Kea DHCP Server Update

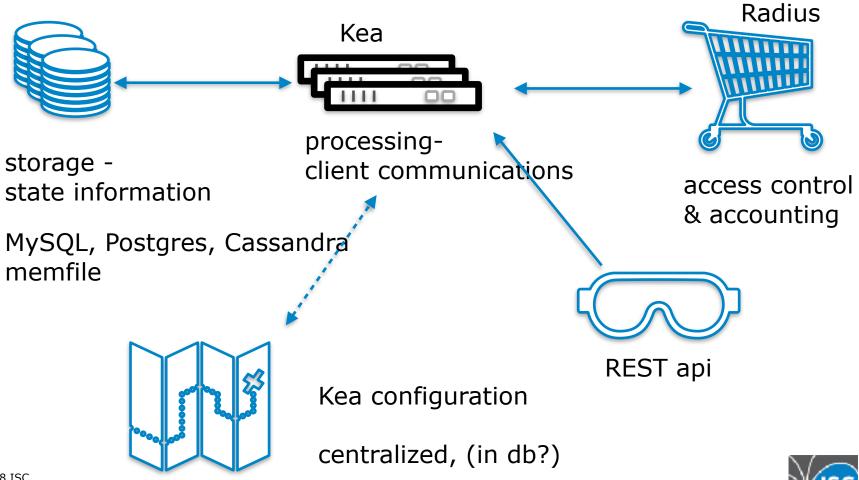
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Goal - disaggregate dhcp





Kea 1.4 - June 2018

Major new features:

- 1. High Availability feature (premium hook library)
- 2. Apache Cassandra supported backend (open source)
- 3. Radius access control and accounting (premium hook library)

Also:

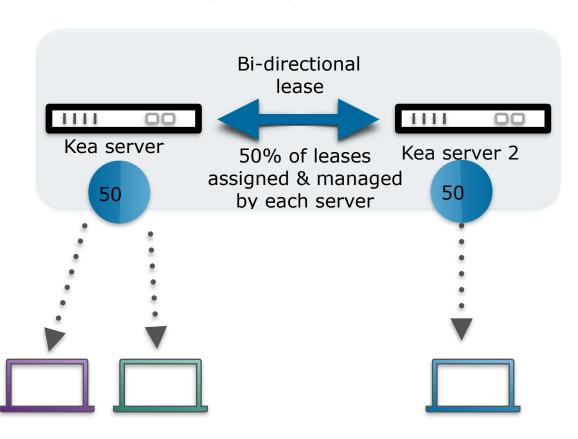
- Improved shared networks performance
- Improved classification
 - member(foo) && !member(bar) && (relay4[2].hex == 'abcd')
- Fixed statistics when run multiple instances with the same DB
- Many smaller bug fixes and improvements (100+ tickets closed and counting)



High Availability (1.4)

Load balancing (50/50) or hot standby (100/0)

- Heartbeats via control channel
- Failure detection based on 'secs' field
- Auto-sync of lease status
- Additional 'Backup server' can receive lease updates



Not the IETF failover draft - works for DHCPv4 or DHCPv6

Optional Centralized Backends

Leases and host reservations may be stored in:

- local file (default fastest)
- CSV
- MySQL, PostgreSQL
- NEW Cassandra
- SQL data can be modified any time
- Changes applied instantly (no restart)
- Manipulate the DB directly or via hook libraries









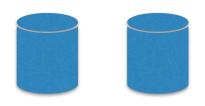




Apache Cassandra (1.4)



- Distributed non-relational NoSQL database
- Massive scalability without a single point of failure
- Replication factor
- Can operate with at least one node surviving
- CQL
- Data denormalization







HA	NODES	FAILURES
	2	1

RF	NODES	FAILURES
1	1	0
2	3	1
3	5	2
4	7	3



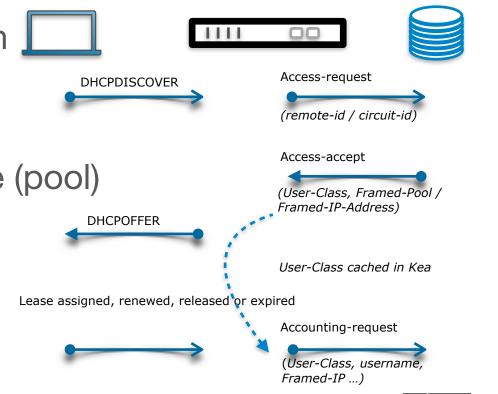




RADIUS Integration (1.4)

Client

- Authentication
 - Access control
 - Address Reservation
 - Class assignment
- Accounting
- Attributes customizable (pool)
- FreeRadius based
- DHCPv4 and DHCPv6
- Host caching



Kea server



RADIUS server



Kea 1.5 - Fall 2018

- Content still being finalized
- Goal is to extend the ability to centralize server configuration
- Some users have asked for support for Netconf - which is a protocol that uses a standardized data model for multi-vendor compatibility
- Yang data model for DHCPv4 not yet agreed





Note Well

- We are serious about replacing ISC DHCP with Kea
- We have already reduced the engineering resources on ISC DHCP
- We have done our last major feature branch of ISC DHCP
- When we have a good set of migration tools for ISC DHCP -> Kea, we will establish a timeline



Thank you

questions





Kea Management API

Overview:

- Command Channel (Unix socket)
- REST interface (http/https)
- JSON commands, JSON responses
- kea-shell provided (python 2.x, 3.x example)

Manipulate:

- Whole config (config-get/set/test/write)
- Shared networks, subnets (subnet4/6-list/add/get/del)
- Host Reservations (reservation-get/add/ del)
- Leases (lease4/6-get/add/update/del/wipe)
- Statistics (statistic-get/reset/get-all)
- Server (list-commands, shutdown, versionget, build-report, leases-reclaim, etc.)

```
{
    "command": "subnet6-add",
    "arguments": {
        "subnet6": [ {
            "id": 234,
            "subnet": "2001:db8:1::/64",
            ...
        } ]
    }
    Command
}
```





Useful links

- Kea project homepage: http://kea.isc.org
- Documentation: http://kea.isc.org/docs/
 - User's Guide 100+ pages of guidance with examples for users, REST API documentation, and user documentation for premium hooks (easy to see if you would benefit from purchasing them)
 - List of all log messages with an explanation what happened and why, a nod towards the mainframe era
 - Developer's Guide for developers and contributors, explains the internals, also includes Hooks interface API
- Kea business page: http://isc.org/kea
 - High level overview, premium hooks white papers, ISC DHCP vs Kea comparison, support links, 24/7 support available
- The source code: http://github.com/isc-projects/kea
 - Source code for premium hooks is also provided to purchasers

