Clouds from FutureGrid's Perspective

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Programming Paradigms for Technical Computing on Clouds and Supercomputers (Fox and Gannon)

http://grids.ucs.indiana.edu/ptliupages/publications/Cloud%20Programming%20Parad

igms for Futures.pdf



What is FutureGrid?

- The FutureGrid project mission is to enable experimental work that advances:
 - a) Innovation and scientific understanding of distributed computing and parallel computing paradigms,
 - b) The engineering science of middleware that enables these paradigms,
 - c) The use and drivers of these paradigms by important applications, and,
 - d) The education of a new generation of students and workforce on the use of these paradigms and their applications.
- The implementation of mission includes
 - Distributed flexible hardware with supported use
 - Identified IaaS and PaaS "core" software with supported use
 - Outreach
- ~4500 cores in 5 major sites



Distribution of FutureGrid Technologies and Areas



Using Clouds in a Nutshell

- High Throughput Computing; pleasingly parallel; grid applications
- Multiple users (long tail of science) and usages (parameter searches)
- Internet of Things (Sensor nets) as in cloud support of smart phones
- (Iterative) MapReduce including "most" data analysis
- Exploiting elasticity and platforms (HDFS, Queues ..)
- Use services, portals (gateways) and workflow
- Good Strategies:
 - Build the application as a service;
 - Build on existing cloud deployments such as Hadoop;
 - Use PaaS if possible;
 - Design for failure;
 - Use as a Service (e.g. SQLaaS) where possible;
 - Address Challenge of Moving Data



4 Forms of MapReduce





Iterative MapReduce Performance Kmeans Clustering





https://portal.futuregrid.org

Some next Steps

- Clouds are suitable for several types of (but not all) applications
- Clouds can leverage major commercial software investment
- Current academic (open source) cloud software needs more investment both in core capabilities and in "Platform"
 - Hadoop not best MapReduce for science
 - HDFS and OpenStack storage don't have quality of Lustre and classic HPC storage
- 14 million cloud jobs worldwide by 2015 Cloud curricula and experiences can help workforce development
- Science Cloud Summer School July 30-August 3
 - ~10 Faculty and Students from MSI's (sent by ADMI)
 - Part of virtual summer school in computational science and engineering and expect over 200 participants spread over 10 sites
- Science Cloud and MapReduce XSEDE Community groups

