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Seagull: Intelligent Cloud Bursting For Enterprise Applications

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Cloud Computing

- Cloud Computing:
 - Pay-as-you-go service
 - Rent Resources
 - Infrastructure as a Service





- Virtualization technology, rent VMs
- Popular for Apps with dynamic workload
- Benefits
 - Flexible pricing model
 - Agile to workload changes



Cloud Bursting

- Enterprises own private data centers
 - Try to use the existing infrastructure (hybrid)
- Cloud Bursting
 - Enables Enterprise to use local data center
 - rents public resource upon workload changes
 - seamless and transparent resource sharing between local and public cloud
- Challenges
 - When to trigger cloud bursting?
 - Which Apps to cloud Burst?
 - How to balance cost and time trade-off?
- Seagull
 - Cloud Bursting Algorithm
 - Precopying Algorithm



Seagull Cloud Bursting Algorithm



- Which applications to cloud burst?
 - Naive approach: move overloaded applications
 - Incurs high cost and overhead
 - Seagull approach: Pick the cheapest applications
 - Multi-resource bin packing problem
 - Greedy approach
 - Metric: App_Costs/ VM_cores to run in public cloud

How to Lower Migration Time ?

- Cloud bursting on demand
 - e.g 5 GB disk state, takes a long time (~22 mins)
- Opportunistic Precopying
 - Copys app vm state to the public cloud in the background
 - Benefit: Dramatically shortens the migration time
 - Some experiments:



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Seagull Precopying Algorithm



- How to balance cost and time trade-off?
 - Naive Precopying: Precopying overloaded applications
 - Not Necessary lower migration time
 - Intelligent Precopying
 - Intuition: Choose the apps that are most likely to be migrated

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Cloud Bursting Algorithm Evaluation



Precopying Algorithm Evaluation

Experiment Setup

- Emulation with 200 quad-core hosts
- 40 applications, 30% were overloaded
- Precopying freqency: 1 hr & total time: 24 hrs
- Seagull balances time and cost well
 - Spends 22% more money



Summary

- Cloud Bursting
 - Hybrid solution for dynamic workload
 - Good for Enterprises with private data centers
- Seagull: Intelligent and automated Cloud Bursting
 - Determines which Apps to Cloud Burst
 - Lowers Cost by 25%
 - Determines which Apps to Precopy
 - Saves 95% Data Transmission