

Application

Title of the workshop

15th Workshop on Virtualization in High-Performance Cloud Computing (VHPC '20)

Names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of the workshop organizers

(a typical workshop should count no more than three co-chairs affiliated with different organizations)

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Abstract/Scope

Containers and virtualization technologies constitute key enabling factors for flexible resource management in modern data centers, and particularly in cloud environments. Cloud providers need to manage complex infrastructures in a seamless fashion to support the highly dynamic and heterogeneous workloads and hosted applications customers deploy. Similarly, HPC environments have been increasingly adopting techniques that enable flexible management of vast computing and networking resources, close to marginal provisioning cost, which is unprecedented in the history of scientific and commercial computing. Most recently, Function as a Service (Faas) and Serverless computing, utilizing lightweight VMs-containers widens the spectrum of applications that can be deployed in a cloud environment, especially in an HPC context. Here, HPC-provided services can become accessible to distributed workloads outside of large cluster environments.

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lastly, unikernels provide for many virtualization benefits with a minimized OS/library surface. I/O Virtualization in turn allows physical network interfaces to take traffic from multiple VMs or containers; network virtualization, with its capability to create logical network overlays that are independent of the underlying physical topology is furthermore enabling virtualization of HPC infrastructures.

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Expected number of papers: 30 submissions, 8 presented papers

Proceedings: Springer Workshop Volume

Targeted audience

The Workshop on Virtualization in High-Performance Cloud Computing (VHPC) aims to bring together researchers and industrial practitioners facing the challenges posed by virtualization, containerization, and orchestration techniques for deploying HPC and HPC-like applications in large data centers.

Expected outcome from the workshop

VHPC aims to foster discussion, collaboration, mutual exchange of knowledge and experience, enabling research to ultimately provide novel solutions for virtualized computing systems of tomorrow.

Diffusion of new cloud and HPC virtualization results to researchers and practitioners.

Estimated attendance: > 30

One or more keywords

container, virtualization, cloud, hpc, orchestration

If the workshop has been held before, please indicate the dates, locations, and approximate number of attendees

Prior History:

VHPC 7 had a 33% accept rate and drew 28 attendees peak in 2012 (EuroPar '12).

VHPC 8 had 45 attendees peak, min ≥ 30 (SC '13)

VHPC 9 had a 44% acceptance rate with 20 attendees peak (min ≥ 18). (EuroPar '14)

VHPC 10 had a 40% acceptance rate, 18 attendees peak. (EuroPar '15)

VHPC 11 had a 40% acceptance rate, 30 attendees peak. (ISC '16)

VHPC 12 had a 40% acceptance rate, 29 attendees peak. (ISC '17)

VHPC 13 had a 29% acceptance rate, 27 attendees peak. (ISC '18)

VHPC 14 had a 44% acceptance rate, 26 attendees peak. (ISC '19)

Format of the workshop

Duration: Workshop Duration is one day

Format: Talks, some demonstrations and lightning talks.

Tentative list of talks/invited talk(s)/panel session(s)/keynote talk(s)/combinations of these

Not set at this time; prior invited speakers included an:

NASA IT CTO, CERN IT group leader, ARM director

Short CV for each workshop organizer (1,000 characters maximum)

Michael Alexander holds degrees in electrical engineering (TGM), business administration (University of Southern California) and economics (University of Vienna). He is currently performing large data analytics for multiple domains and supporting architecting of clusters. His professional experience includes education and product management at IBM, and Alcatel. Prior he was a HPC Specialist at TU Wien and a Product Line Manager for Alcatel ADSL and Optical Access Networks. He is the author of a textbook on networks and network security published by Hüthig/Verlagsgruppe Süddeutsche, and editor of a special issue on mathematical methods in network management of the Wiley International Journal of Network Management. For the last fourteen years, he has served as the Program Committee Chair for VHPC, Workshop on Virtualization in High-Performance Cloud Computing. His current research interests include content centric networking, distributed databases, virtualization system-network management.

With over 12 years of experience in Virtualization technologies, Anastassios Nanos is currently working on the lower-level parts of the stack to attack issues related to performance, scalability, power-efficiency, and security in hypervisors. Previously, he was a post-doc at CSLab, NTUA, working on bridging the gap between common HPC practices and virtualization. His research interests include I/O Virtualization, systems software for high-performance I/O in virtualized environments, systems support for heterogeneous platforms, communication architectures for clusters, and scalable storage architectures based on clusters. He holds a Diploma in Engineering (2006) from ECE, NTUA and a PhD in Computer Engineering (2013) from NTUA. He has been involved in EU-funded projects, conducting research in emerging, power-efficient micro-server architectures on scalable network and storage I/O, and energy-driven resource management in cloud architectures.

If known: list of all workshop speakers, including first name, last name, e-mail address and short CV (1,000 characters maximum) for each speaker: expected in March

Call for Papers

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CALL FOR PAPERS

145h Workshop on Virtualization in High-Performance Cloud Computing (VHPC '20)

held in conjunction with the International Supercomputing Conference - High Performance, June 21-25, 2019, Frankfurt, Germany.

(Springer LNCS Proceedings)

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Date: June 25, 2019

Workshop URL: <http://vhpc.org>

Paper Submission Deadline: April 19, 2019

Springer LNCS, rolling abstract submission

Abstract/Paper Submission Link: <https://edas.info/newPaper.php?c=26973>

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Publication

Accepted papers will be published in a Springer LNCS proceedings volume.

Topics of Interest

The VHPC program committee solicits original, high-quality submissions related to virtualization across the entire software stack with a special focus on the intersection of HPC, containers-virtualization and the cloud.

Major Topics:

- HPC on Containers and VMs
- Containerized applications with OS-level virtualization
- Lightweight applications with Unikernels
- HP-as-a-Service

each major topic encompassing design/architecture, management, performance management, modeling and configuration/tooling:

Design / Architecture:

- Containers and OS-level virtualization (LXC, Docker, rkt, Singularity, Shifter, i.a.)
- Hypervisor support for heterogeneous resources (GPUs, co-processors, FPGAs, etc.)
- Hypervisor extensions to mitigate side-channel attacks ([micro-]architectural timing attacks, privilege escalation)
- VM & Container trust and security models
- Multi-environment coupling, system software supporting in-situ analysis with HPC simulation
- Cloud reliability, fault-tolerance and high-availability
- Energy-efficient and power-aware virtualization
- Containers inside VMs with hypervisor isolation
- Virtualization support for emerging memory technologies
- Lightweight/specialized operating systems in conjunction with virtual machines
- Hypervisor support for heterogeneous resources (GPUs, co-processors, FPGAs, etc.)
- Novel unikernels and use cases for virtualized HPC environments
- ARM-based hypervisors, ARM virtualization extensions

Management:

- Container and VM management for HPC and cloud environments
- HPC services integration, services to support HPC
- Service and on-demand scheduling & resource management
- Dedicated workload management with VMs or containers
- Workflow coupling with VMs and containers
- Unikernel, lightweight VM application management
- Environments and tools for operating containerized environments (batch, orchestration)

- Novel models for non-HPC workload provisioning on HPC resources

Performance Measurements and Modeling:

- Performance improvements for or driven by unikernels
- Optimizations of virtual machine monitor platforms and hypervisors
- Scalability analysis of VMs and/or containers at large scale
- Performance measurement, modeling and monitoring of virtualized/cloud workloads
- Virtualization in supercomputing environments, HPC clusters, HPC in the cloud

Configuration / Tooling:

- Tool support for unikernels: configuration/build environments, debuggers, profilers
- Job scheduling/control/policy and container placement in virtualized environments
- Operating MPI in containers/VMs and Unikernels
- Software defined networks and network virtualization
- GPU virtualization operationalization

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The workshop will be one day in length, composed of 20 min paper presentations, each followed by 10 min discussion sections, plus lightning talks that are limited to 5 minutes. Presentations may be accompanied by interactive demonstrations.

Important Dates

Apr 19th, 2019 - Abstract (extended), Paper submission deadline (Springer LNCS)

May 3, 2019 - Acceptance notification

June 20th, 2019 - Workshop Day

July 10th, 2019 - Camera-ready version due

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Paper Submission-Publication

Papers submitted to the workshop will be reviewed by at least two members of the program committee and external reviewers. Submissions should include abstract, keywords, the e-mail address of the corresponding author, and must not exceed 10 pages, including tables and figures at a main font size no smaller than 11 point. Submission

of a paper should be regarded as a commitment that, should the paper be accepted, at least one of the authors will register and attend the conference to present the work. Accepted papers will be published in a Springer LNCS volume.

The format must be according to the Springer LNCS Style. Initial submissions are in PDF; authors of accepted papers will be requested to provide source files.

Format Guidelines:

<ftp://ftp.springernature.com/cs-proceeding/lncs/lncs2e.zip>

Abstract, Paper Submission Link:

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Lightning Talks

Lightning Talks are non-paper track, synoptical in nature and are strictly limited to 5 minutes. They can be used to gain early feedback on ongoing research, for demonstrations, to present research results, early research ideas, perspectives and positions of interest to the community. Submit abstract via the main submission link.

General Information

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