



ORCA/ExoGENI Tutorial

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- Flukes Overview
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- Tutorial page:
 - <http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GEC13Agenda/ORCATutorial>
 - Please open in your browser
 - Please open the presentation

Section: ExoGENI and ORCA Overview

ExoGENI Testbed



- 14 GPO-funded racks
 - Partnership between RENCI, Duke and IBM
 - IBM x3650 M3/M4 servers
 - 1x146GB 10K SAS hard drive +1x500GB secondary drive
 - 48G RAM 1333Mhz
 - Dual-socket 6-core Intel X5650 2.66Ghz CPU
 - Dual 1Gbps adapter
 - 10G dual-port Chelseo adapter
 - BNT 8264 10G/40G OpenFlow switch
 - DS3512 6TB sliverable storage
 - iSCSI interface for head node image storage as well as experimenter slivering
- Each rack is a small networked cloud
 - OpenStack-based (some older racks run Eucalyptus)
 - EC2 nomenclature for node sizes (m1.small, m1.large etc)
 - Interconnected by combination of dynamic and static L2 circuits through regionals and national backbones
- <http://www.exogeni.net>



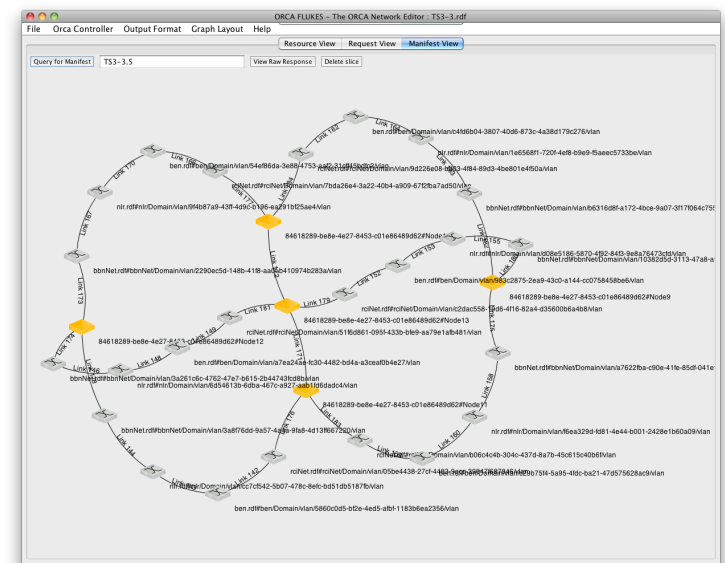
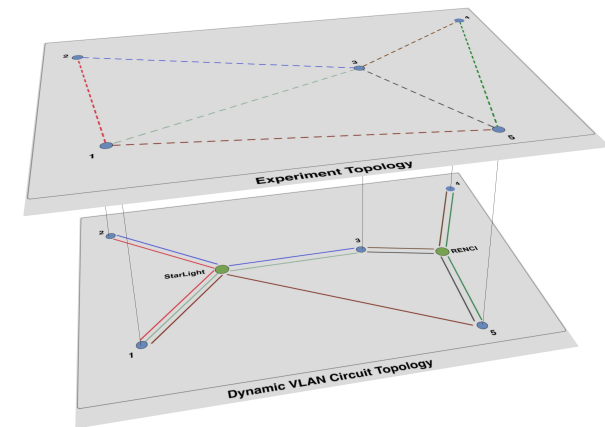
ExoGENI Status

- 2 new racks deployed
 - RENCI and GPO
- 2 existing racks
 - Duke and UNC
- 2 more racks available by GEC14
 - FIU and UH
- Connected via BEN (<http://ben.renci.org>), LEARN and NLR FrameNet, (eventually I2)
- Partner racks
 - NICTA (under construction)
 - U of Alaska Fairbanks



ExoGENI slice isolation

- Strong isolation is the goal
- Compute instances are KVM based and get a dedicated number of cores
 - Caveat: currently all instances get 1 core (different RAM and disk). Will be remedied by Summer/Fall 2012
- VLANs are the basis of connectivity
 - VLANs can be best effort or bandwidth-provisioned (within and between racks)
 - Caveat: current hardware in the racks allows best-effort VLANs only – will be remedied by Fall 2012 with support from the vendor

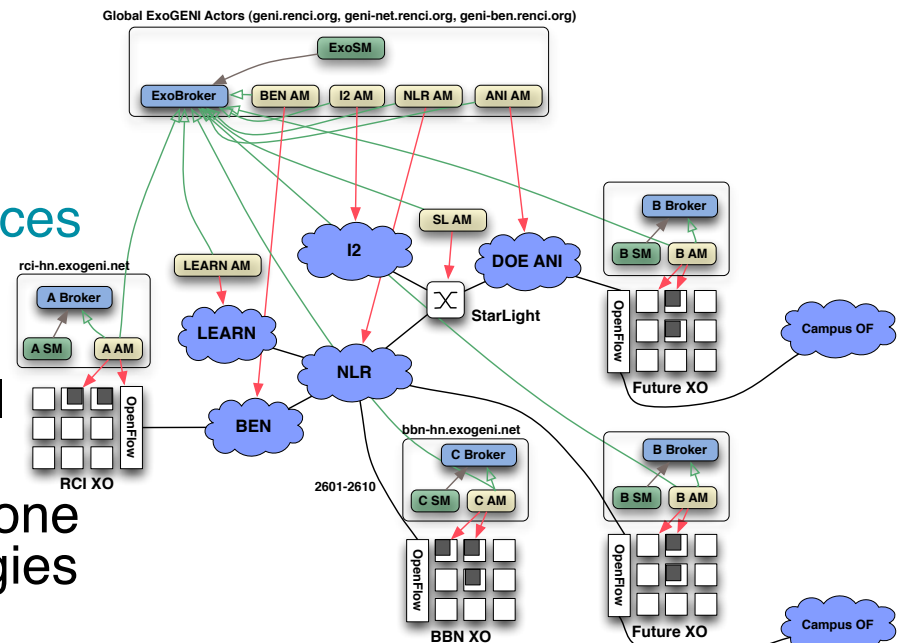


ORCA Overview

- Originally developed by Jeff Chase and his students at Duke
- Funded as Control Framework Candidate for GENI
 - Jointly developed by RENCi and Duke for GENI since 2008.
- Supported under several current NSF and DOE grants to enable ORCA to run computational networked clouds
- Fully distributed architecture
- Federated with GENI
 - We do not run SA's or issue GENI credentials
 - We honor GPO and Emulab-issued credentials
- Supports ORCA-native interface, resource specification and tools
 - Flukes
- Supports GENI AM API and GENI Rspec
 - Omni
- (Almost) compatible with Gush

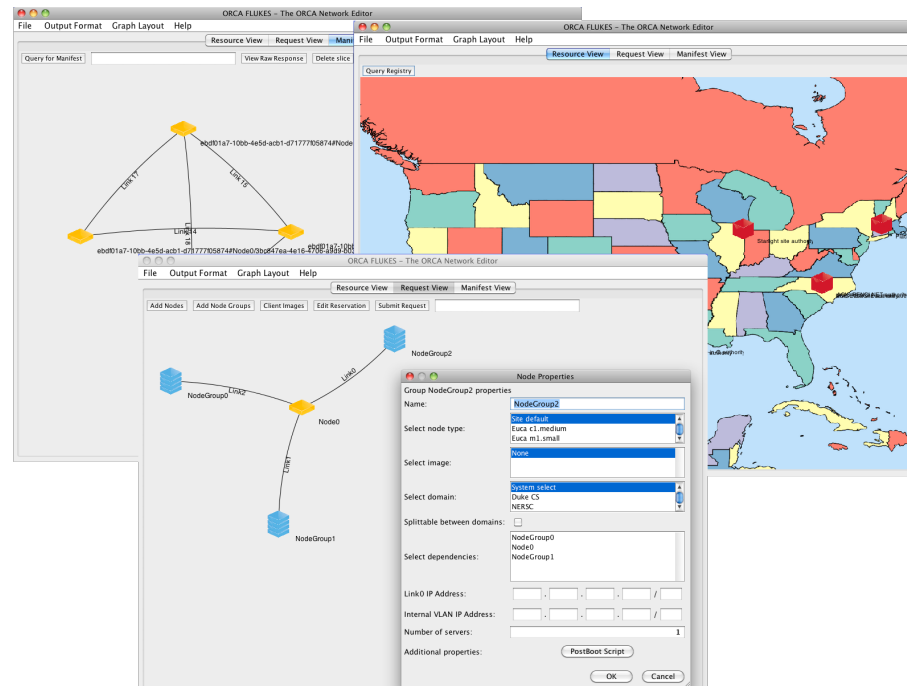
ORCA Deployment in ExoGENI

- Each rack runs its own SM actor that acts as GENI AM and exposes
 - ORCA native API
 - GENI AM API
- Rack-local SM can only create slices with resources within that rack
- ‘ExoSM’ has global visibility
 - Has access to resources in all racks
 - Has access to network backbone resources for stitching topologies between racks
- ExoSM
 - <https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc>



Section: Flukes Overview

- Graphical tool for creating and managing slice topologies in ORCA
 - JAVA (JNLP)



Section Overview

- Configuring Flukes prior to launch
- Launching Flukes
 - GUI Overview
 - Nodes, NodeGroups and Link parameters
 - Node-level vs. reservation level options
- Building slice request topologies
- Launching slice requests
- Inspecting slice manifests
- Logging into nodes in the slice
- NEuca-py tools

Configuring Flukes

- All user properties are under `$HOME/.flukes.properties` – it is a text file
 - Edit `$HOME/.flukes.properties`
 - Open in an editor and replace **EVERY** occurrence of *XX* with your index (including leading zero)
 - Inspecting keystore file (make note of key alias ('tutorialXX'))
 - `$ cd Tutorials/ORCA/orcatuXX`
 - `$ keytool -list -keystore ssh/orcatu01.jks`
 - NOTE: your key name is tutorialXX, and your key and keystore password is tut0rialXX

Launch Flukes!

- Double-click Flukes icon on your desktop
- Permanent stable version link
 - <http://geni-images.renci.org/webstart/flukes.jnlp>

GUI Overview

- Tabs
 - Resources, Request, Manifest
- Menus
 - Current properties
 - Overwriting properties (\$HOME/.flukes.properties)
- Mouse modes
- Buttons
- Adding nodes, nodegroups and links

Node and Link parameters

- Create a single node
- Right-click on the Node
 - Look at properties
 - Edit properties
 - Node type (size)
 - VM image
 - Domain (binding)
 - PostBoot script
- Create another node, link the two together
- Right-click and open properties again
 - Specify IP address on the link
 - Node functional dependencies
- Right-click on links
 - Inspect and edit link properties
 - Note only bandwidth is currently respected (and not everywhere due to hardware limitations)

NodeGroup parameters

- Create a single unattached node group
- Right-click to inspect and edit properties
 - Group sizes
 - Internal VLANs
 - Splittable groups

Nodes and NodeGroups

- Node is an individual compute element
 - Typically a VM or a hardware node
 - IP address(es) on links, size, image, site binding, post boot script
 - Can I control management IP address assignment? NO!
- NodeGroup is a group of identically configured nodes
 - A lot like a node except
 - May have an internal VLAN
 - PostBoot script is templated using Velocity template engine
 - <https://geni-orca.renci.org/trac/wiki/flukes>
 - IP address assignment is semi-automatic (starting with a user-specified address)
 - Node groups can be splittable between sites

What do I get when I ...?

- Create a standalone node?
 - You get a single compute element at one of the sites with a single network interface to the management network through which you can SSH into the node
 - Management interface is always eth0
- Connect two nodes together?
 - You get two compute elements each with two network interfaces – one for management access and one for the link between two nodes.
 - User-controlled interfaces start with eth1
 - You can control IP address assignment on the interfaces linking the two nodes (suggested range: 172.16.0.0/16)

What do I get when I ...?

- **Create a standalone NodeGroup?**
 - You get some number of nodes (specified in the group size) each with a single interface to the management network (eth0)
 - Nodes typically will be within the same rack
 - If node group is marked splittable nodes may be split across sites
- **Create a node group with a private VLAN?**
 - You get some number of nodes each with two interfaces – one on the management network and one on the VLAN interconnecting the members of the group.
 - **If you want IP addresses automatically configured, specify the first address in Flukes; all others will be configured sequentially**
 - **Example: NodeGroup with a private VLAN size 10, specified IP address 172.16.100.1/24. Nodes will get addresses 172.16.100.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10**
- **Connect a node group to a node or another node group?**
 - All nodes within the group and the adjacent node (or all nodes in both groups) have interfaces on a common VLAN. They also have management interfaces (eth0)
 - IP address is specified similarly to private VLAN
 - **Beware of address clashes! (ie here is a piece of rope, feel free to shoot yourself in the foot)**
- **Connect a node group (A) that has a private VLAN to another node or a group (B)**
 - Nodes within group A will have 3 interfaces – one for management (eth0), one on the private VLAN with members of this group, one on a VLAN shared with members of this group and the adjacent node or group B.

Can I tell which interface in the node will be eth1, eth2 etc?

- No, nor should you need to. Interfaces are identified by links they belong to.
- Note that different OSs name interfaces differently

Illustrations

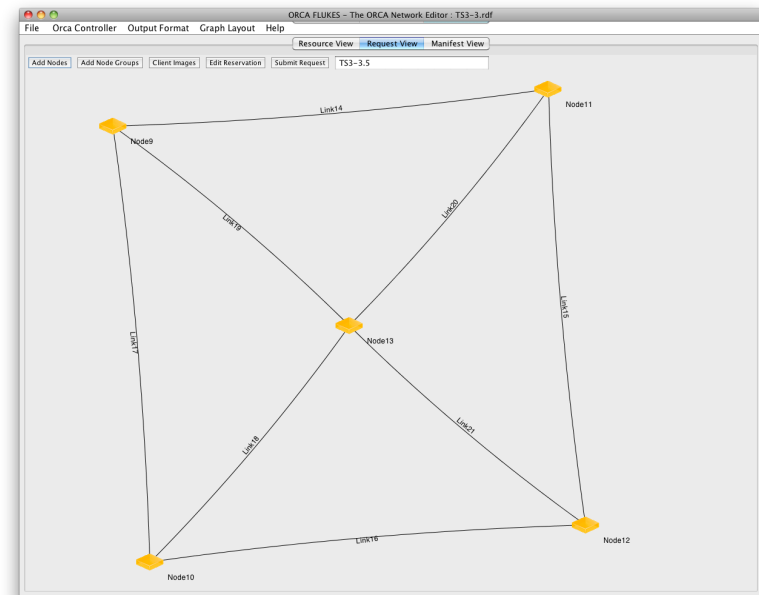
Node-level vs. Reservation-level options

- Reservation-level options overwrite node-level options
 - VM image
 - Domain binding
- OpenFlow slice parameters can currently only be specified at reservation level

Section: Creating slices with Flukes

Launching a slice

- Click 'File | New' to clear the request
- Use 3 or 4 Nodes and create a topology
 - Use regression image and m1.small instance type
 - Assign IP addresses on links
 - Using subnets 172.16.0.0/16
 - Specify a post-boot script



```
#!/bin/bash

DATE=`date`
echo 'This is my very first boot script and today is $DATE' > /tmp/out.txt
```

Launch a slice

- These will be unbound slices
 - We will let ORCA select sites with available resources
- Specify slice duration (click ‘Edit Reservation’)
- Fill in slice name (must be unique)
- Click ‘Submit Request’
 - Type in the alias of the key in the keystore (‘tutorialXX’)
 - Type in the password (‘tut0rialXX’)
 - ‘OK’
- Inspect the output window
 - Mainly a debugging tool. Will go away in the future.

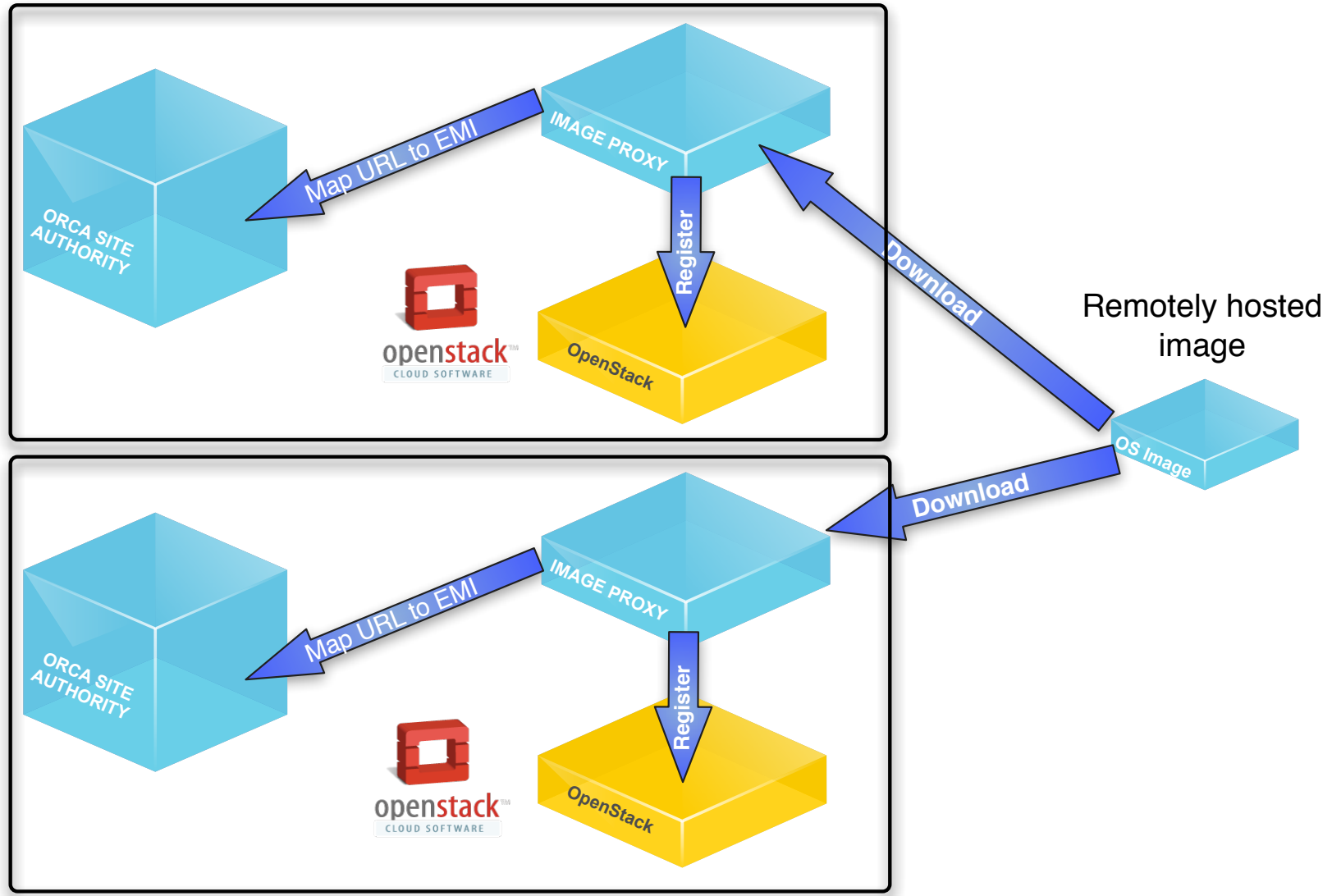
Inspect slice manifest

- Cut and paste slice name into the 'Manifest View' tab
- Click 'Query for Manifest'
 - Inspect raw output if interested
 - Inspect the state of slice elements by right clicking on each element (usually 'Ticketed')
 - If you see 'Failed' you have a problem
- Poll by clicking 'Query for Manifest'
 - Topology should materialize
 - All states should report 'Active'
- Play around with layouts to get something pleasing

VM images

- Creating your own image
- Specifying your own image for ORCA
- Delays
 - Images are downloaded and registered with the site at the time of slice creation
 - If you repeatedly use the same image and the site already has it, this step is skipped
 - Images may be cached-out causing longer delays (to download and re-register)
- Are there examples of known good images?
 - Yes, visit <https://geni-orca.renci.org/trac/wiki/neuca-images>

VM Images



Example image metafile

```
<images>
  <image>
    <type>ZFILESYSTEM</type>
    <signature>b54ed5a42cd99475c3d5d7c7a9839b69cf2076d5</signature>
    <url>http://geni-images.renci.org/images/workflows/pegasus/images/
pegasus-4.0-v0.3.sparse.img.tgz</url>
  </image>
  <image>
    <type>KERNEL</type>
    <signature>f8a64d3bc429e8fb46c94ff3b11a932a27c142bc</signature>
    <url>http://geni-images.renci.org/images/workflows/debian-squeeze-kernel/
vmlinuz-2.6.28-11-generic</url>
  </image>
  <image>
    <type>RAMDISK</type>
    <signature>6225968f43299aa40f6b1491360f3ce080bd16c4</signature>
    <url>http://geni-images.renci.org/images/workflows/debian-squeeze-kernel/
initrd.img-2.6.28-11-generic</url>
  </image>
</images>
```

How does ORCA refer to an image

- URL of a metafile (can be same or different webserver as the image)
- SHA1 checksum of the metafile (to ensure it has not been modified)
- Workflow
 - Create filesystem, kernel ramdisk
 - Place on webserver
 - Take SHA1 signatures of each file
 - Generate metafile
 - Take SHA1 signature of metafile and its URL and add it to .flukes.properties or put it in Rspec
 - Try on a small slice (one node) to make sure it boots
- Can I put my image on your server?
 - Sorry, no.
- Will my image always remain cached at the racks?
 - No, depending on the use, your image may be cached out.

Domain binding

- Leaving domain as 'System Select' leaves ORCA to pick the domain that has available resources
- You can explicitly bind to specific domains
- If nodes or groups in slice request belong to different domains, appropriate inter-domain links will be provisioned on demand

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Logging into nodes

- Right click on node
- Select 'Login to node'
 - In terminal window type in SSH key password ('gec13')
- Inspect uptime
 - \$ uptime
- Inspect the output of your boot script
- Inspect interfaces
 - \$ ifconfig
- Try to ping node neighbors

NEuca-py tools

- NEuca tools are loaded in the image
 - They configure network interfaces at boot time
 - They execute the post boot script
 - An image with NEuca tools will do neither of those things
 - You can still configure interfaces manually
- Allow you to inspect the VM configuration
- Run 'neuca' to get the list of neuca tools
 - \$ neuca
- Run 'neuca-user-data'
 - Note your boot script
- If you create your own VM image you are strongly encouraged to install NEuca tools on it
 - Visit <https://geni-orca.renci.org/trac/wiki/NEuca-guest-configuration> for instructions

Please delete slices!

Inter-domain slice

- Simple inter-domain slice (RCI to BBN)
 - Uses NLR FrameNet
- Compare latencies on two links

Section: OpenFlow slices in ExoGENI

OpenFlow slices

- Start OpenFlow controller
 - Using FloodLight 0.82
- Create a slice of one NodeGroup
 - More than one NodeGroup possible
 - Explicitly bind to one of XO racks
 - Automatic binding for OpenFlow is not yet available
- Declare reservation as ‘OpenFlow’ in reservation level properties and submit slice
 - Any link (including a private VLAN within a group) within the request that goes through the OpenFlow switch will be controlled by your controller

Section: Creating slices with Omni

Creating slices with Omni and GENI AM API

- ORCA's AM API is mostly v2 compliant
 - SliverStatus does not return individual resource URNs
 - ListResources may return multiple RSpec documents
- Use the RSpec file linked to this tutorial webpage:
 - <http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GEC13Agenda/ORCATutorial>

Sample simple RSpec

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rspec type="request"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2
                    http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2/request.xsd"
  xmlns:flack="http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/ext/flack/1"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns="http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2">
<node client_id="geni1">
  <sliver_type name="m1.small">
    <disk_image
name="http://geni-images.renci.org/images/regression/regression-deb5-i386.xml"
version="ea80af6601a2a000ec5b050d7e7701f26db096fc" />
    </sliver_type>
    <interface client_id="geni1:0">
      <ip address="172.16.1.1" netmask="255.255.255.0" />
    </interface>
  </node>
<node client_id="geni2">
  <sliver_type name="m1.large">
    <disk_image
name="http://geni-images.renci.org/images/regression/regression-deb5-i386.xml"
version="ea80af6601a2a000ec5b050d7e7701f26db096fc" />
    </sliver_type>
    <interface client_id="geni2:0" >
      <ip address="172.16.1.2" netmask="255.255.255.0" />
    </interface>
  </node>
<link client_id="center">
  <interface_ref client_id="geni1:0" />
  <interface_ref client_id="geni2:0" />
</link>
</rspec>
```



Issuing OMNI commands

- Create a slice with GPO SA
 - `omni.py -c omni_config -a https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc createslice orcav2-test3`
- CreateSliver with given RSpec
 - `omni.py -c omni_config -a https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc -n createsliver orcav2-test3 two-node.rspec`
- Query sliver status
 - `omni.py -c omni_config -a https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc sliverstatus orcav2-test3`
- List resources within the slice (IP addresses)
 - `omni.py -c omni_config -a https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc listresources orcav2-test3`
- Login to nodes
- Delete sliver
 - `omni.py -c omni_config -a https://geni.renci.org:11443/orca/xmlrpc deletesliver orcav2-test3`

RSpec conventions

- Install and execute service tags are respected
 - tar.gz, tar.Z, tar.bz, deb, rpm and zip recognized
- Domain binding is possible by specifying component id or component manager id

```
<node component_id="urn:publicid:IDN+uncvmsite+node+vm"
      component_manager_id="urn:publicid:IDN+uncvmsite+authority+cm"
      client_id="pc175"
      exclusive="true">
  <sliver_type name="raw-pc" />
</node>
```
- No NodeGroups
- No post boot scripts (yet)
- No OpenFlow slices (yet)
- See <https://geni-orca.renci.org/trac/wiki/orca-and-rspec> for updated information

Thank you for attending the tutorial!

- More Orca information
 - <http://geni-orca.renci.org>
- More ExoGENI informatino <http://>
 - <http://www.exogeni.net>