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A Survey on Fitness and performance focus based Cloud Resource Allocation

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ABSTRACT: Cloud is a group of computers or servers which are interconnected together to provide resources to the clients. The main problems related to cloud computing are the network bandwidth, response time, minimum delay in data transfer and minimum transfer cost for data. In cloud computing the resource allocation plays an important role in the performance of the entire system and the level of customer satisfaction provided by the system. However, while providing the utmost customer satisfaction, the service provider ought to make sure of the profits to him also. So the resource allocation should be economical on both views i.e. on the end user and the service provider perspective. So as to get such a new system that guarantees the fitness of performance traits between cloud resources (service providers) and cloud services (buyers).

KEYWORDS: Cloud Computing, cloud resource allocation, fitness-enabled auction

I. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing is an on-demand service because it offers dynamic flexible resource allocation for reliable and guaranteed services in pay as-you-use manner. Due to the ever-increasing demands of the users for services or resources, it becomes difficult to allocate resources accurately to the user demands in order to satisfy their requests. In cloud computing, an effective resource allocation strategy is required for achieving user satisfaction and maximizing the profit for cloud service providers. Resource Allocation Strategy (RAS) as an integrating cloud provider activity for utilizing and allocating scarce resources within the limit of cloud environment so as to meet the needs of the cloud application.

Cloud computing has become a new age technology that has got huge potentials in enterprises and markets. Clouds can make it possible to access applications and associated data from anywhere. Companies are able to rent resources from cloud for storage and other computational purposes so that their infrastructure cost can be reduced significantly. Further they can make use of company-wide access to applications, based on pay-as-you-go model. Hence there is no need for getting licenses for individual products. However, one of the major pitfalls in cloud computing is related to optimizing the resources being allocated. Because of the uniqueness of the model, resource allocation is performed with the objective of minimizing the costs associated with it. The other challenges of resource allocation are meeting customer demands and application requirements.

Resource management is a topic worthy of investigation, and is a key issue to decide whether the new computing paradigm can be adopted more and obtain great business success. It requires the type and amount of resources needed by each application in order to complete a user job. The order and time of allocation of resources are also an input for an optimal RAS. New challenges of resource allocation in cloud computing lie in the fact that the cloud platform is built for commercial uses, which demands that all the resources in the cloud platform be paid for uses. In such cases, there are at least two new requirements to be considered: one is the trade-offs between prices and profits for cloud resource providers (resource agents), or prices and the required level of QoS for resource renters.



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II. RELATED WORK

A comprehensive literature survey was performed in the support of cloud resource allocation strategy. Cloud computing is an essential ingredient of modern computing systems, Cloud computing provides an on-demand service because it offers dynamic resource allocation for reliable and highly available services in pay as-you-consume manner to public. In Cloud computing environment, multiple cloud users can request number of cloud services in parallel. So, there must be a provision that all resources which are made available to requesting user in efficient manner to satisfy their need. Cloud Computing is a computing technology that is rapidly consolidating itself as the next step in the development and deployment of increasing number of distributed application. Cloud computing is nothing but a specific style of computing where everything from computing power to infrastructure, business apps are provided as a service. It's a computing service rather than a product. In cloud, shared resources, software, and information is provided as a metered service over the network. When the end user accesses some service in cloud, he is not aware of where that service is coming from or what is platform being used or where it is being stored.

In cloud computing, an effective resource allocation strategy is required for achieving user satisfaction and maximizing the profit for cloud service providers. In [1], Vinothina et. al. discusses Resource Allocation Strategy (RAS) as an integrating cloud provider activity for utilizing and allocating scarce resources within the limit of cloud environment so as to meet the needs of the cloud application. Also, a summary of the classification of RAS and its impacts in cloud system is given. In [7], Sowmya Koneru et. al. Focus on increasing the efficacy of the scheduling algorithm for the real-time Cloud Computing services. The RR scheduling Algorithm utilizes the Turnaround Time Utility efficiently by differentiating it into a gain function and a loss function for a single task and also used to maximize the efficiency gain.

An overall improvement in the resource utilization and reduction in the processing cost is shown in [11]. In [8] authors have explained the algorithm for negotiation protocol for resource provisioning in detail. In [1], authors have made a comparison of many resource allocation strategies. In [9] authors propose a model and a utility function for location aware dynamic resource allocation. Comparison of number of available resource allocation policies is covered in [10]. In [11] author has used a Genetic Algorithm for scheduling of tasks in cloud computing systems.

III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

A. DESCRIPTION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:

Clouds are usually referred to as a large pool of computing and storage resources, which can be accessed via standard protocols with an abstract interface [6]. A four-layer architecture for cloud computing is shown in Figure 1.1

The fabric layer contains the raw hardware level resources, such as compute resources, storage resources, and network resources. On the unified resource layer, resources have been virtualized so that they can be exposed to upper layer and end users as integrated resources. The platform layer adds on a collection of specialized tools, middleware and services on top of the unified resources to provide a development and deployment platform. The application layer includes the applications that would run in the clouds.

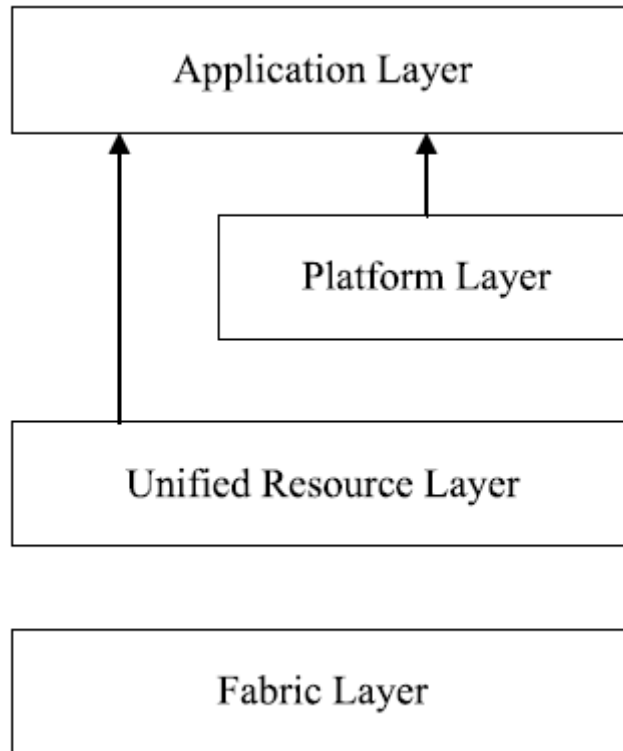


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1.1 System Architecture

Step 2: Selection Criteria:

In a cloud market, there are N users asking for services, each having a sequence of tasks to complete. The maximum number of tasks is K . Cloud provider entirely virtualizes K resources, each of which can render a specific service with a fixed finite capacity C .

$$C = [C_1, C_2, \dots, C_K] \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

One task is characterized by its size, which means the amount of computing capability required to complete the task.

In the real commodity market, consumers needing the same commodity are competitors, and are reluctant to cooperate with each other. Thus, resource allocation in clouds is a noncooperative allocation problem. Every user has a bidding function, which decides the bid in any round considering task size, priority, QoS requirement, budget and deadline. The repeated bidding behavior is considered as a stochastic process indexed by a discrete time set. The outputs are random variables that have certain distributions, when these above deterministic arguments and time are fixed.

$$\{ B^i(k), k \in (1, 2, 3, \dots, K) \} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

Where B^i is the money that a user is willing to pay for one unit of resource per second. User i bids for task k at price $B^i(k)$, which can be treated as a sample for B^i . In each auction stage, users ask the auctioneer individually about configuration information such as virtual machine provision policy, time zone, bandwidth, residual computing processors, and bid according to their asset valuations. Auctioneer collects all bids then informs users of the sum of bids. Under the game of incomplete information, cloud users only know their own price functions as well as the incurred sum of bids.



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IV. PSEUDO CODE

Bidding Algorithm

From an users point of view, after task submission, observer focuses on analyzing the received messages that prescribe users next move. If auctioneer announces a new auction, user adds it to the auction list. If bids are called, an appropriate bid is calculated and reported to auctioneer. If user receives the message calling for parameters, he examines the historical prices and estimates the future bid sum by Bayesian learning mechanism, then sends information back. Finally, if user receives resource price and proportion, he immediately updates his price list and begins to execute the task.

- 1: submit tasks to auctioneer
- 2: **if** observer receives message of inform start **then**
- 3: add current auction
- 4: **end if**
- 5: **if** observer receives message of call for bids **then**
- 6: set $\{b_1^i, \dots, b_{k-1}^i\} \leftarrow b_k^i$
- 7: send message of proposal to auctioneer
- 8: **end if**
- 9: **if** observer receives message of call for parameters **then**
- 10: inquiry historical price
- 11: forecast future price
- 12: send message of competitors information to auctioneer
- 13: **end if**
- 14: **if** observer receives message of resource price **then**
- 15: $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{k-1}\} \leftarrow \theta_k$
- 16: send message of task execution to resource
- 17: delete current auction

From an auctioneer's perspective, a new auction is triggered off whenever a new type of task arrives. Once an auction begins, auctioneer broadcasts the bid calling message to current users. As soon as all proposals arrive, auctioneer informs users. Similarly, auctioneer collects bidding function parameters from all the bidders, and then decides a reasonable bound. If the bound is too narrow, poor users quit gambling.

V. MERITS AND APPLICATIONS

Response Time Management

Response time management is an important concept related to how the resource allocation mechanism will treat the response time of the tasks to achieve good system performance.

Resource Optimization

Given this model, an algorithm that allocates the resources in cloud, which selects and optimizes resources

Resource Management and Control

Resource management in cloud is related to the allocation and deallocation of based on the requirement of the user.

Performance Prediction

Given method is used to predict the distribution fairly well and to make sophisticated tradeoff decisions that are difficult when this algorithm is not used.

Other Applications

- The biggest benefit of resource allocation is that user neither has to install software nor hardware to access the applications, to develop the application and to host the application over the Internet.
- The next major benefit is that there is no limitation of place and medium. We can reach our applications and data anywhere in the world, on any system.



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- The user does not need to expend on hardware and software systems.
- Cloud providers can share their resources over the Internet during resource scarcity.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Cloud computing is a research hotspot in IT fields, which utilizes virtualization technology, integrates distributed computing, storage, data, applications and other resources, provides collaborative computing model and strong information processing capabilities. A new idea which is applying cloud computing to the resource management in universities is presented in this project, for solving shortcomings in the current inefficiency resource management, lack of resource information timely communication and resource sharing. Algorithm dealt with the resource allocation and scheduling problems in cloud computing. In this paper, this paper introduces a new auction method, deal with the special challenges in the cloud computing to distribute the resources to the proper cloud services so that services can get their suitable resources, and services with higher service level are easier to get high quality resources. This method features the fitness concept, and the redesigned bargaining process and function to calculate the final dealing price. In this way, the overall market efficiency is fully improved. Experiments validate the CRAA/FA algorithm, and show that it is more efficient than the allocating methods without the introduction of fitness.

VII. FUTURE WORK

The future work is going to be carried out regarding to the scale problem of this allocation algorithm. Since cloud is usually serving thousands of users, a cloud composed of thousands of, or even tens of thousands of, servers are quite common. To investigate the scalability of this allocation algorithm and compare with decentralized auction-based cloud resource allocation approaches, e.g., catallaxy-based approach, I am planning to write some software modules so that it will be adapted to the environment with some VMs deployed in our own servers and others in a public IaaS cloud like Amazon EC2. By this means, I could setup an experimental environment with around 10 virtual machines. Another aspect that is worth investigating is the oligopoly or even monopoly problem in our cloud resource market. In fact, I am simply consume that cloud resources are located in a competitive resource market in our work. An oligopoly cloud resource market is the one in which all cloud resources, or a special type of cloud resource, like the one with high I/O throughput, are controlled by only a few providers. Can the CRAA/FA algorithm be used in such a cloud resource market? Are there more efficient resource allocation methods? I will continue to investigate that in our future work.

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