Clustrx: A new generation operating system designed for HPC

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The Petascale Challenge

MSU Installation: 0.5PFlop ~ 5000 nodes For installation of 10-100 PetaFlop: ~10000 or 100000 or 1 million nodes

...as a single resource What challenges must the Operating System address?



The 10 plagues of OS

- 1. Reliability: Constantly changing configuration of the system
- 2. Resource management: What nodes/processors can be used ?
- **3.** Management of the nodes: Switch on/off
- 4. Monitoring: What's the temperature? What is used/not-used?
- 5. Electricity: can parts be switched off?
- 6. File System: Where is the data?
- 7. Provisioning: What version of
 - Linux/Windows/etc is/should install
- 8. Remote load: how to load the nodes in short

The 10th plague

10. Does it scale?



Solution definition

The node Operating System (Linux, SUSE, Red Server, Cray OS, etc...)

Is NOT your solution (local resource allocation and utilization)

System Management software is the solution:

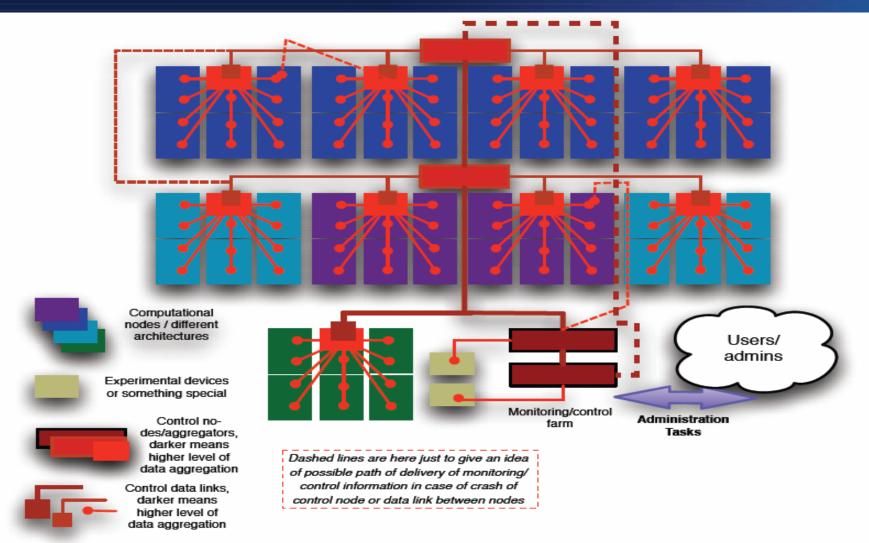
The (Cluster) Operating System

Clustrx – The (Cluster) Operating System

- Light weight real time monitoring of ALL resources
- Computational nodes, switches, electricity, cooling, etc
 Clustrx is responsible for full life cycle of the system:
 - Emergency switching on/off on particular failures

 Switching off to conserve electricity
 Resource allocation for computation
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Clustrx's architecture





Clustrx Subsystems

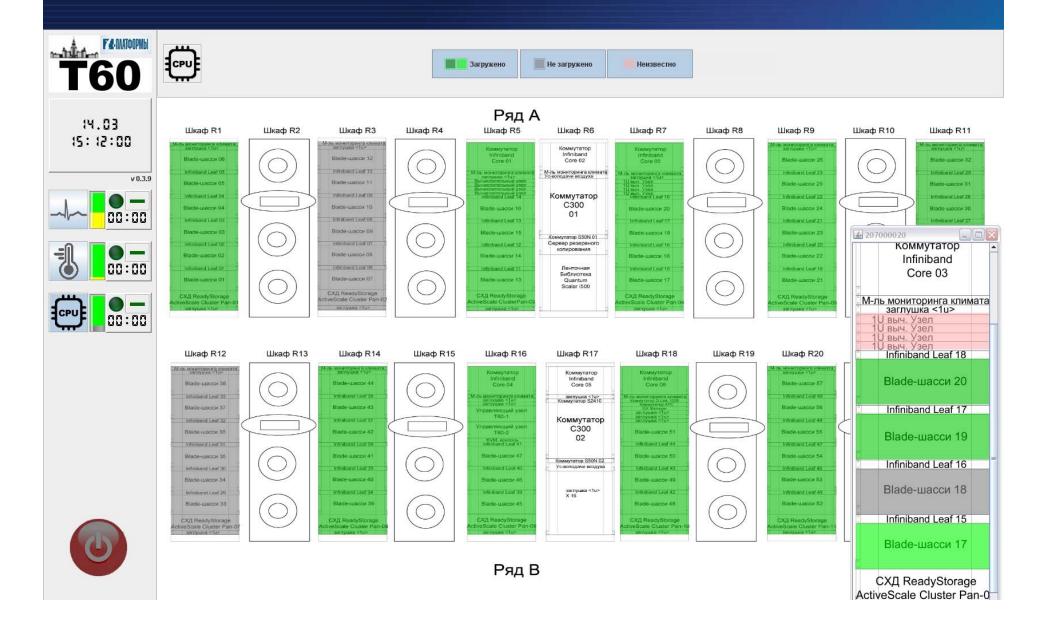
- 1. Clustrx Watch monitoring and control
- 1. dConf Cluster-wide, decentralized distributed storage for configuration data
- 1. Resource manager POSIX-compliant, modular, scalable, GRID-ready
- 1. Network boot & provisioning infrastructure to support any number of computing nodes



1. Clustrx Watch

- Near real-time monitoring of 10000's of nodes (no practical limit)
- Full support of heterogeneous architectures
- Monitoring agents for all major OSes with low **CPU** load
- IPMI monitoring and management
- SNMP monitoring
- Cluster state visualization
- Automated actions (including emergency shutdown)
- 3rd parties' SW monitoring through open API
- Adaptive schemes of task management and a sterrettheors

Clustrx Watch (2) *Cluster state visualization*



Clustrx Watch (3)

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2. Clustrx dConf

- Distributed scalable database to keep configuration data
- Tight integrated with other subsystems
 Unified access to configuration data for systems admin
- Queries over dConf, automated actions to perform massive changes, rollbacks
 TOPLATEORNS
 www.t-platforms.ru

3. Clustrx resource manager

- Modular resource management for clusters
- Open API for external plug-ins
- POSIX-compliant
- Tight integration with Clustrx Watch & dConf
- Adaptive power management for greencomputing features to any hardware
- Topology-based resource allocation

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Clustrx resource manager (2)

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4. Infrastructure management

- Network boot infrastructure for disk & diskless nodes
- Supports all major OSes including Win HPC 2008
- Linearly scalable
- Administrative interface to create and manage bootable OS images
- Accounting of network loads and usage of images



Clustrx green

User-defined rule-based policies for power management **Decreasing frequency on computing nodes** Hibernating on demand Powering on and off on demand Automated power-down of idle hardware www.t-platforms.ru

Heterogeneous architectures

Architecture-independent system

management

- Hybrid MPI
- Supports accelerated nodes
- Main direction of further development



Clustrx CNL

- Optimized for HPC purposes (97.1% local LINPACK)
- Binary RHEL compatibility
- Supports legacy 32bit applications
- Set of memory managers and CPU

schedulers, selectable by resource manage

Kernel level monitoring and management

Our differentiation

- Uniformed, holistic approach
- HPC-grade kernel
- A good part of code was developed from scratch to address Petaflop-scale

challenges

Scalable to 10000s and more nodes

Cross-platform management

Future directions

- Grid-specific features (tested with CERN's gLite 3.x,...)
- Extended billing, Monitoring and billing reports, export statistical data
- Virtual clusters
- Adaptive task management based on realtime profiling
- GPU and other accelerators virtualization
- Open MPI tuning and optimization
- Cluster segmentation
- Checkpointing, reliable task run
- Transpation node image migration, www.t-platforms.ru

The Clustrx Operating System

Scalable and Reliable Next Generation Operating System for Petaflop and Exaflop computing

