Application and Network Services Management with TOSCA 2.0

WHO ARE WE?



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WHAT IS TOSCA?



TOSCA is an OASIS Standard



That defines a *Domain-Specific Language* (DSL)



For automating the *Lifecycle Management* of application, network, and infrastructure services.

WHAT IS TOSCA USED FOR?

Infrastructure-as-a-Service Clouds

Automate the deployment and management of workloads in IaaS clouds such as OpenStack, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, Microsoft Azure, and others

Network Functions Virtualization

Define the management of Virtual Network Functions and their composition into complex network services

Cloud-native applications

Deploy containerized applications and micro-services, for example by interfacing to orchestration platforms such as Kubernetes

Software Defined Networking

Support on-demand creation of network services (for example SD-WAN)

Functions-as-a-Service

Define abstract software applications without any deployment or operational considerations

IoT and Edge computing

Deploy services at the network edge with the goal of minimizing latency

Process automation

Support open and interoperable process control architectures

TOSCA IMPLEMENTATION STORIES

Date	Торіс	
Jan. 27, 2021	Turandot: A Lightweight Open-Source Orchestrator That Enables TOSCA for Kubernetes Tal Liron—Red Hat 	
Feb. 24, 2021	Inter-Cloud Computing: How TOSCA Helps Open Telekom Cloud Users Run Anywhere • Tri Vo–T-Systems	
Mar. 31, 2021	 C-Plane: Using TOSCA for Automation Industrial Operations John Casey-CTO Brandon Williams-Business Development 	
Apr. 28, 2021	Ubicity: Pure TOSCA Orchestration Chris Lauwers—CEO 	
May 26, 2021	Comcast: Commercial Network Services Lifecycle Management Using Model Driven Software Automation • Gaurav Khandpur–Director, Software Engineering • Pattabi Ayyasami–Principal Engineer	
June 30, 2021	Holistic modeling of HPC, FaaS, and Edge applications with RADON and SODALITE TOSCA extensions • Giuliano Casale–Imperial College	

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TOSCA'S UNIQUE FEATURES

Feature	Benefit	
Graph-based models	Topology graphs encode service components and their dependencies	
Typed language	Reusable building blocksDesign-time service validation	
Requirements and capabilities	Service design and service resource requirements specified in the same placeAutomated resource allocation	
Substitution mapping	In support of service decompositionIn support of abstraction	
Automated workflow generation	Based on dependencies defined in the service topology graph	
Technology-independent	Plug-in paradigm based on generic and general-purpose artifacts concept	

HOW IS TOSCA DIFFERENT FROM TERRAFORM?

			Terraform
1	<pre>resource "aws_instance" "example"</pre>	{	
2	ami = "ami-b374d5a5"	Infrastructure	
3	<pre>instance_type = "t2.micro"</pre>		
4			
5	<pre>depends_on = ["aws_s3_bucket.exa</pre>	mple"]	
6			
7	<pre>provisioner "file" {</pre>	Non-Infrastructure	
8	<pre>source = "script.sh"</pre>		
9	<pre>destination = "/tmp/script.sh"</pre>		
10	}		
11			
12	<pre>provisioner "remote-exec" {</pre>		
13	inline = [
14	"chmod +x /tmp/script.sh",		
15	"/tmp/script.sh args",		
16			
17	}		
18	}		

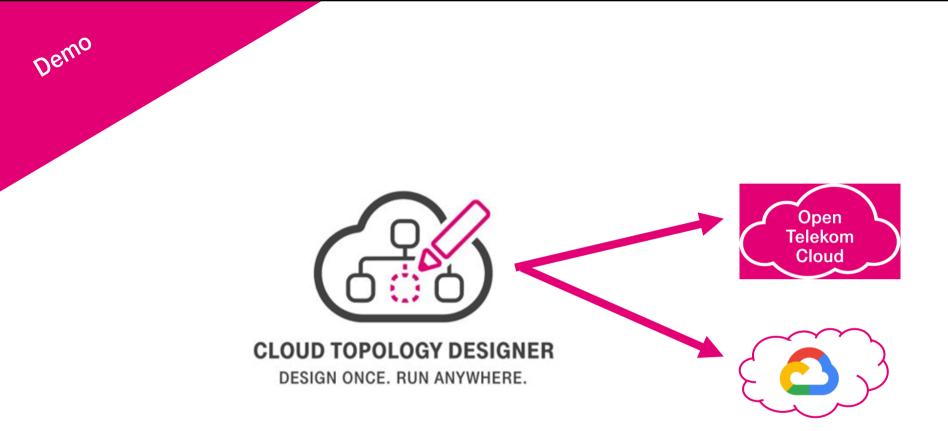
- Hard coding for a specific cloud provider.
- Limitation: cloud workloads may change their infrastructures frequently.



How does Open Telekom Cloud use TOSCA?

Infrastructure-as-a-Service since 2016 Biggest OpenStack platform in Europe 6000 m² = a football field 450 Petabytes of storage





- Based on the open-source projects: **Alien4Cloud** and **Yorc** from ATOS.
- We enhance with Security, Single-Sign-On with OpenStack keystone & Google OAuth, multiple networks, service catalogs, etc.



WHAT ARE THE LIMITATIONS OF TOSCA 1.3?

Many powerful features are poorly documented (and as a result underappreciated)

- *Substitution mapping*—for service decomposition
- Requirement fulfillment—for automated resource allocation
- Automatic workflow creation—for desired state orchestration

Simple Profile type definitions are part of the standard

- Tied to Infrastructure-as-a-Service clouds
- Too abstract to be readily usable

Interface between Orchestrator and External Resources is underspecified

- Relies on artifact processing (e.g., of shell script artifacts)
- Lack of examples for REST interfaces, Netconf interfaces, Ansible playbooks, etc.

Insufficient support for event-driven paradigms

- Asynchronous orchestration
- FaaS
- Alerts and error handling

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WHAT IS NEW IN TOSCA 2.0?

TOSCA Version 2.0 removes Simple Profile Types

- TOSCA v2.0 is a pure language specification only
- TOSCA v2.0 removes language dependencies on Simple Profile types

Support for custom Named Profiles

- Defined by the community for specific application domains
- E.g., Kubernetes profile

Clear definition of Orchestrator Operational Model

• To guide orchestrator implementors

Standardized Membrane between Orchestrator and External Resource Managers

- In support of a wide variety of interface paradigms
- REST, Netconf, Ansible, etc.

Support for additional orchestration paradigms

- Desired state/intent
- Asynchronous and event-driven

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HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO TOSCA?

Our community depends on participation, as well as use. If you benefit from open source and open standards, consider contributing to help them be successful:

- OASIS TOSCA Technical Committee
 - https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tosca
- TOSCA LinkedIn Group https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8505536/
- TOSCA Simple Profile in YAML v1.3
 https://docs.oasis-open.org/tosca/TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML/v1.3/TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML-v1.3.html
- TOSCA Version 2.0 (Committee Spec Draft) https://docs.oasis-open.org/tosca/TOSCA/v2.0/TOSCA-v2.0.html
- TOSCA Community Contributions https://github.com/oasis-open/tosca-community-contributions
- (Partial) List of Known TOSCA Implementations
 https://github.com/oasis-open/tosca-community-contributions/wiki/Known-TOSCA-Implementations



Q&A

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