SCinet DTN-as-a-Service Framework

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Data Intensive Science Trends

- Large scale, data (and compute) intensive sciences encounter technology challenges before other domains
- In addition to the network performance, data movement performance is critical to science research infrastructure
- Automated frameworks are required to setup, optimize and analyze the performance of data movement
- Resources must be shared over a network with flexible and interactive workflow management
- DTN-as-a-Service provides a framework to integrate all above





3 years of SCinet X-NET + NRE project

- SC17 : Data Transfer Node Service in SCinet
- SC18: SCinet Multi 100G Data Transfer Node for Multi-Tenant Production Environment
- SC19: Toward SCinet DTN-as-a-Service
- Plan to establish as a standard SCinet service for SC20 and beyond





Any machine can be a DTN

If it has:

- 1. Clean network connection
- 2. High-performance storage to match network throughput

We will:

- 1. **Optimize** hardware, OS and software
- 2. Select and integrate file transfer protocol
- 3. Map DTN environment with science workflow
- 4. Virtualize it

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Data Transfer Nodes Challenges

Virtualization - There are already virtualized environments and orchestrators but configuring containers and VMs with network, storage and CPU is difficult

Workflow mapping - Mapping transfer workflows to the science workflow

Performance tuning - tuning and testing DTN instances

Evaluation - monitoring and reconfiguring parameters





SC19 SCinet DTN-as-a-Service Framework

- Provides Data Transfer Node software and hardware platform as prototype service to support SC19 SCinet community before and during the SC conference
- Supports testing, demonstration, experimentation, evaluation and other SC and SCinet related activities, especially those for **data intensive science**
- For SC19, new prototype services include: kubernetes, NVMeoF and 400G
 LAN/WAN experiments
- Provides **workflow** to support integrating new network technology and new data movement technology with minimum operational impact





Design and implementation





DTN-as-a-Service Modules

DaaS provides an environment for high-speed transfer

Performance testing tools with an optimized environment

Provides API for storage and NUMA configuration

Incremental support for transfer protocols

NVMe over Fabrics support

Containerized for docker and K8s support





OpenNSA

The OpenNSA is an open-source implementation of the NSI protocol developed by NORDUnet, GEANT and other contributors.

- Manage uPA instances
- Peer with external aggregators.
- Support multi-vendor backends



Jupyter Client for NSI OpenNSA Integration

Securely allow users to run NSI OpenNSA services (i.e. dynamically stitch layer 2/3 circuits based on technologies e.g. VLAN.)

- Features: Authentication, Authorization, Accounting
- **Authentication**: SSL/TLS operation authenticate both server and client. (certificates need to be exchanged prior unless using public certificates)
- **Authorization**: server will allow access users to request services on certain ports/VLANs based on user identification. I.e. Request command arguments will be parsed and authorized if allowed.
- Accounting: for future requirement.
- Additional Feature: Asynchronous (non-blocking operation allows multiple users to request services simultaneously)



NVMe over Fabrics Overview



Evaluation - WAN Transfer



Evaluation - NVMe to NVMe WAN transfer (TCP transfer)



Average completion time between 400-1400s

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Uneven work distribution between cores



Evaluation - NVMe to NVMe WAN transfer (NVMeoF/TCP)



Average completion time between 400-800s

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Better work distribution between cores



Evaluation - Optimization for 400Gb/s LAN









PetaTrans: Petascale Sciences Data Transfer



OSG-IRNC DTN Federation



Data Mover Challenge - SC Asia 2020



Conclusion

DTN-as-a-Service provides an environment for high-speed transfer

Flexible and modular design

Support for big science network data transfer

Consistent performance

Harnessing multiple user tools

NVMe over Fabrics and k8s





Future works

Prototype NVMe over Fabrics WAN Service

Include additional storage system performance tuning and integration

SCinet DTN will graduate from SCinet X-net and move to SCinet DevOps team in SC20

Please visit StarLight booth 993 for DTN-as-a-Service and 400G experiments.





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