

Using RESTful APIs in z/VM Cloud Connector for z/VM automation

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Agenda

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- Deploying the z/VM Cloud Connector
- Demonstration of RESTful API calls
- OpenStack interacting with the z/VM Cloud Connector

About the z/VM Cloud Connector

- z/VM Cloud Connector is open source
 - https://github.com/openmainframeproject/python-zvm-sdk
 - https://cloudlib4zvm.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ (documentation)
- Being moved under the governance of the Open Mainframe Project
- RESTful APIs that interact with z/VM 6.4 or 7.1
- Can manage guests, images, network, volume, etc.
- Develop your own automation
- Use technologies to interact with z/VM Cloud Connector
 - OpenStack
 - VMware vRealize Automation
 - Terraform



Technical details

- Two components comprise z/VM Cloud Connector
- zthin package which is built during installation
- python-zvm-sdk implements APIs that interact with zthin
- Apache with wsgi plugin provide http access to RESTful APIs
- Supports flat and vlan vswitch for guest networking
- Supports ECKD or FBA disk pools for image and disk operations
- Connect guests to FCP based storage
- Includes tools for creating and deploying operating system images
- Username/password or token based security model
- Works with and without security/access control (RACF tested)

Guest operations

- Start
- Stop
- Graceful shutdown
- Pause
- Unpause
- Reboot operating system
- Graceful z/VM guest logoff and restart
- Live migration in SSI cluster
- Register existing guests to be managed by z/VM Cloud Connector

- Resize guest CPUs (live and logoff required)
- Resize guest memory (live and logoff required)
- Add/remove NICs
- Capture/deploy images

Deploying the z/VM Cloud Connector with SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15

Follow the sections and notes outlined below while reading the project documentation.

- install, register and patch sles15 on z
- configure and test z/vm cloud connector on sles15
 - NOTE: perform the steps for each section of the z/VM Cloud Connector documentation listed below
 - 3.1.1
 - add CLDCONN (z/vm guest name) to vsmwork1.authlist
 - NOTE: use " in xedit to copy a line in vsmwork1.authlist
 - add option Inknopas for cldconn
 - iucv any was already in directory entry
 - 4 and 5
 - NOTE: had to add commands to /etc/init.d/after.local so these are enabled after reboot
 - 3.2.1 and 3.2.2
 - zypper ar -fc

https://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/mfriesenegger:/zVMCloudConnector/SLE_15/ zvmcloudconn

- add packagehub repo using SUSEConnect
- zypper in python2-zvm-sdk zthin

- configure and test z/vm cloud connector on sles15 (continued)
 - 3.2.3
 - su zvmsdk
 - ssh-keygen
 - NOTE: take all of the defaults
 - NOTE: will use the ssh key once openstack is installed
 - 3.3
 - edited the following in /etc/zvmsdk/zvmsdk.conf
 - my_ip=
 - disk_pool=
 - user_profile=osdflt
 - NOTE: verify that osdflt directory profile exists
 - 3.4
 - verify user and all directories exist
 - NOTE: all of the directories existed but needed chown done
 - sudo package needed to be installed as prerequisite

- configure and test z/vm cloud connector on sles15 (continued)
 - 3.5 and 3.6
 - 4.5
 - zypper in apache2 apache2-mod_wsgi
 - vi /etc/apache2/vhosts.d/zvmsdk_wsgi.conf

Listen 8080 <virtualhost *:8080=""> WSGIDaemonProcess zumsdkwegi user-zumsdk group-zumsdk processes-2 threads-5</virtualhost>
WSGIProcessGroup zvmsdkwsgi
WSGIScriptAlias / /usr/bin/zvmsdk-wsgi
TimeOut 3600
<directory lib="" python2.7="" sdkwsgi="" site-packages="" usr="" zvmsdk=""></directory>
Require all granted
<directory bin="" usr=""></directory>
<files zvmsdk-wsgi=""></files>
Require all granted

- configure and test z/vm cloud connector on sles15 (continued)
 - 4.5 (continued)
 - systemctl enable apache2
 - systemctl start apache2
 - 4.3
 - simple curl test to prove it works
 - additional curl tests
 - vi ~/create-guest-gst00001.json



- curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d @create-guest-gst00001.json http://localhost/guests
- curl http://localhost/guests
- curl http://localhost/guests/GST00001
- curl -X DELETE http://localhost/guests/GST00001

OpenStack interacting with *z*/VM Cloud Connector

Using OpenStack with the z/VM Cloud Connector

 OpenStack Compute service (nova) driver for z/VM was merged into OpenStack Rocky

- No extra step required to install a z/VM nova driver
- Openstack Networking service (neutron) and Telemetry Data
 Collection service (ceilometer) are installed as plugins
 - Packages are available on the Open Build Service

Lab diagram using SUSE OpenStack Cloud 9



z/VM 6.4

