CELAR

Automatic, multi-grained elasticity-provisioning for the Cloud

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Consortium

Research Partners

Total Budget : 2,6 M €

- ATHENA, UCY, TUW
- Industrial/Technology Providers
 - Flexiant, SixSq, GRNET
- Users
 - ICR, PlayGen

















Cloud Computing in Cyprus: Opportunities and Challenges

CELAR issues addressed

- Cloud Computing: central paradigm for research, business, everyday computing
- Elasticity: refers to the ability of IaaS, PaaS, or SaaS to expand or contract dedicated resources in order to meet the exact demand at runtime.
- Plethora of different apps with various demands:
 - Elastic storage, compute power, platform, VM instances, combinations, etc
- Suboptimal resource allocation:
 - Coarse-grained (usually at the VM level)
 - Static, manual rules for scaling up and down (e.g., Amazon)
 - Limited application-side feedback, poor set of metrics

CELAR Vision

Automated, real-time, fine-grained elasticity for any Cloud application

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CELAR Objectives

- Provide a **complete software stack** that efficiently programs and manages resource allocation to cloud applications in the same way an operating system manages processes
- Intelligent decision-making module
- Real-time, fully scalable, elastic cloud monitoring system
- Open source ecosystem based on Eclipse
- Cloud information system
- Dynamic resource management
- Two applications (cloud gaming, scientific computing)

CELAR overview

- Elasticity provisioning subsystem
 - Adaptive decision-making
 - Fine-grained, platformindependent
- 2. Cloud Monitoring tool
 - Elastic, multi-layer
 - Metrics cost-evaluation
- 3. Application Framework
 - c-Eclipse for user and app management
- Cloudification framework



Work Structure

Research Areas

- Elasticity Provisioning Middleware
- Cloud Monitoring
- Application Management
- Applications:
 - Cloud Gaming
 - Translational Cancer Detection pipeline (SCAN)



CELAR Impact

- PaaS providers
 - Offer optimal management, increase profit
 - Globally applicable (modular, platform independent)
- Users
 - Actual pay-as-you-go
 - Remove admin burden, enhanced interaction
- Administrators
 - Advanced monitoring and description framework
- Cloud Community
 - Open-source tools, standards

