

Telephony evolution at CERN

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From Spain, living in Geneva

Joined CERN in 2013

NGN/IMS core network roles previously Telefónica Int. Wholesales, Huawei, Vodafone



- International organization
- •Founded in 1954 by 12 countries
- •21 member states
- •Amazing example of international collaboration
- •Split between French and Swiss border
- Multiple sites in more than 60 Km²



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Goal :

Understand the universe: what is it made of and how it works

Instruments :

Accelerators and detectors





Large Hadron Collider

- 27 Km of circumference
- 50 to 175 m under ground
- Energy :13 TeV
- 1200 supraconductor magnets,
- 24 Km of cryogenic pipes at 1,9 °K
- A magnetic field 8 Tesla
- Upgrade finished on February 2015













LHCb





CMS

People

About 12,000 people at CERN

- ~2,400 CERN staff
- ~7000 Scientists from all over the world Doctors, Fellows, Students, etc.
- ~2,000 Workers from external companies Involved in maintenance activities

Two Nobel Prizes

In 1984, Carlo Rubbia and Simon Van der Meer

In 1992, Georges Charpak

Contribution to the Higgs discovery

2013 Nobel Prize, François Englert and Peter W. Higgs The place where the WWW was born



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Network services

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- More than
- CERN Int (CIXP) fo
- More thar
- 75k active

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Telecom & radio services

- Mobile services (2G to 4G)
 - Single contract with a Swiss
 operator
 - Closed VPN for 6K users
 - 68 radio sites
 - >50 km of leaky feeder cable ---
 - Dedicated APN to connect to CERN intranet







Telecom & radio services

- Radio safety service
 - 3 TETRA (Terrestrial Trunked Radio) Base Stations
 - Coverage on all tunnels and surface sites
 - Beacons for indoor localization





Current telephony network

- PABX in the core (TDM-IP hybrid)
 - Multi-node (4) and multi-site (17)
 - Double power supply (UPS)
- 12K fixed extensions
- 6K mobile subscriptions
- 3 levels of access rights: CERN, local area, worldwide
- Automated self-service:





11K changes last-year

Current telephony network

- Services
 - S4B & video conference integration
 - LCR with 4 operators (PRI)
 - Switchboard and Service Desk call center.
 - Critical and safety:
 - Fire-Brigade call center / Red Phones
 - Tetra interconnection





Telephony Open-source Network Evolution

Goals:

- Replace the PABX by a software-based solution
 - Reduce hardware/license costs
 - Avoid vendor lock-in
 - Increase network agility
- Be able to support new WebRTC / SIP clients and remove all traditional phones.





Roles: Front-end

- Dispatches to Asterisk servers based on availability zone.
- Protects the core: ACLs, topology hiding, White/blacklists, Fail2Ban, htable.
- TLS and WebSocket termination



- Roles: <u>Back-End</u>
- Identifies calling user rights (context matching)
- Resolve called user location and find cheapest (LCR) destination for external numbers
- Realtime switch with MariaDB populated from provisioning server.
- IVR service for Mobile VPN



CERN's Agile infrastructure

- OpenStack as laaS solution
- Puppet for configuration mgmt
- Foreman as lifecycle manager
- GitLab for repos and CI
- JIRA for issue tracking





Puppet recipe

```
class kamailio(
    $asterisk_ip = '0.0.0.0/0',
    $kamailio_dns_name = 'default',
    $asterisk_dns_name = 'default',
    $homer_dns_name = 'default',
    $node_type = 'default',
}
```

```
# notify { "Hello Puppet on module kamailio": }
```

```
$pkg_list=['gcc', 'flex', 'bison', 'mysql++-devel', 'zlib-devel', 'zlib-static', 'openssl-devel']
ensure_packages($pkg_list)
```

```
teigi::secret{ 'kamailio_password':
   path => '/root/.kamailio_password',
}
```



Puppet recipe

```
exec { 'kamailio-sources':
command => '/usr/bin/wget http://www.kamailio.org/pub/kamailio/4.4.1/src/kamailio-.4.1_src.tar.gz',
   cwd
            => '/usr/src'.
   creates => '/usr/src/kamailio-4.4.1 src.tar.gz',
   require => Package['wget'],
 } ->
 exec { 'unpack-kamailio':
    . . . . .
 } ->
 exec { 'install-kamailio':
   provider => shell,
    command => "make cfg && echo 'include modules= db mysql sipcapture pv textops rtimer xlog
sqlops htable sl siputils tls snmpstats' >> modules.lst && make all && make install && touch
/etc/.kamailio installed",
            => '/usr/src/kamailio-4.4.1'.
   cwd
   creates => '/etc/.kamailio installed',
   timeout => 0.
   require => Package[$pkg list],
 } ->
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```

Datacenter extension







- Status
 - First service: IVR for Mobile VPN in July 2016
 - Next: external SIP connectivity & massive user migration
- Challenges
 - SIP vs WebRTC clients ?
 - Integrate call center into the new architecture while keeping the same redundancy and criticality



Thank you! Questions?



