

ONAP: Commercial Deployment

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Objective & Background



Objective

- Speed-up digital transformation and programmable networking adoption across all network services
- Ensure fast introduction of new services and technologies based on business requirements
- Avoid being locked to a specific vendor and therefore restricted to their feature roadmap and incurring higher CAPEX/OPEX price

Background

- Our team has been evaluating ONAP and working with it since Beijing Release (R2) in 2018.
- ONAP is considered a mature platform now after the successful release of its 13th version in June 2023, i.e., London Release (R13).
- Complete evaluation of ONAP based on Ethernet BOD use case was concluded in December 2021. Prototyping and demo is completed using Gullin Release (R7) and now also available on Kohn Release (R12)
- Completed an additional use case (IP-based service orchestration) prototyping development & demo in June 2023 based on ONAP R12 (Kohn Release)

Our Journey





- 2. MEF-based standard L2 E-Line service orchestration
- 3. Completed Evaluation December 2021 using Guilin (R7).

Initial non-

production-grade deployment

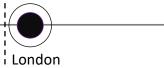
- 1. Post Evaluation & Production-Grade Phase (LAB)
- 2. Additional use case prototyping
- 3. Enhanced security & observability
- 4. Internal demos, and initiation of commercial deployment

Commercial Deployment Phase (Production Environment)



1H22 (March 23) Istanbul Kohn Honolulu Jakarta (Skipped) (Skipped)

2H23 (Dec. 23)



ONAP Based Orchestration Program



Overview

- Tata Communications is building a service orchestration (SO) development program based on ONAP which can be used to develop and support its own in-house production-grade SO to speed-up the digital transformation for core connectivity services. The program focuses on 2 aspects:
 - ONAP Platform & Customization
 - Use Case Development & Onboarding
- In this presentation, we will go over our journey from the time we started evaluating and testing ONAP R2, to our current plan to offer commercial deployment for some services we provide to our customers.

Program

- Implement a hierarchical orchestration design for all network services in terms of both domain orchestration and cross domain (master) orchestration.
- Our approach is not to use ONAP "as is" as a complete product, rather a baseline platform to be augmented with custom-developed use cases to support our business needs and achieve best tata communications solutions.
- Additional open-source tools needed for platform support, as well as analytical and AI capabilities will also be integrated in ONAP
 platform based on operations and product requirements.

Development Scope in FY24



- Develop production-grade and customized ONAP based service orchestration platform
- Initial three service use cases in FY24
- Four independent projects
 - Project 1: Production-Grade Platform/Customization
 - Project 2: Service Use Case 1
 - Project 3: Service Use Case 2
 - Project 4: Service Use Case 3

Areas of Platform Customization



Operational Support	Monitoring		
	Logging		
	Health-checks and threshold alerts		
Deployment, Administration & Maintenance	High availability for infra & ONAP		
	NFS HA deployment		
	Offline ONAP installation		
	Backup		
	ONAP Upgrade		
ONAP Security	Replace hardcoded certificates		
	Change all the credentials for inter-component communication (Password credentials only)		
	ONAP User Management (RBAC)		
	Platform hardening		

Commercial Deployment Timeline



Activity	Start Date	Target Date	Status
LAB Qualification (Kohn Release)	Dec. 2022	March 2023	Completed
ONAP Program Proposal & Formal Approval	March 2023	July 2023	Completed
Platform Customization (London)	August 2023	Dec. 2023	In-Progress
Production Deployment (Platform ONLY)	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2023	Yet to Start
Use Case 1 Development	August 2023	Jan. 2024	In-Progress
Use Case 1 Production Deployment & Early Customers	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2024	Yet to Start
Use Case 2 Development	Jan. 2024	March 2024	Yet to Start
Use Case 2 Production Deployment & Early Customers	March 2024	March 2024	Yet to Start
Use Case 3 Development	April 2024	June 2024	Yet to Start
Use Case 3 Production Deployment & Early Customers	June 2024	June 2024	Yet to Start

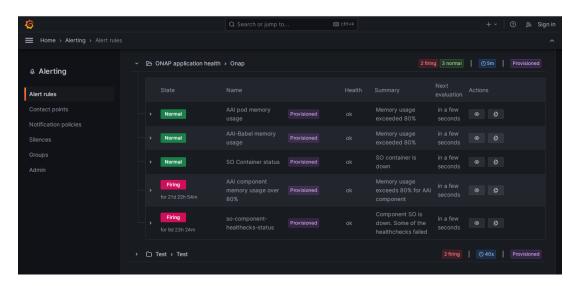
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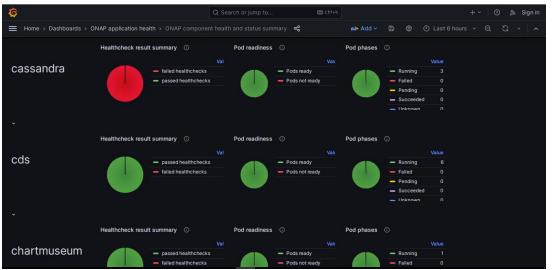


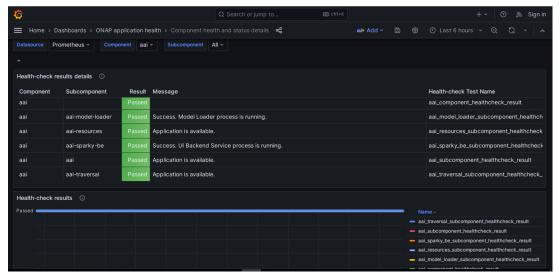
- Enhance the troubleshooting and diagnostic processes for all deployed applications by implementing mechanisms that support health-check execution and threshold alarms, including an email and/or messaging (Slack/MS Teams) notification feature.
- Develop user-friendly dashboards to aid in quick decision-making & provides insight into current performance
 - Use Prometheus and Grafana solutions for time-series data storage and visualization. Prometheus is an effective open-source tool that ensures reliable monitoring and alerting, specifically designed to handle high-volume time-series data.
 - Grafana, a top-tier graph and dashboard builder, stands out for its flexibility in visualizing time-series infrastructures.
 Unlike Kibana, Grafana does not have a rigid data source binding, thereby making it a superior option
- Develop a dependable and efficient logging system for applications within the platform.
 - Utilize the ELK stack as recommended by the community.
 - Ensure a clear distinction between infrastructure and application log data.
 - No ONAP components source code modification.

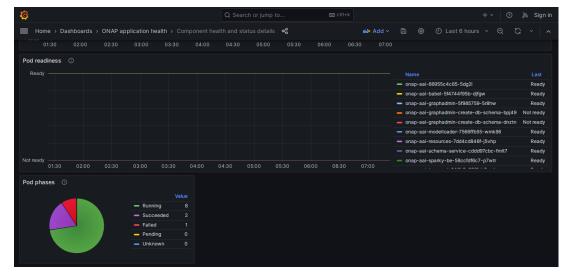
Health-Check & Threshold Alerts Customization





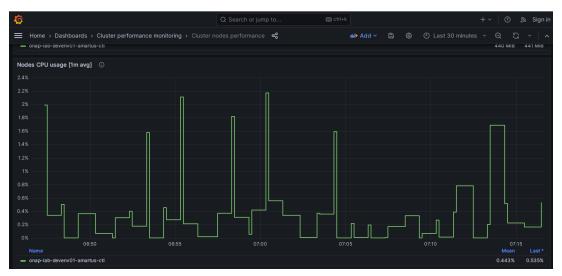




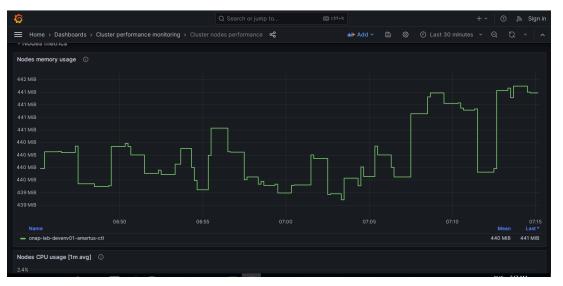


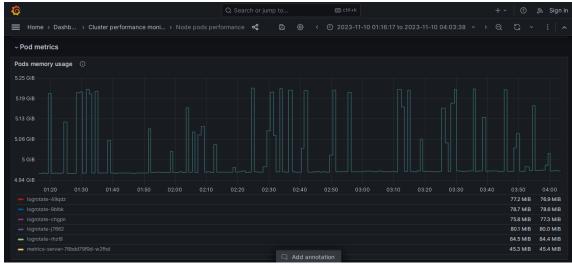
Performance Monitoring Customization







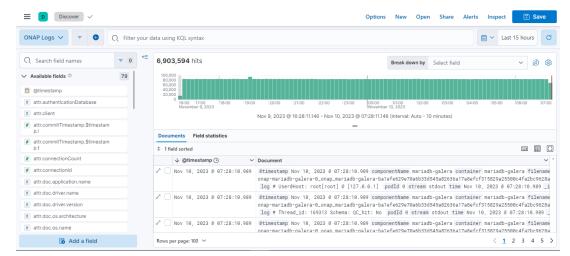




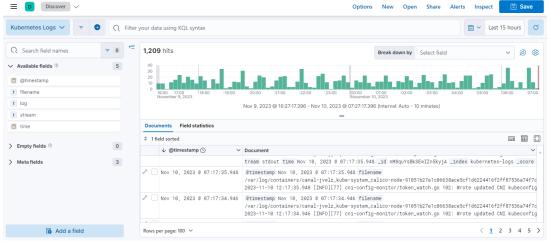
Logging Systems Customization

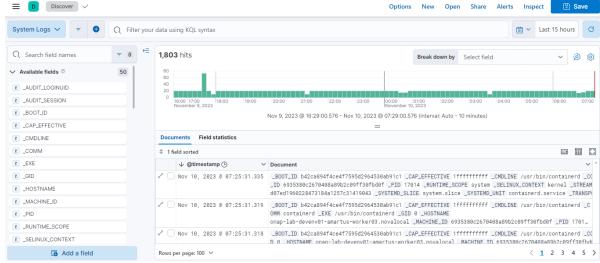


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Deployment, Administration & Maintenance



Automate HA NFS storage setup

• Provide ONAP Upgrade guidelines to ensure, merging any customizations to the next community release as well as providing options for data migration.

• Provide an automated method to install ONAP in an offline environment as it is typical to be the case in any telecom production environment.

• Develop and automate a backup solution that will enable the restoration of the platform in the event of a disaster.

ONAP Security



- Provide security between components and ensures that components can trust the identities of other components.
- Ensure that components communicate only with those they are authorized to interact with.
- Design RBACK system based on the ONAP community solution (which is in progress and not finalized)
- Adopting industry standards for authentication and authorization
- Securing Kubernetes cluster by implementing k8s role-Based Access Control (RBAC) define network policies to isolate workloads.
- Securing Linux system, by Auditing Patching and Updates of Firewall Configuration User Account Management System





