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Xen and OpenStack

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Hi Dr. Sandhu,

Here are some of the links from the class discussions:

How to install Xen with Ubuntu 12.04

https://help.ubuntu.com/community/Setting%20up%20Xen%20and%20XAPI%20(XenAPI)%20on%20Ubuntu%20Server%2012.04%20LTS%20and%20Managing%20it%20With%20Citrix%20XenCenter%20or%20OpenXenManager

The General Wiki Page for Xen and OpenStack:

https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/XenServer

The deployment architecture of Xen with OpenStack:

https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/XenServer/XenAndXenServer

Explanation of some of the terms used with Xen Hypervisor:

XCP

The Xen Cloud Platform (or XCP) is a turnkey open source virtualization solution that provides out-of-the box virtualization and cloud computing. XCP includes the Xen Hypervisor, the enterprise ready Xen API toolstack and integrations for cloud, storage and networking solutions. Additional functionality that is available in XCP includes:

- VM lifecycle: live snapshots, checkpoint, migration
- · Resource pools: flexible storage and networking
- Event tracking: progress, notification
- · Upgrade and patching capabilities
- · Real-time performance monitoring and alerting
- Built-in support and templates for Windows and Linux guests
- Open vSwitch support built-in
- Storage XenMotion® live Migration (cross-pool migration, VDI migration)

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XAPI

- A Toolstack implementing the XAPI interface
- An interface for remotely configuring and controlling virtualised guests running on a Xen-enabled host

It is the core component of XCP and XenServer. XAPI adds additional functionality compared to other Xen toolstacks, for example (but not limited to)

- Extends Xen to cover multiple hosts
- VM lifecycle: live snapshots, checkpoint, migration
- Resource pools: live migration, auto configuration, disaster recovery

- Flexible storage and networking
- Event tracking: progress, notification
- Upgrade and patching capabilities
- Real-time performance monitoring and alerting

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