



Apache Libcloud

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Services (SaaS)

- GMail, Google Docs, etc
- Most any website cloud be called SaaS.
- Cloudkick

Platforms (PaaS)

- Google AppEngine
- Heroku (Rails as PaaS)
- Salesforce.com / VMForce

Storage

- Amazon S3
- Rackspace CloudFiles
- Google Storage for Developers

Compute

- Amazon EC2
- Rackspace Cloud
- Linode
- GoGrid
- Voxel
- And many more!

I want a server.

**I want a server:
right now.**

Enter Libcloud

```
from libcloud.types import Provider
from libcloud.providers import get_driver
rs = get_driver(Provider.RACKSPACE) ('rackspace-apikey')
rs.create_node('serverA')
```

About Libcloud

- Started in the summer of 2009
- Easy to use.
- Portable.
- Pure Python (proposed ports to others)
 - Socket & HTTP interfaces exist today!

Why?

- API Styles:
 - Amazon: XML + Custom HMAC Auth
 - Rackspace: JSON + Auth Tickets
 - SoftLayer: XML RPC + User / Password

Libcloud Today

- In the Apache Incubator
- 15 Providers:
 - Dreamhost, Amazon EC2, Enomaly ECP, Eucalyptus, GoGrid, IBM Developer Cloud, Linode, OpenNebula, Slicehost, SoftLayer, Rackspace, RimuHosting, Terramark, VMWare vCloud, Voxel, VPS.net

Libcloud APIs

- Originally 6 Core APIs
 - List Nodes
 - List Images
 - List Sizes
 - Create / Destroy / Reboot Node

list_nodes

```
foo = d.list_nodes()  
for node in foo:  
    print node.id  
    print node.public_ip
```

list_images

```
images = d.list_images()
ubuntu = [i for i in images if
i.name.find('Ubuntu') != -1]
print ubuntu[0].id
print ubuntu[0].name
```

list_sizes

```
sizes = d.list_sizes()  
print sizes[0].id  
print sizes[0].ram  
print sizes[0].disk  
print sizes[0].price
```

Create Node

```
images = d.list_images()  
sizes = d.list_sizes()  
print d.create_node(name="test22",  
image=images[0], size=sizes[0])
```

Reboot/Destroy

`d.reboot (nodeA)`

`d.destroy (nodeB)`

Locations!

```
loc = d.list_locations()  
print loc[0].name  
print loc[0].country
```


Extended APIs

- Providers inconsistent about services.
- Have a “ex_” prefix, documented per-driver.
- Amazon Security Groups:
 - `amz.create_node('foo', ex_securitygroup='groupA')`

Getting Started

- `easy_install apache-libcloud`

Get your Provider Info

- Amazon:
 - <http://aws-portal.amazon.com/gp/aws/developer/account/index.html?action=access-key>
- Rackspace:
 - <https://manage.rackspacecloud.com/APIAccess.do>

List your Machines

```
from libcloud.types import Provider
from libcloud.providers import get_driver

d = get_driver(Provider.RACKSPACE) ("xxxxxxxx")

nodes = d.list_nodes()
for node in nodes:
    print "id: %s  name: %s  public_ips: %s" %
(node.id, node.name, node.public_ip)
```

Cheapest 4 gig node outside the US

```
possible = []
for d in drivers:
    loc = filter(lambda x: x.country != 'US',
                 d.list_locations())
    for l in loc:
        sizes = filter(lambda x: x.ram >= 4096, d.list_sizes(l))
        for s in sizes:
            possible.append({'size': s,
                             'location': l,
                             'driver': d})

best = sorted(possible, lambda x, y:
              x['size'].price < y['size'].price)[0]
print best
```

Integrating with Fabric

```
env.hosts = [x.public_ip[0] for x in  
d.list_nodes()]
```

```
def hostname():  
    run('hostname')
```

\$ fab hostname

[173.45.245.33] run: hostname

[173.45.245.33] out: lctest3.klk.me

[173.45.245.32] run: hostname

[173.45.245.32] out: lctest2.klk.me

Done.

Disconnecting from 173.45.245.33... done.

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One more thing!

- `deploy_node`
 - Calls `create_node`
 - Consistent initial bootstrapping of machines.
 - SSH Keys
 - Configuration Management

Installing Puppet

```
skey = SSHKeyDeployment(key)
sd = ScriptDeployment("apt-get
install -y puppet")
msd = MultiStepDeployment([skey, sd])
node = d.deploy_node(name="lc-test",
deploy=msd)
```

Up next for Libcloud

Image Formats

- Hazy world between Operating System, Configuration Management and the Sysadmin.
- People stick with Config Management, because dealing with base Images is painful today

Existing standards

- Amazon AMI
- VMWare Open Virtualization Format (OVF)

Hosting Provider Side

- Technical challenges
 - Most commercial hosting is Xen based
 - Most hosting companies aren't giant tech companies

User Side

- Building Images is complicated.
- Versioning Sucks
- Time sink uploading

Proposed Image Format

- Based on Cludlets Project
- JSON Metadata in single file
- Filesystem in a tarball
- Versioned in DVCS
- Includes building server-side support infrastructure for Hosting providers!
- More details on mailing list

Multiple Languages

- Hundreds of emails exchanged on the mailing list.
- Interest, something will happen.
- If interested, join the lists, start hacking on code!

Contributing!

- Open Community just as important as open code -- everything on list or IRC.
- Hosting providers: Get your driver in!
- Hackers: Make cool tools!
- Sysadmins: Manage your infrastructure.

Related Projects

- JClouds
 - Java
- Apache Deltacloud
 - Ruby, started by Redhat, just joined Apache Incubator in May
- Fog
 - Ruby

Questions?

- Apache Libcloud:

<http://libcloud.org/>

#libcloud on Freenode IRC

- Slides online:

<http://paul.querna.org/slides>