provide the details as shown in the figure 17.

Create Network Network Subnet Subnet Details Subnet Name Creates a subnet associated with the network. subnet0 You need to enter a valid "Network Address" and "Gateway IP". If you did not enter the Network Address @ "Gateway IP", the first value of a network will be assigned by default. If you do not want 10.1.1.0/24 gateway please check the "Disable Gateway" checkbox. Advanced configuration is available **IP Version** by clicking on the "Subnet Details" tab. IPv4 Gateway IP 🕢 10.1.1.1 □ Disable Gateway « Back Cancel

Figure 7: Subnet tab

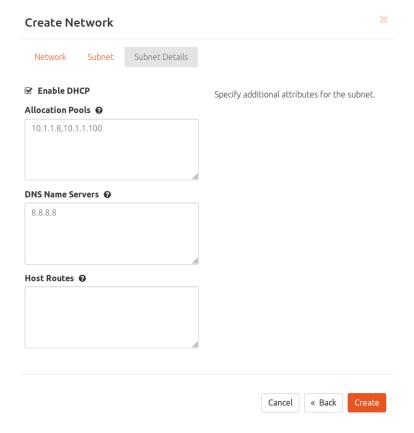


Figure 8: Subnet details tab

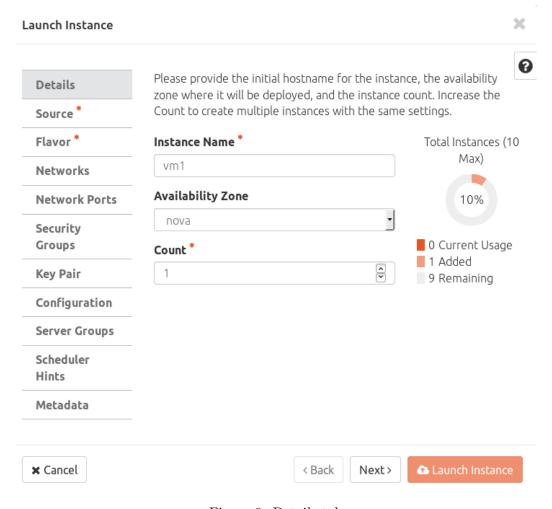


Figure 9: Details tab

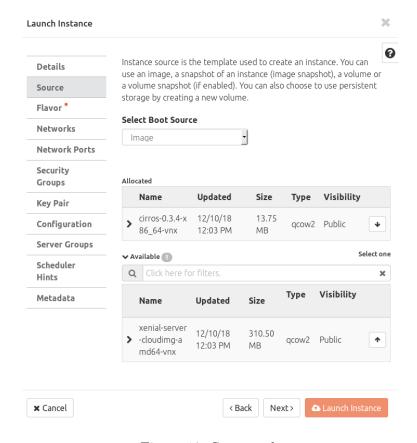


Figure 10: Source tab

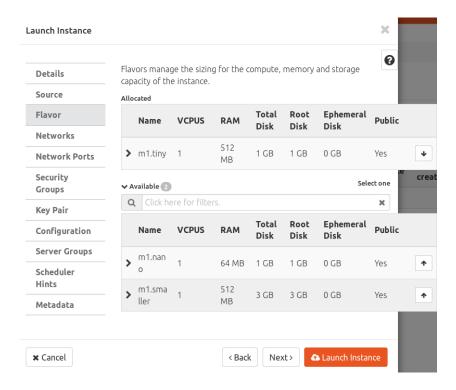


Figure 11: Flavor tab

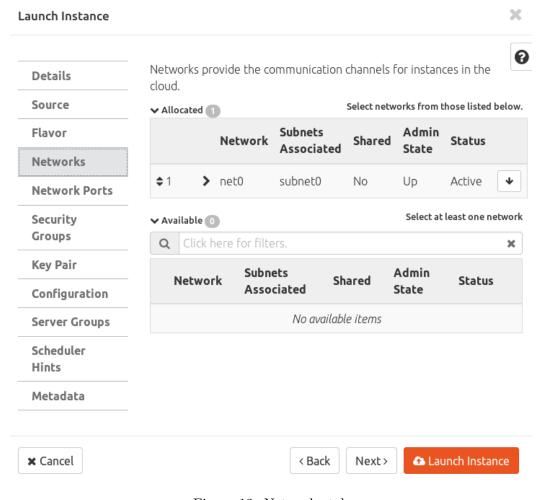


Figure 12: Networks tab

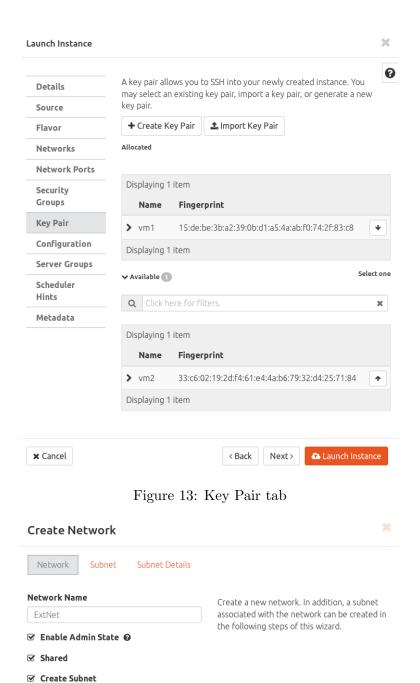


Figure 14: Network tab

Cancel « Back Next »

Create Network Subnet Network Subnet Details Subnet Name Creates a subnet associated with the network. ExtSubNet You need to enter a valid "Network Address" and "Gateway IP". If you did not enter the Network Address @ "Gateway IP", the first value of a network will be assigned by default. If you do not want 10.0.10.0/24 gateway please check the "Disable Gateway" checkbox. Advanced configuration is available IP Version by clicking on the "Subnet Details" tab. IPv4 Gateway IP 🕢 10.0.10.1 ☐ Disable Gateway Cancel « Back

Figure 15: Subnet tab

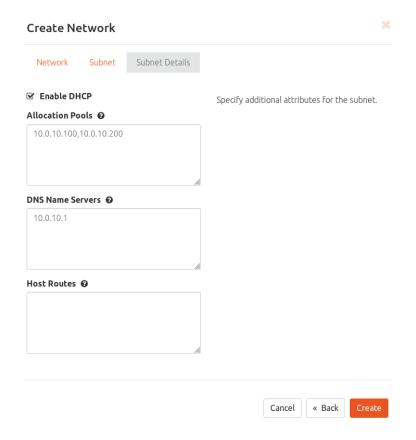


Figure 16: Subnet details tab

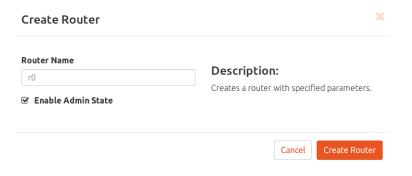


Figure 17: Create router window

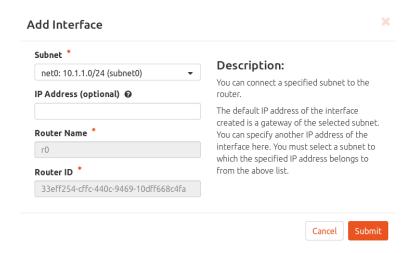


Figure 18: Create router window

- 12. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Routers. Click on Set Gateway and choose the "ExtNet" network.
- 13. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Network Topology. Click on Router and click on the "Add Interface" button. Provide the details as shown in figure 18.
- 14. Navigate to Admin \rightarrow System \rightarrow Floating IPs. Click on Allocate IP To Project. Select the corresponding project and click on Allocate floating IP button.
- 15. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Floating IPs. Click on *Associate* button to assign floating IPs for vm1 and vm 2.
- 16. Navigate to Project \rightarrow Network \rightarrow Security Groups. Click on *Manage Rules* button. Click on *Add Rule* button to add the security rules to allow ICMP, SSH and WWW access.

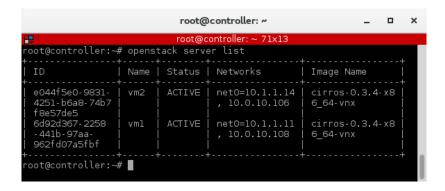


Figure 19: Server list command

7 Describe in the memory the commands necessary to obtain the aforementioned information.

Information about networks and virtual machines through command line are obtained by executing following commands.

- 1. slogin root@controller
- 2. source bin/admin-openrc.sh
- 3. **openstack server list** as shown in figure 19.
- 4. **openstack server show vm2** as shown in figure 20.
- 5. **openstack network list** as shown in figure 21.
- 6. openstack network show net0 as shown in figure 22.

8 Include in memory commands needed to remove the demonstration scenario.

Use below commands to remove the demonstration scenario. The commands are also mentioned in the figure 23.

- 1. slogin root@controller
- 2. source bin/admin-openrc.sh
- 3. openstack project list to know the project-id.
- 4. neutron purge project-id.

```
root@controller: ~
                                                                                                         oot@controller:~# openstack server show vm2
 Field
 OS-DCF:diskConfig
OS-EXT-AZ:availability_zone
OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:host
                                                             AUTO
                                                             compute2
 0S-EXT-SRV-
                                                             compute2
 OS-EXI-SRV-
ATTR:hypervisor_hostname
OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:instance_name
OS-EXT-STS:power_state
OS-EXT-STS:task_state
OS-EXT-STS:vm_state
OS-SRV-USG:launched_at
OS-SRV-USG:terminated_at
                                                             instance-00000002
                                                             2018-12-10T12:30:19.000000
None
 accessIPv6
 config_drive
                                                            2018-12-10T12:30:11Z
m1.tiny (1)
8e05a7076c82e877d118989b600eca42
7849d23274baca42b1b4573a
e044f5e0-9831-4251-b6a8-74b7f8e5
 created
flavor
hostId
                                                             7de5
                                                             cirros-0.3.4-x86_64-vnx
(768fbac6-3e33-498e-abfb-
9ece0cal3bff)
key_name
name
 progress
 project_id
                                                              75cbf8f6464a40db9f1fb2d87178c98f
 properties
 security_groups
                                                             name='default'
                                                             ACTIVE
2018-12-10T12:30:19Z
 updated
 user_id
volumes_attached
                                                             2ca7800fbee14034aff27a1cbd6ffc2c
oot@controller:~# 🛮
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Figure 20: Server show command

Figure 21: Network list command

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root@controller: ~
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oot@controller:~# openstack network show net0
 admin_state_up
availability_zone_hints
availability_zones
 created_at
description
 dns_domain
                                              02da1bf7-2760-4bca-b691-4bb01297ec82
 ipv4_address_scope
ipv6_address_scope
is_default
 name
name
port_security_enabled
project_id
provider:network_type
provider:physical_network
provider:segmentation_id
qos_policy_id
revision_number
router:external
                                              True
75cbf8f6464a40db9f1fb2d87178c98f
                                              None
                                              None
                                              Internal
 shared
                                              False
                                              ACTIVE
lae17046-8489-478c-87fb-eb224b0df4a3
 subnets
 updated_at
                                               2018-12-10T13:40:31Z
oot@controller:~# 📗
```

Figure 22: Network show command

Figure 23: Purging scenario

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