

Akraino Blueprint Proposal Far Edge Family



Use case

- Far Edge vRAN, Hi density stadium/event WiFi, MEC, Industrial Automation
- Example applications:
 - AR, video replay, Wireless Networking
 - Low packet latency and high packet through put
 - Industrial automation: HMI, AI, video processing
 - Tight timing constraints
- Geographically distributed network topology of distributed clouds
- API considerations:
 - EdgeX Foundry could be hosted on the cloud along with north bound API's to an ONAP instance.

Business driver

- Address edge and far edge use case at high density locations such as malls, airports and sports stadiums to support value added services at these events and locations.
 - Enables new revenue opportunities for operators
- In addition, industrial automation use cases require similar topologies
- With many sub locations and far edge sites, remote deployment and management is critical to ensure day 2 operational costs are minimized.
- Small physical foot print and low physical security are constraints in these environments
- Target cost TBD

Operational Model

- Operational costs will be minimized by providing a single pane of glass approach along with support for north bound API's to ONAP. A distributed edge cloud architecture is enabled by StarlingX to drive down day 2 operations, by providing a central point for deploying and managing applications, deploying updates and looking after upgrades to future releases as required.
- A distributed cloud infrastructure supported by redundant hyper converged sub-clouds, based on OCP hardware, allows the use of minimal hardware at the far underpinned by a centralized cloud infrastructure management framework.

Technical requirements

- TPM for storing certificates
- vTPM support for applications
- Base OS tuned for minimum attack surface
- Monitoring of critical files for tampering (IMA)
- Low latency for networking and interrupts
 - vSwitch based Packet latency below 50us
 - SRIOV ~10us
 - Interrupt latency variation 99.999% within 7us

Distributed Cloud Topology

Central Cloud Region



- Hosting Shared Services
- System-wide Infrastructure Orchestration functions:
 - Deployment and Management of Edge Clouds,
 - Configuration portal for shared configuration across all Edge Clouds,
 - Fault aggregation across all Edge Clouds,
 - Patching orchestration across all Edge Clouds.
- Remote Edge Cloud Regions:
 - Geographically dispersed,
 - Scalable from 1 to 1000s of Servers,
 - Connected via L3 IP Network,
 - Running reduced Control Plane.
- Inter-Region Communications strictly REST APIs / L3.





Hyperconverged Duplex

Application consolidation and High Availability at the Far Edge

- Platform 2 x 2U Servers OCP
- Network
 - 10G TOR Switch
 - TOR optional
 - LAG interfaces
 - Direct connect for inter control network



Common Software Stack

- Zero Touch Provisioning
- StarlingX based
- Containers and VM application deployment
- Small infrastructure foot print for far edge deployments
 - Distributed cloud
 - Duplex far edge sites





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WHEN IT MATTERS, IT RUNS ON WIND RIVER.



Configuration Considerations

- A basic building block for this Blueprint/configurations OCP rackmount servers. These are common 2u servers that provide a wide range of configuration flexibility.
- This blueprint will use hardware redundancy of subcomponents through LAG / RAID.
- Networks will use the Intel 710 10G NICS



Proposal

- Two configurations are presented:
 - A distributed cloud infrastructure single centralized single pane of glass to control geographically distributed hyper converged edge sub clouds.
 - A 2-node hyper converged configuration Storage, compute, cloud control in a redundant hardware configuration
- All configurations based on OCP servers.
- Low physical security environment
- Low interrupt latency application requirements