Introduction to Cloud Computing

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Presenter's Background in cloud computing

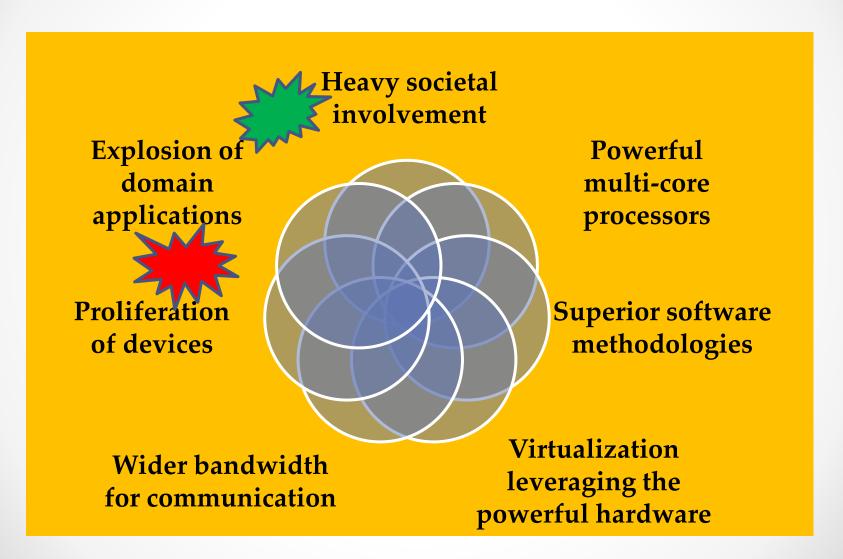
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- Is a PI on two current NSF grants that uses cloud computing:
- 2009-2012: Data-Intensive computing education:
 CCLI Phase 2: \$250K
- 2010-2012: Cloud-enabled <u>Evolutionary Genetics</u>
 <u>Testbed</u>: OCI-CI-TEAM: \$250K (Collaborative with Dr. Poulin and Dr. Ditmarr of Biology department)
- Faculty at the CSE department at University at Buffalo.

Outline of the talk

- Golden Era in Computing
- Data and Computing challenges
- Cloud Computing
- Popular Cloud Providers
- Our experience with Cloud hosting
- Summary
- References
- Questions and Answers

A Golden Era in Computing



Computing Challenges

- Scalability issue: large scale data, high performance computing, automation, response time, rapid prototyping, and rapid time to production
- Need to effectively address (i) ever shortening cycle of obsolescence, (ii) heterogeneity and (iii) rapid changes in requirements
- Transform data from diverse sources into intelligence and deliver intelligence to right people/user/systems
- How to store the big-data? What new computing models are needed?
- What about providing all this in a cost-effective manner?
- How to make computing available and accessible as a public resource?

Enter the cloud

- Cloud computing is Internet-based computing, whereby shared resources, software and information are provided to computers and other devices on-demand, like the electricity grid.
- The cloud computing is a culmination of numerous attempts at large scale computing with seamless access to virtually limitless resources.
 - on-demand computing, utility computing, ubiquitous computing, autonomic computing, platform computing, edge computing, elastic computing, grid computing, ...

The Cloud Computing

- Cloud provides processor, software, operating systems, storage, monitoring, load balancing, clusters and other requirements as a service
- Pay as you go model of business
- When using a public cloud the model is similar to renting a property than owning one.
- An organization could also maintain a private cloud and/or use both.
- Cloud computing models:
 - o platform (PaaS), Eg., Windows Azure
 - o software (SaaS), Eg., Google App Engine
 - o infrastructure (laaS), Eg., Amazon AWS
 - Services-based application programming interface (API)



Google App Engine

- This is more a web interface for a development environment that offers a one stop facility for design, development and deployment Java and Python-based applications in Java, Go and Python.
- Google offers the same reliability, availability and scalability at par with Google's own applications
- Interface is software programming based
- Comprehensive programming platform irrespective of the size (small or large)
- Signature features: templates and appspot, excellent monitoring and management console;
- Free version to explore at: http://code.google.com/appengine/
- Software as a service: <u>Evolutionary Genetics Testbed</u>



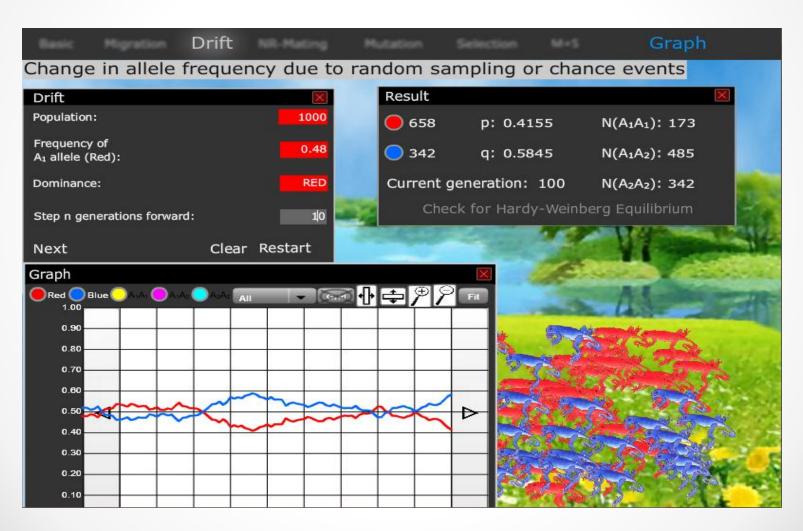
Amazon EC2

- Amazon EC2 is one large complex web service.
- EC2 provides an API for instantiating computing instances with any of the operating systems supported.
- It can facilitate computations through Amazon Machine Images (AMIs) for various other models.
- Signature features: S3, Cloud Management Console, MapReduce Cloud, Amazon Machine Image (AMI)
- Excellent distribution, load balancing, cloud monitoring tools
- You can explore amazon using the free account at:
- http://aws.amazon.com/free/

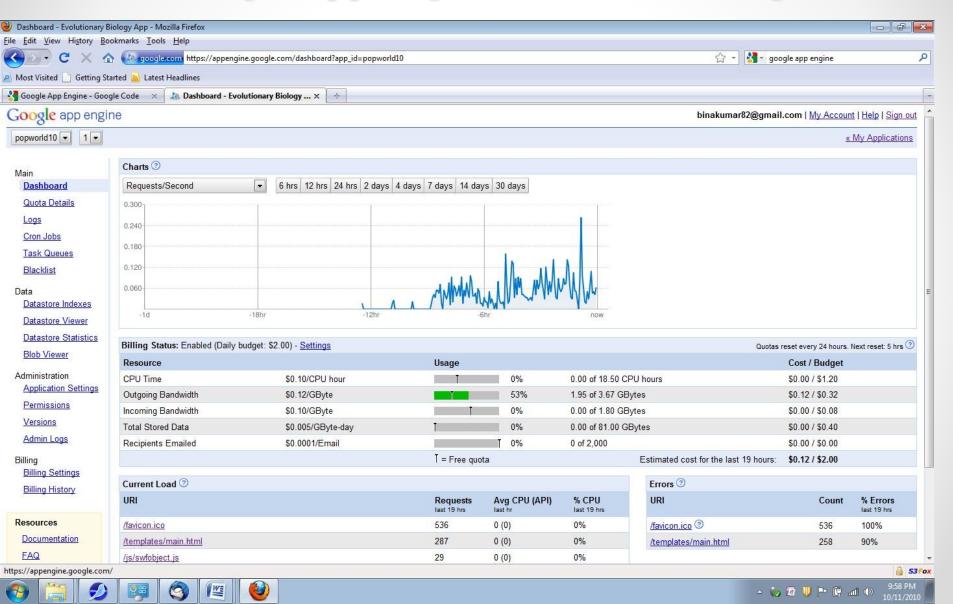
Pop!World

- Collaborative with BIO
- Dr. Jessica Poulin and Dr. Katharina Dittmar of Biology
- NSF supported
- Used by 1000+ entry level students in Biology
- Other upper level students also use it
- K-12 component is also included (Pop!World Gateway)
- Cloud deployed on Google App Engine
- Monitoring student learning behavior
- http://popworld15.appspot.com

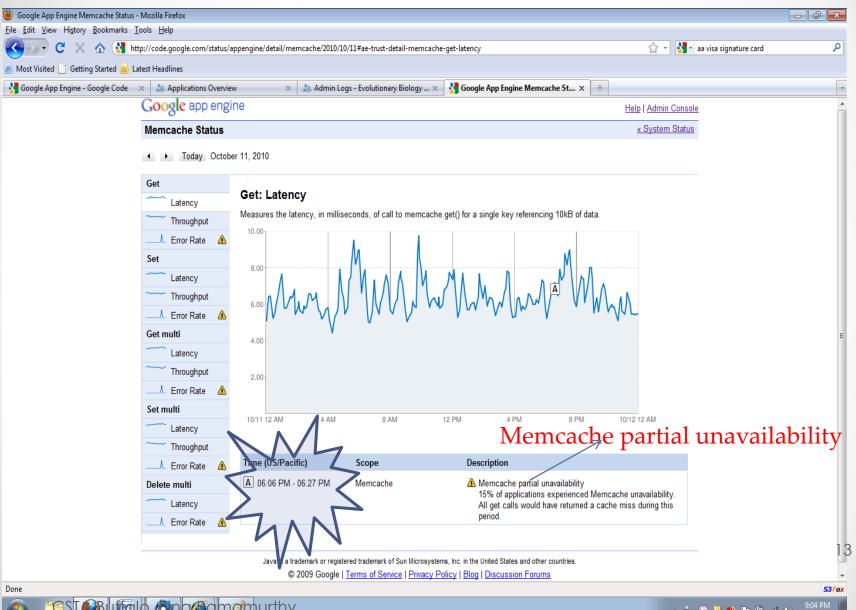
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Google App Engine Load Monitoring



MemCache on GoogleAppEngine (2010)



Summary

- We are entering a watershed moment in the internet era.
- This involves in its core and center, big data analytics and tools that provide intelligence in a timely manner to support decision making.
- Newer storage models, processing models, and approaches have emerged.
- Among these cloud computing has the potential to significantly improve accessibility to computing
- See: UB-implemented a SUNY-wide a <u>Certificate</u>
 <u>Program in Data-intensive Computing</u>

References & useful links

- Amazon AWS: http://aws.amazon.com/free/
- AWS Cost Calculator: <u>http://calculator.s3.amazonaws.com/calc5.html</u>
- Windows Azure: http://www.azurepilot.com/
- Google App Engine (GAE):
 http://code.google.com/appengine/docs/whatisg-oogleappengine.html
- For miscellaneous information: <u>http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/~bina</u>
- http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/~bina/DataIntensive