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Key features

- Install and configure a large number of nodes
 - Install several cluster in one shot
 - Support for concurrent deployments
 - Control several clusters from a single client
- Manage a library of pre-configured system images
 - User-provided images
 - Visibility of images (shared, private)
- Reliability of the installation process
 - Customizable workflow engine
 - Windowed operations
 - Escalation of low-level remote commands
- Hardware compatibility
 - Built on top of PXE, DHCP, TFTP/HTTP
 - Remote operations based on SSH
 - Customizable remote low-level operations (IPMI, ...)
- Software compatibility
 - Support any operating system (Linux, *BSD, Windows, ...)
 - Integration with batch scheduler and network isolation tools
 - Remote control API

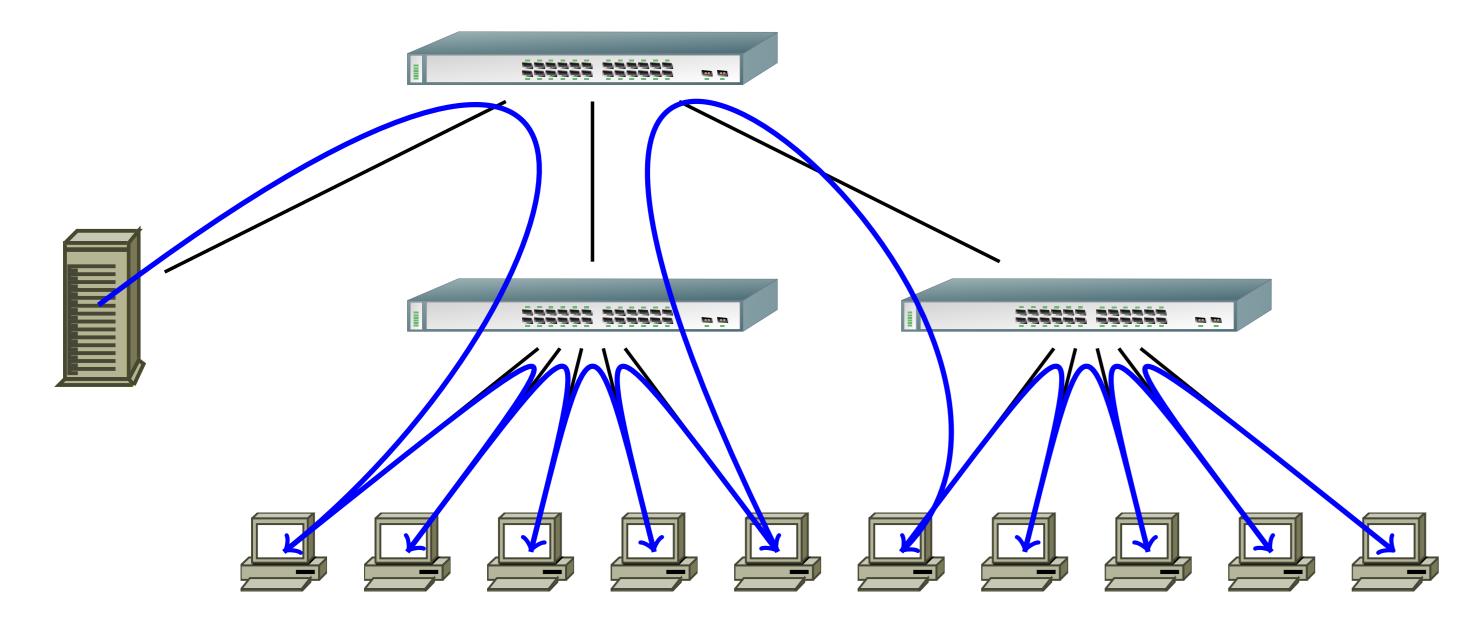
Scalability

System image broadcast

Goal: Send a big file on thousands of nodes

Challenge: Avoid network bottlenecks, saturation of links

- Several alternatives available
 - Chain, Tree, Bittorrent, ...



- ▶ Default alternative: Topology-aware chain broadcast
 - Parallel tree-based initialization of the chain
 - Saturation of full-duplex network in both directions
 - Efficient on networks composed of hierarchy of switches

Parallel operations

Goal: Executing commands on thousands of nodes Challenge: Avoid client overloading, gather commands outputs

- ▶ Based on TakTuk (http://taktuk.gforge.inria.fr)
- Hierarchical connections between nodes
- Adaptative work-stealing algorithm
- Auto-propagation mechanism

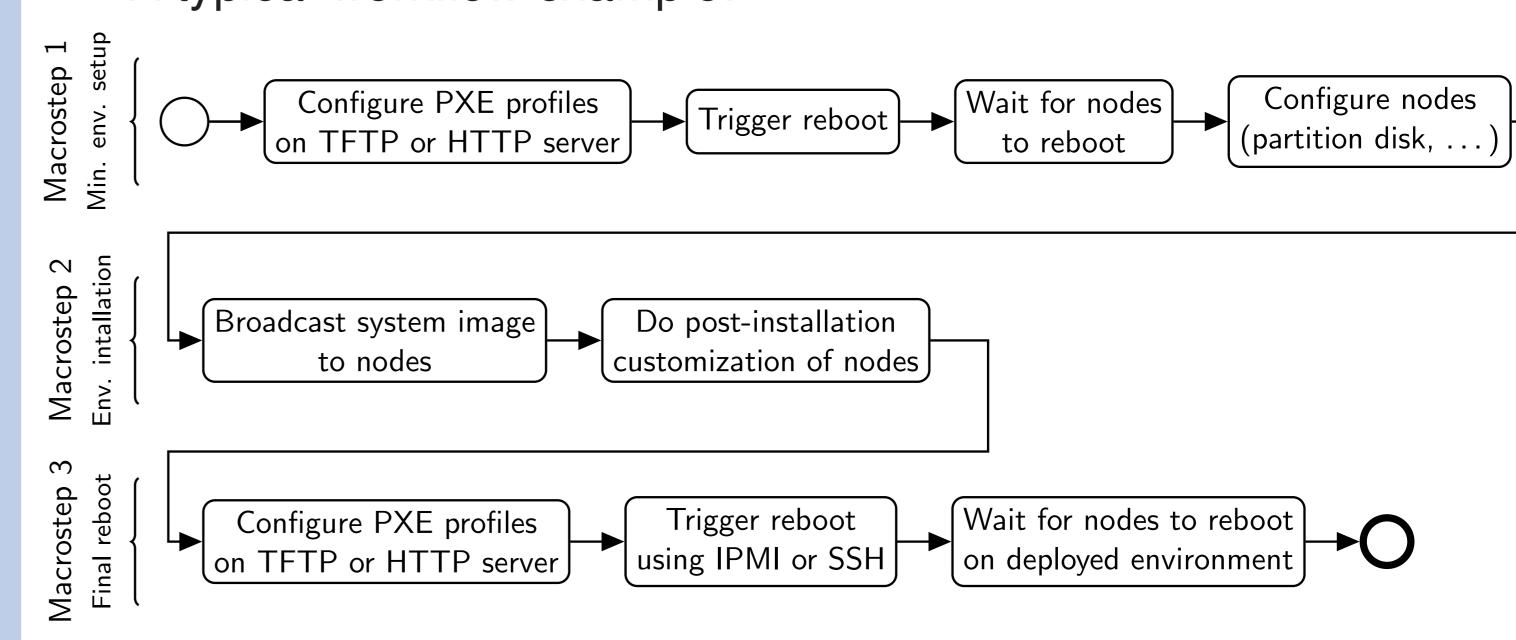
Reliability

Reliable workflow engine

Goal: Manage the installation process

Challenge: Handle hardware & network failures, customization

- Engine based on event automata
- ► Fallback methods in case of failure
- ► Timeouts and retries at every step
- A typical workflow example:



Reliable reboot and power operations

Goal: Trigger remote reboot and power on/off on nodes
Challenge: Reliability, compatibility

- Compatibility with remote hardware managements protocols
- ► Escalation of several level of administrator defined commands
- Managing groups of nodes (e.g. PDU reboots)
- Windowed operations (DHCP flood, electrical hazards, ...)

Evaluation

- Key software on Grid'5000 since 2009
 - 25 clusters on 10 sites
 - ▶ 620 users, **170 000 deployments**
 - about 10 mins to deploy 130 nodes
- Virtualized infrastructure
 - 4000 VMs dispatched on 635 physical nodes
 - ▶ 3838 nodes successful in a single shot in less than 1 hour

Software suite

- Management of images
 - User custom images
- Rights management
 - Compatibility with batch scheduler
- Statistics collection
 - ▶ Identify hardware issues, ...
- Frontends to low-level tools
 - ► Reboot and power on/off operations, serial consoles
- ▶ DEB and RPM packages
- Actively developed since 2009

http://kadeploy3.gforge.inria.fr/









