

GPU as a first class feature

A proposal and an appeal for help

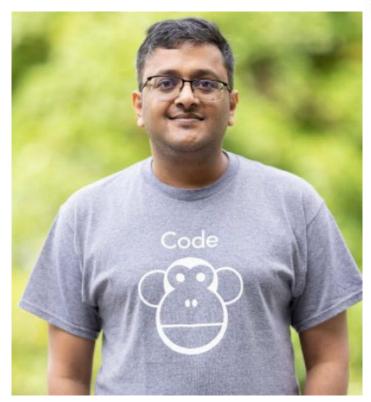
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About me

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- Worked as a Backend & Infrastructure engineer in the past
- Experience managing and administering kubernetes, AWS, PostgreSQL in production
- Passionate about cloud infrastructure, security, and Al







What's in it for you?





How are GPUs used in the cloud?





Application

GPU 1

GPU 2

Application

Application

Host # # # # # # # #

GPU 4

GPU 5

GPU 6

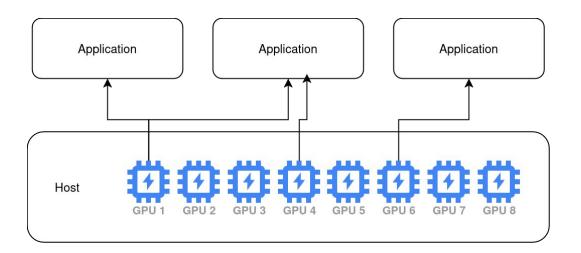
GPU 7

GPU 8

GPU 3











Instance 1

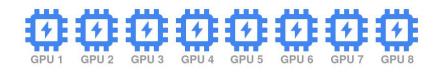
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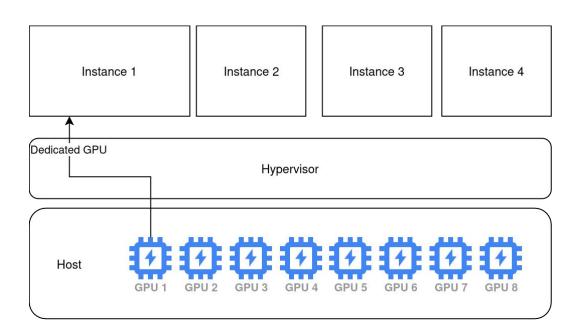
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Host



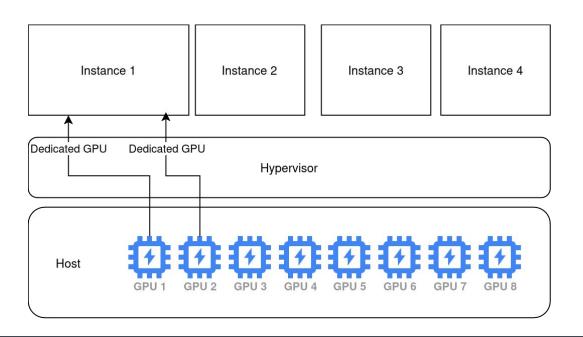






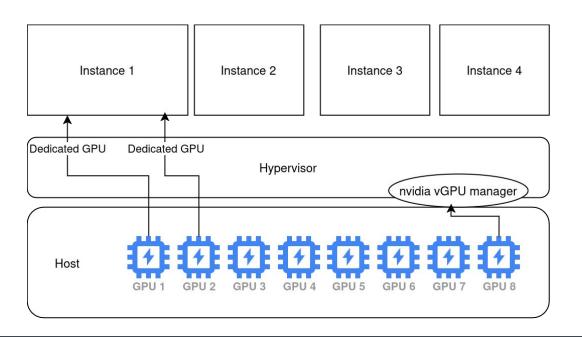






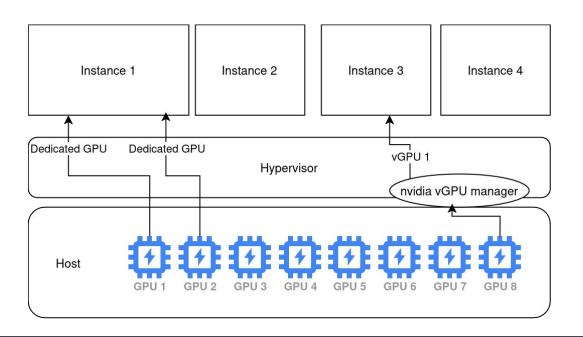






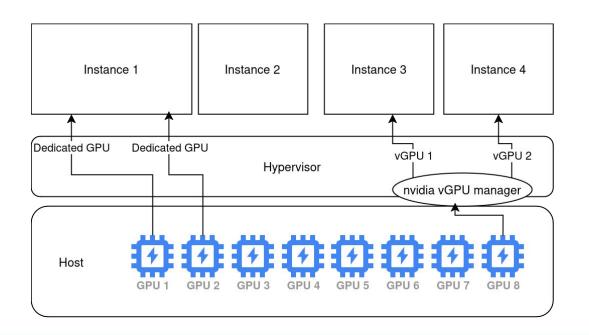






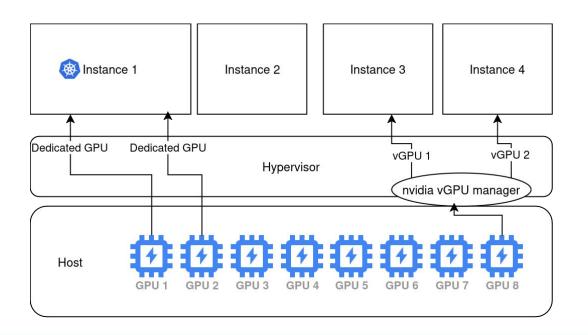






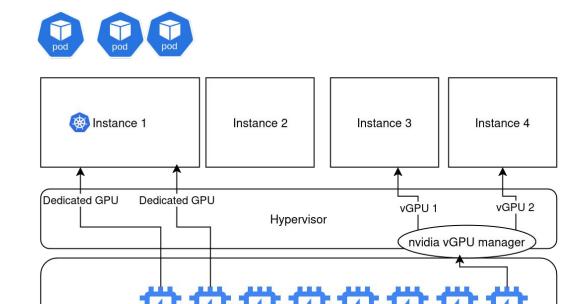












GPU 3

GPU 4

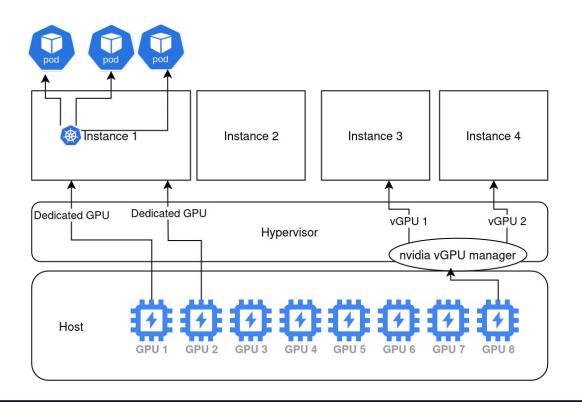
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Host









Current State of GPU support





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	vGPU type		
NVIDIA RTX A2			





Workarounds with KVM





Configuration

```
[root@helium ~] # lspci -nn|grep NVIDIA
61:00.0 3D controller [0302]: NVIDIA Corporation GV100GL [Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB
62:00.0 3D controller [0302]: NVIDIA Corporation GV100GL [Tesla V100 SXM2 32GE
89:00.0 3D controller [0302]: NVIDIA Corporation GV100GL [Tesla V100 SXM2 32GE
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[root@helium ~]#
```

```
[root@helium ~] # cat /etc/modprobe.d/vfio.conf
options vfio-pci ids=10de:1db5,10de:1db5,10de:1db5,10de:1db5
```

Source: https://lab.piszki.pl/cloudstack-kvm-and-running-vm-with-vgpu/





Additional libyirt XML for device passthrough

https://lab.piszki.pl/cloudstack-kvm-and-runningvm-with-vdpu/

```
(devices)
   <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='pci' managed='yes'>
     <driver name='vfio'/>
     (source)
         <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x61' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
     </source>
    <alias name='nvidia0'/>
       <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
   <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='pci' managed='yes'>
     <driver name='vfio'/>
     (source)
         <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x62' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
     </source>
    <alias name='nvidia1'/>
        <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x00' function='0x1'/>
   </hostdev>
</devices>
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     <driver name='vfio'/>
      (Source)
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     </source>
    <alias name='nvidia2'/>
       <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x00' function='0x2'/>
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         <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x8a' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
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    <alias name='nvidia3'/>
        <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x00' function='0x3'/>
   </hostdev>
</devices>
```



Using extraconfig in the template

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Using libvirt hooks

Source:

https://gist.github.com/rajujith/f3b3854ed77f2ca b8dc4fb5e3ee260c4

```
class GpuDeviceAdder {
        String gpuXml = """
         <devices>
             <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='pci' managed='yes'>
10
11
                 <driver name='vfio'/>
12
                 <source>
13
                     <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x61' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
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                 </source>
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                 <alias name='nvidia0'/>
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                 <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
17
             </hostdev>
18
         </devices>
19
20
        String transform(Object logger, String xml) {
21
22
            def vmDef = new XmlParser().parseText(xml)
23
24
             // Parse GPU XML
25
            def gpuDevices = new XmlParser().parseText(gpuXml)
26
27
            // Append GPU devices to the VM definition
            gpuDevices.hostdev.each { gpuDevice ->
28
29
                vmDef.devices[0].append(gpuDevice)
30
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32
            // Return updated XML definition
33
            return XmlUtil.serialize(vmDef)
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35
```



Is that good enough?





What's missing?





User

"I need to deploy instances with multiple GPUs to efficiently run demanding AI and ML workloads."

Cloud Service Provider (CSP)

"I want to offer instances with multiple GPUs to my users, complete with usage tracking and customizable limits, across different hypervisors."





Capabilities

- Discovery and Inventory Management
- Groupings and Offerings
- Allocation and Assignment
- Usage and Limits





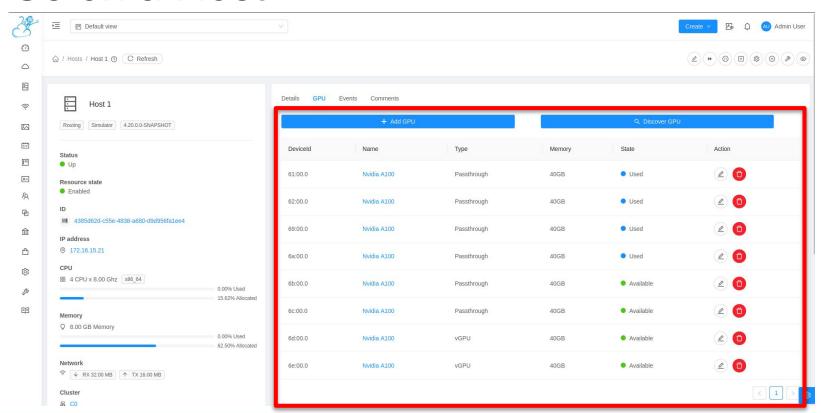
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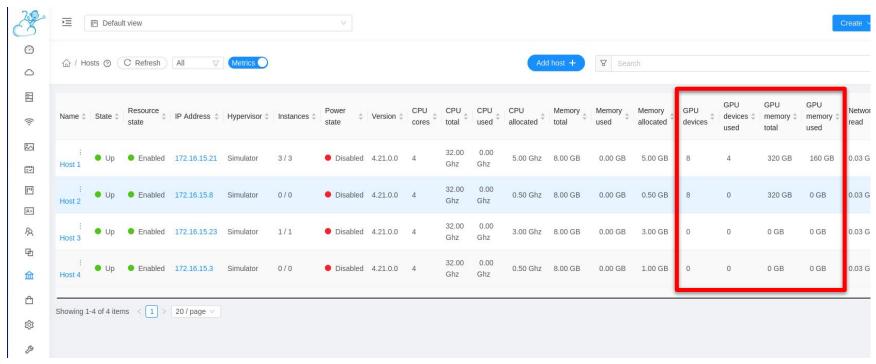
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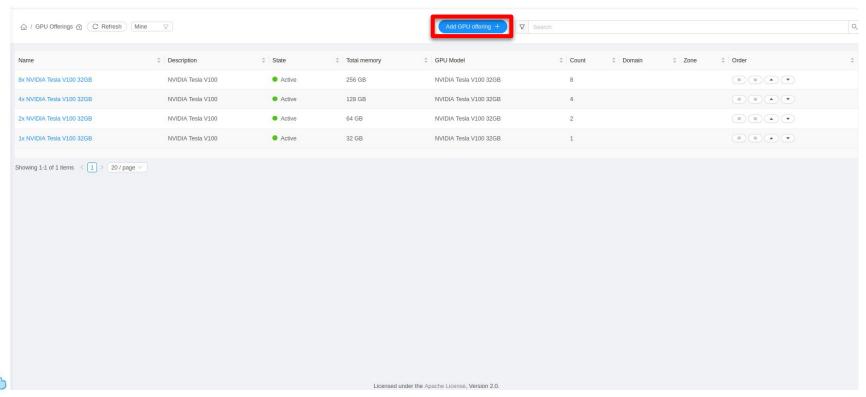
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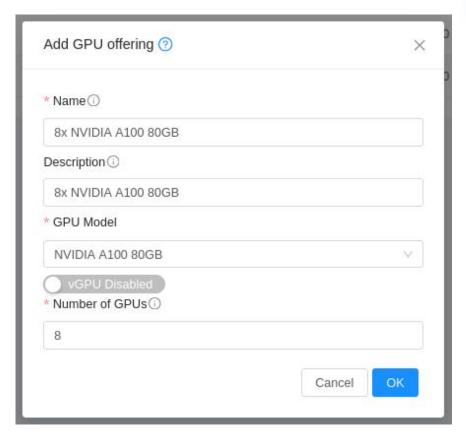


GPU Offerings





Add GPU Offering







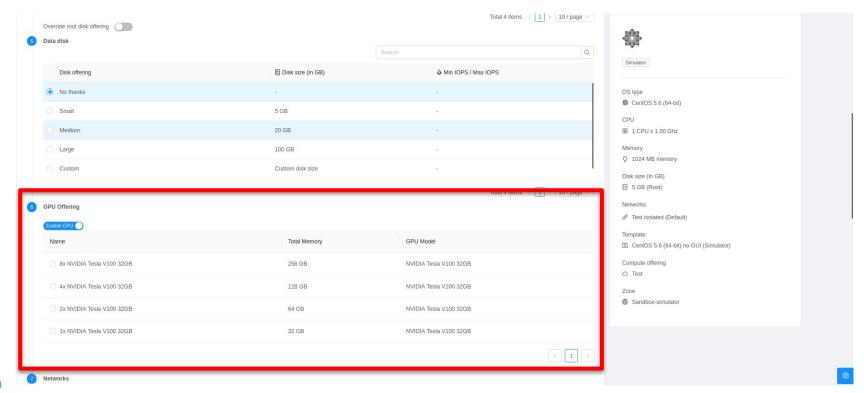
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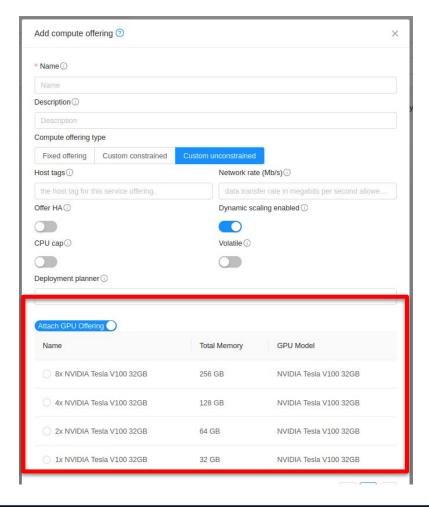


Deploying an Instance





Service Offering with **GPU**

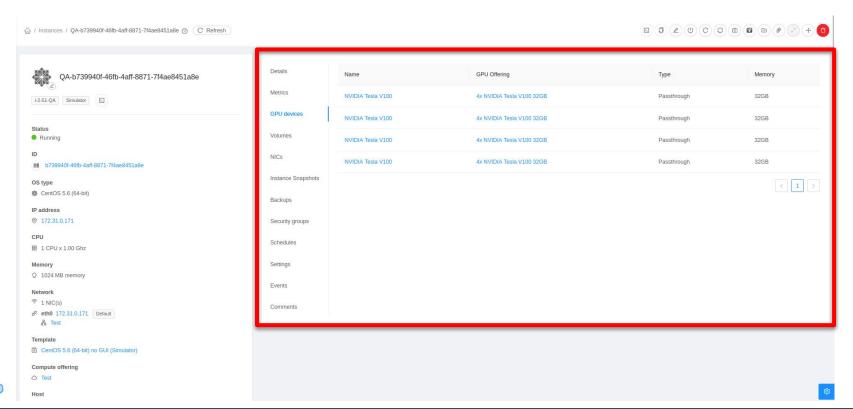








GPU details for an Instance







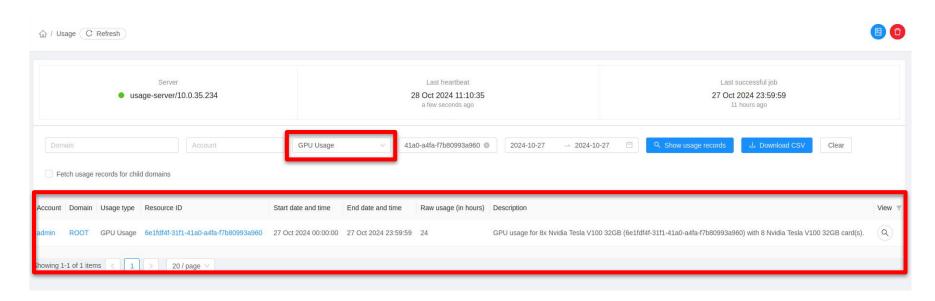
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GPU Usage







GPU Limits

Domain	Details	Limits	Configure limits	Settings	Events	Comments			
Instance limits (Unlimited Available) Used / Limit : 3 / Unlimited									
CPU limits (Unlimited Available) Used / Limit : 6 / Unlimited									
Memory limits (MiB) (Unlimited Available) Used / Limit : 6656 / Unlimited									
GPU limits (Unlimited Available) Used / Limit : 6 / Unlimited									
GPU Memory limits (MiB) (Unlimited Available) Used / Limit : 66560 / Unlimited									
Primary storage limits (GiB) (Unlimited Available)									



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This is just a proposal





Why hasn't the community built this yet?





Where do we go from here?





Questions?





Thank you!

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