Jetstream Overview: A national research and education cloud


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What is XSEDE

• Virtual organization
• Distributed cyberinfrastructure
• Support
• Expertise
• Funded by the NSF
XSEDE offers a variety of resources

- Leading-edge distributed memory systems
- Very large shared memory systems
- High throughput systems, e.g. OSG
- Visualization servers
- Accelerators/co-processors including NVIDIA GPUs and Intel ManyCore
- Cloud services

Many scientific problems have components that call for use of more than one architecture.
XSEDE Training and Outreach

• Student Programs
• Under-represented Community Engagement
• Champions Program
• Annual XSEDE/PEARC Conference

• Training available for XSEDE resources and selected research topics via the XSEDE User Portal
Stay Connected with XSEDE

- XSEDE’s public web site is [www.xsede.org](http://www.xsede.org)
- Create an XSEDE User Portal sign on and receive news and notices at [portal.xsede.org](http://portal.xsede.org)
- Training events are announced via the public web site; and registrations via the XSEDE User Portal
- For access to additional training and educational resources visit [www.hpcuniversity.org](http://www.hpcuniversity.org)
NSF Funding Areas in HPC

Traditionally concentrated on enabling petascale capability
- Blue Waters – 13.3 petaflops, 2012 (under re-compete)
- Stampede – 9.6 petaflops, 2013 (extended to Stampede2 in 2017 – 18 petaflops)
- Comet – ~2.0 petaflops, 2014

Has funded research into building clouds and computer science
- CloudLab (renewed for 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase)
- Chameleon (renewed for 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase)

Now funding clouds to do research
- Bridges (Hybrid system)
- Jetstream
Jetstream - Expanding NSF XD’s reach and impact

Lots of stats below –

**tl;dr summary: no one has enough computing resources…but most aren’t using XSEDE in any capacity at all.**

Around 350,000 researchers, educators, & learners received NSF support in 2015

- Less than 2% completed a computation, data analysis, or visualization task on XD/XSEDE program resources
- Less than 4% had an XSEDE Portal account
- 70% of researchers surveyed* claimed to be resource constrained

Why are the people not using XD/XSEDE systems not using them?

- Perceived ease of access and use
- HPC resources – the traditional view of what XSEDE offers - are often not well-matched to their needs
- They just don’t need *that much* capability

* XSEDE Cloud Survey Report - [http://hdl.handle.net/2142/45766](http://hdl.handle.net/2142/45766)
Identifying the potential users

“But I really don’t have research needs… I don’t need the national research cyberinfrastructure.”

--- multiple researchers at a number of small colleges and universities
What is Jetstream and why does it exist?

- NSF’s first production cloud facility
- Part of the NSF eXtreme Digital (XD) program
- Focus on ease-of-use, broad accessibility
- Provides on-demand *interactive* computing and analysis or persistent gateways
- Enables *configurable* environments and *programmable* cyberinfrastructure
Who uses Jetstream?

- The researcher needing a handful of cores (1 to 44/vCPU)
- Software creators and researchers needing to create their own customized virtual machines and workflows
- Science gateway creators using Jetstream as either the frontend or processor for scientific jobs
- STEM Educators teaching on a variety of subjects
What Jetstream isn’t…

• It’s not traditional HPC
• There’s no shared filesystem (think cloudy!)
• There’s no high-end interconnect fabric (keep thinking cloudy!)
• There aren’t GPUs (yet…stay tuned)
• It isn’t Amazon, Azure, or GCE (similar, but…)

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HPC vs Cloud

Adapting to a different environment:

• No reservations, no queueing – more interactive usage
• Being your own admin – hey, we have root!**
• You really can have almost any (linux) software you want**
• Constantly getting new features (https://www.openstack.org/software/project-navigator/)

** Here there be dragons…
Jetstream and way of the cloud…

• **Cloudy Technologies**: clouds are more than just virtual machines (VM)
  • **Old way**: robust (expensive) infrastructure, weak (cheap) software
    • You expect the hardware to not fail
    • State in maintained in volatile data structures
  • **Cloudy way**: commodity infrastructure, robust software
    • Expect & plan for infrastructure to fail
    • Put intelligence into the software to handle infrastructure failure
• And my favorite…
Thinking about VMs…

Cows, not pets: pets take great amount of care, feeding, and you name them; cows you intend to have high turnover and you give them numbers.

-- Mike Lowe (Jetstream architect)

**some caveats for gateways…**
Jetstream System Overview
Platform Overview

- Web App
- Globus Auth
- Atmosphere API
- Atmo Services
- XSEDE Accounting
- OpenStack
- Ceph

Indiana University

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The Jetstream Atmosphere web interface
The Jetstream Atmosphere web interface
Hardware and Instance "Flavors"

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**s1.* storage-rich instances are not eligible to be saved into a customized image**

- Short-term *ephemeral* storage comes as part of launched instance
- Long-term storage is XSEDE-allocated
- Implemented as OpenStack Volumes and object storage
- Default storage is modest, but more is available via allocation
Using Jetstream VMs

Manipulating Jetstream VMs:
• Jetstream Atmosphere web interface
• Direct API access via OpenStack command line or Horizon access
  - API access enables Science Gateways and other always on services or
    on demand use cases; e.g. elastic compute techniques

Primary methods of logging into Jetstream VMs to work
• Interactive user access via web interface with VNC/SSH
• Direct VNC/SSH to individual instances
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Jetstream for engineering researchers (and others)

Matlab and SimuLink and additional toolkits are installed on Jetstream

You do NOT need to have a local license to use MATLAB on Jetstream

If you are a researcher, and MATLAB or SimuLink… you’re ready to go!

If you are an engineering researcher, and you need other tools... Let us know – we are happy to consider other requests

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Not just the usual suspects...

Physics, chemistry, and other “usual” HPC suspects are represented, but Jetstream also is home to projects on:

- Financial analysis / Economics
- Political science
- Humanities / Text analysis
- Network analysis
- Computer Science / Machine learning
- Satellite data analysis
Jetstream for Education

Jetstream has been used in multiple graduate and undergraduate courses

• Management, Access, and Use of Big and Complex Data
• Multiple informatics and general bioinformatics courses
• Business Intelligence (big data and analysis)
• Research Topics in Music
• Multiple genetics and sequencing courses
• Multiple information security and assurance courses
• …and others…

Multiple Research Data Alliance Workshops, multiple workshops/classes on Galaxy, data analysis in finance using R, security and intrusion detection, and principles in cloud computing and more!
Another Use Case: Galaxy riding Jetstream

Galaxy is a platform for biomedical research, focused on accessibility, transparency and reproducibility

- The main project instance (usegalaxy.org) has more than 100,000 registered users executing 300,000+ jobs each month
- Many users need more capacity than the public quota, or other customizations (e.g., new tools)

Use Jetstream as a **bursting** platform

- From Galaxy Main, offload jobs onto a remote Slurm cluster running on Jetstream instances
- Run Galaxy Interactive Environments (i.e., Dockerized IPython/RStudio containers) in an isolated environment on a Swarm cluster running on Jetstream

Use Jetstream as a **self-service** platform

- Pre-built Galaxy image configured with hundreds of tools and access to TBs of genomic reference data, available via the self-launch model within minutes
- Allows users to acquire (free) resources, and gives them complete control
Jetstream Gateway Highlights

• IRIS
  - Serving large scale earthquake and geographical data for analysis
• Unidata
  - Providing distribution and analysis of meteorological data
• OpenMRS
  - Providing medical records systems for the resource-constrained
• SEAGrid
  - Computational chemistry, molecular and fluid dynamics, and structural mechanics gateway
• NAMDRunner
  - Based on the GenApp gateway – over 1 million computing hours used to date for MD
• ChemCompute Gateway
  - Providing a computational chemistry gateway for educational use

• Coming gateways: The Neuroscience Gateway, UltraScan III, and others

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Jetstream usage highlights – 1 October 2018

- 413 active XSEDE projects covering 75 fields of science and **2558 active users** representing **190 institutions**
- **80%** of Jetstream users have **not used any other XSEDE system**
- >143M CPU hours allocated to XSEDE projects since June 2016
- 15 active science gateways
- 47 education/teaching allocations serving over 904 students
- 1151 (avg concurrent) active VMs in previous qtr, 955 in PY2*
- **Highest** user satisfaction in most recent XSEDE survey

*M&O PY2 to date 11/12 months
Jetstream Timeline…what comes next?

- Completed our second year of operations on September 1, 2018
- Soliciting Research allocation requests plus Startup and Education allocations – including Science Gateways!
- Adding services as deemed useful/mature (Heat, Magnum, Trove, Manila, etc)
- Atmosphere enhancements on a regular cycle
- Working on partnerships with groups like HubZero and others to extend the value of Jetstream
Requesting access to Jetstream

- Trial allocations available TODAY
- You can request startup allocations anytime. (Startups are simple!)
- You can request allocations for educational use anytime.
- Next submission period for large allocations is 15 Sept - 15 Oct 2018.
- Research allocation: Main project description (up to 10 pages) and Scaling doc (up to 5 pages) – We can help!
Expanding the reach: Jetstream REU Program

- NSF Supplement for undergraduates
- 4 students participated in 2017
- 6 students participated in 2018

- REU student videos on YouTube
  https://www.youtube.com/user/IUPTI
Where can I get help?


User guides: https://portal.xsede.org/user-guides

XSEDE KB: https://portal.xsede.org/knowledge-base

Email: help@xsede.org

Campus Champions: https://www.xsede.org/campus-champions

Introduction to Jetstream Virtual Workshop: https://cvw.cac.cornell.edu/jetstream/

Jetstream Allocations Virtual Workshop: https://cvw.cac.cornell.edu/JetstreamReq/
Jetstream Fun: Happy cluster / Angry Cluster
Infrared image of Jetstream
Jetstream Partners

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