Cloud vs Fog Computing – Scheduling Real-Time Applications

Helen Karatza, Professor Emeritus Editor-in-Chief of SIMPAT Journal of Elsevier Department of Informatics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece karatza@csd.auth.gr

Abstract— Cloud computing, as a distributed computing model, has been extensively used for the deployment of computationally intensive applications. In order to exploit cloud's full potential, effective scheduling techniques are required to minimize the cost and to provide quality of service. A challenging problem is the scheduling of real-time complex applications, where along with the goal to meeting deadlines, energy conservation has to also be taken into account. Consequently, energy efficient scheduling techniques are required ensuring timeliness. In the last years, there is a rapid increase in the number of Internet of Things applications. Due to the large amount of generated data which need to be transferred between sensors and cloud resources, fog computing appeared as a paradigm beyond cloud computing. Furthermore, in the IoT domain the majority of the applications are real-time with quality of service requirements. Therefore, they should be effectively assigned to resources in both the fog and cloud layers, considering the computational as well as the communication characteristics of each application. In this keynote we will present recent research covering various concepts on scheduling real-time applications in cloud and fog systems and we will provide future trends and directions in the cloud and fog computing research area.

Keywords- cloud computing, fog computing, scheduling, real-time applications, performance

References:

- [1] Stavrinides G.L. and Karatza H.D., "The impact of checkpointing interval selection on the scheduling performance of realtime fine-grained parallel applications in SaaS clouds under various failure probabilities," Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience, Wiley, vol. 30, no. 12, e4288, 2018.
- [2] Stavrinides G.L. and Karatza H.D., "A hybrid approach to scheduling real-time IoT workflows in fog and Cloud environments," Multimedia Tools and Applications, Springer, vol. 78, no. 17, pp. 24639-24655, 2019.
- [3] Stavrinides G.L. and Karatza H.D., "Cost-effective utilization of complementary cloud resources for the scheduling of realtime workflow applications in a fog environment," in Proceedings of the IEEE 7th International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud (FiCloud'19), Istanbul, Turkey, pp. 1-8, 26-28 Aug., 2019.
- [4] Stavrinides G.L. and Karatza H.D., "An energy-efficient, QoS-aware and cost-effective scheduling approach for real-time workflow applications in cloud computing systems utilizing DVFS and approximate computations," Future Generation Computer Systems, Elsevier, vol. 96, pp. 216-226, 2019.
- [5] Tychalas D. and Karatza H.D., "A scheduling algorithm for a fog computing system with bag-of-tasks jobs Simulation and Performance Evaluation," Simulation Modelling Practice and Theory, Elsevier, Article 101982, January 2020.
- [6] Stavrinides G.L. and Karatza H.D., "Dynamic scheduling of bags-of-tasks with sensitive input data and end-to-end deadlines in a hybrid cloud", Multimedia Tools and Applications, Springer, 2020.

About the Speaker



Helen Karatza is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Informatics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, where she teaches courses in the postgraduate and undergraduate level and carries out research. Dr. Karatza's research interests include Computer Systems Modeling and Simulation, Fog and Cloud Computing, Energy Efficiency in

Large Scale Distributed Systems, Resource Allocation and Scheduling and Real-time Distributed Systems. She is author or co-author of over 230 papers and book chapters including five best conference papers awards. She is senior member of IEEE, ACM and SCS. She was an elected member of the Board of Directors at Large of SCS. She served as Chair and Keynote Speaker in International Conferences. Dr. Karatza is the Editor-in-Chief of the Elsevier Journal "Simulation Modeling Practice and Theory" and Editorial Board Member of the "Journal of Systems and Software" of Elsevier. She was Editor-in-Chief of "Simulation Transactions of The Society for Modeling and Simulation International" and Associate Editor of "ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation". She served as Guest Editor of Special Issues in International Journals.