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E2E Resource-Aware Test Orchestration Framework

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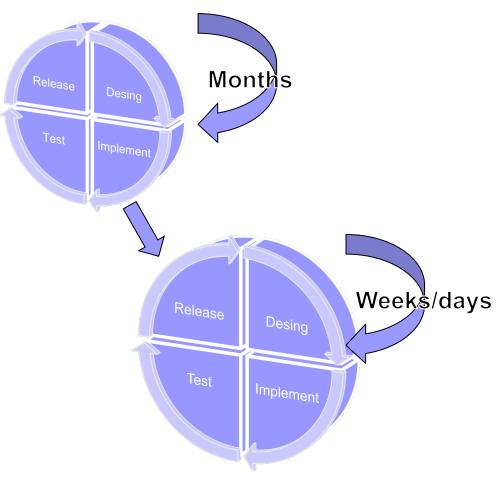


Context

- Continuous integration practices → Incremental changes in the code →
 New faults
- Usual Strategy → Automatize and Re-execute all test per each change

Context

- Nowadays software development cycles are **Shorter** than the past
- With this increase of the release speed, tests suites become larger and are executed more frequently
 - Microsoft have huge test suites with 60k of tests, that take the better part of a day to run
 - Google Test Automation Platform (TAP) executes daily more than 150 Million test runs



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Motivation

- This test-suites improve software quality and reliability
- As a number of test increases is not feasible re-execute them each time:
 - ✓ Minimization and Prioritization techniques emerge as possible solution.
 - X Not useful in all contexts



Motivation

- Certain testing levels, like End to End testing (E2E) requires great amount of resources
- Several approaches tries to flexible and optimize the resources used during testing:
 - □ Resource sharing
 - □ Containerized execution

Motivation

Elastest:

- □ Elastest (*European platform to ease E2E testing*):
 - Provides a containerized execution of the test via TJobs (Containerized tests with the SUT that they require)
- □ Addresses several problems (Centralized log analysis, easy deployment of the SUTs…), but there is a room of improvement in resource usage terms:
 - Problems with resources employed in E2E testing

¹ Project available in :https://elastest.eu/



■ Objective → Optimize / minimize the resources used into E2E testing

■ How → Through a orchestration method based on the resources needed to execute each test



- Resource: Physical, logical and/or computational entities required by the execution of one or more test cases. Examples:
 - □ One webcam required by the test
 - □ An Streaming server
 - □ The physical memory consumed
- Resource characteristics:
 - □ Elasticity → Is feasible instantiate several resources?
 - □ Sharing → Can be accessed concurrently?
 - □ Lifecycle → Set-up / Test-phase / Dispose



- Some types of access modes:
 - □ Read Only → Streaming link
 - □ Read Write → Database table
 - □ Write Only → Log file
 - Dynamic



- Resource properties:
 - □ Allocated → Could where is deployed be located?
 - Measurable → Is there any kind of quantitative indicator?
 - □ Traceable → Could you know where it is in the cycle?
 - □ Elasticity cost → How much cost get another instance?
 - □ Test Environment → Envioroment on which they belong

INPUT

Test-Case 1 Test-Case 2 Test-Case 3 Test-Case 4 Test-Case 5 Test-Case 6 Test-Case 7 Test-Case 8 Test-Case 9 Test-Case 10 Test-Case 11 Test-Case 12 Test-Case 13 Test-Case 14 Test-Case 15 Test-Case 16 Test-Case 17 Test-Case 18

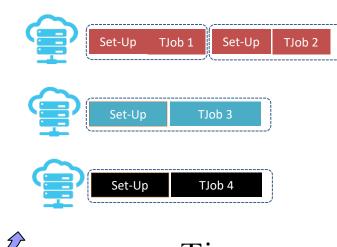






Orchestration: Grouping and Scheduling

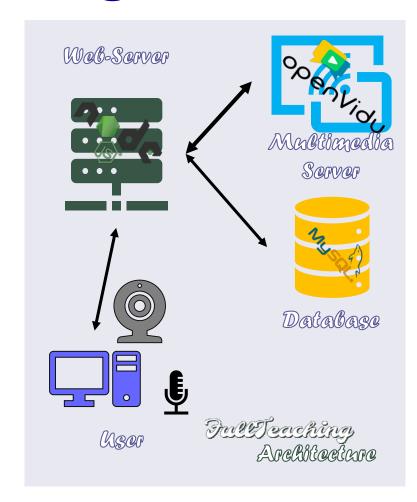
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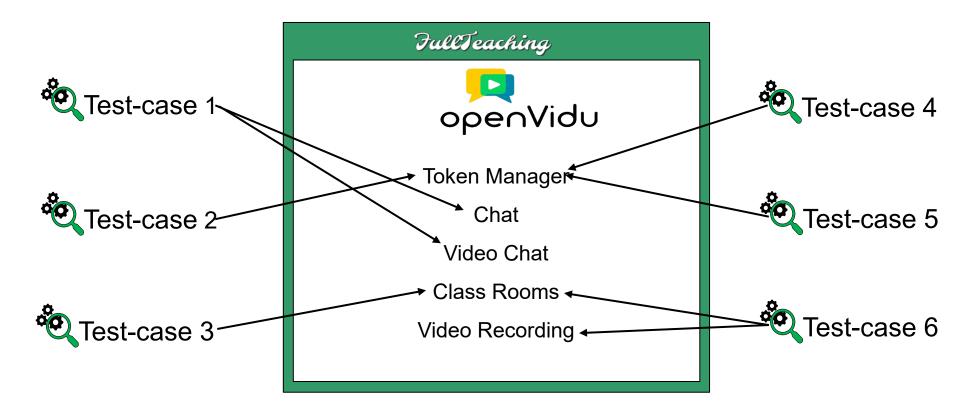




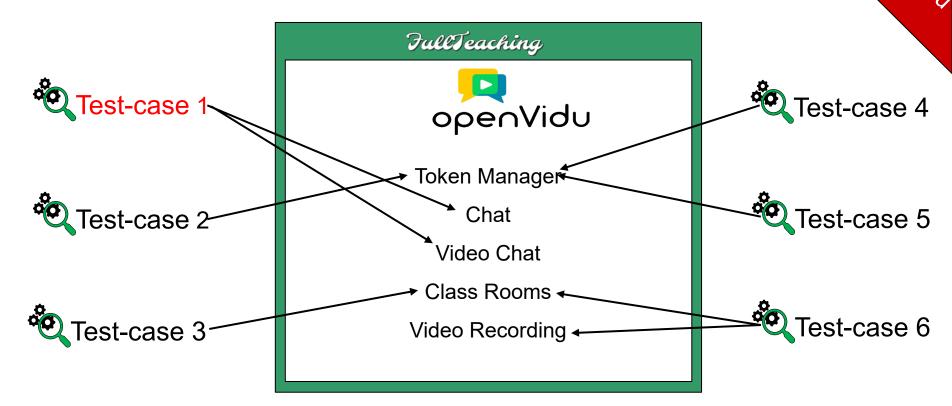
Example: FullTeaching

- FullTeaching is an educational web platform, available as demo example in Elastest. Is composed by resources as:
 - Databases
 - □ Multimedia Server
 - □ Web Servers.

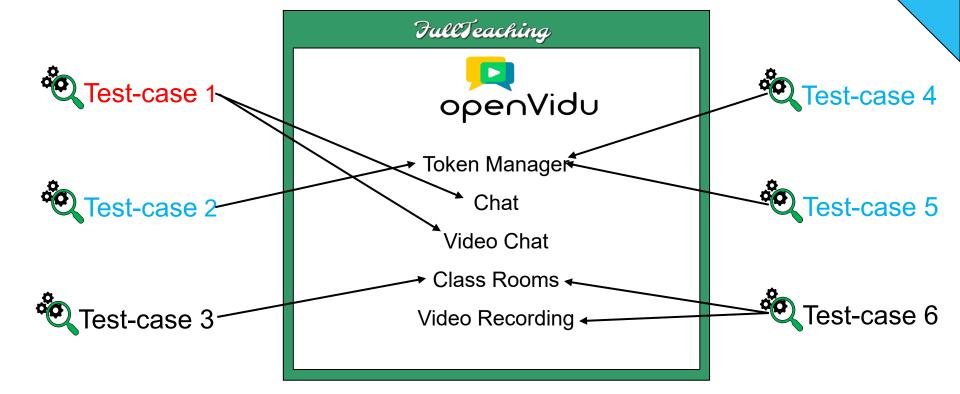




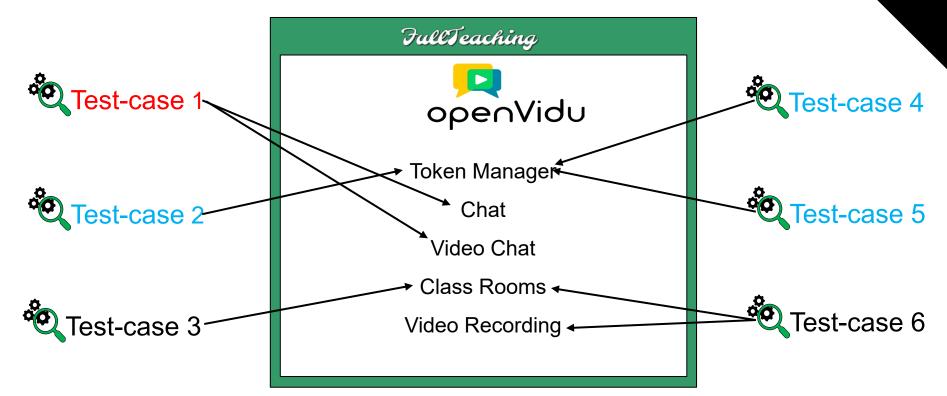
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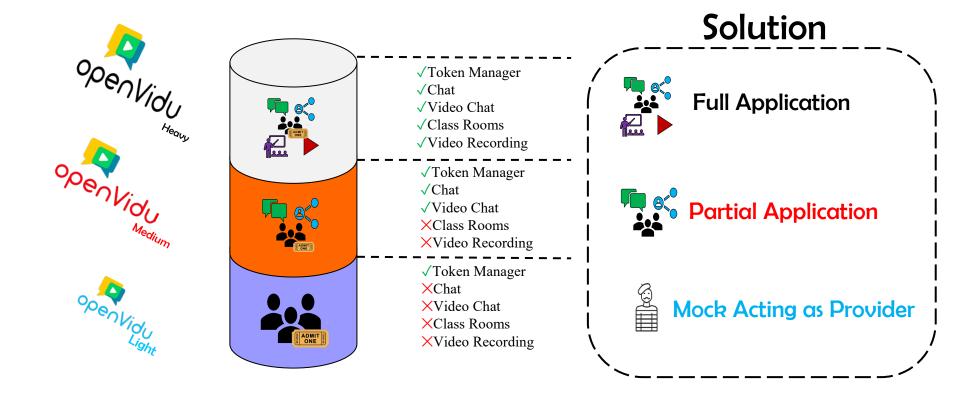
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Type of Server







Elasticity cost



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Resources Required







Type of access







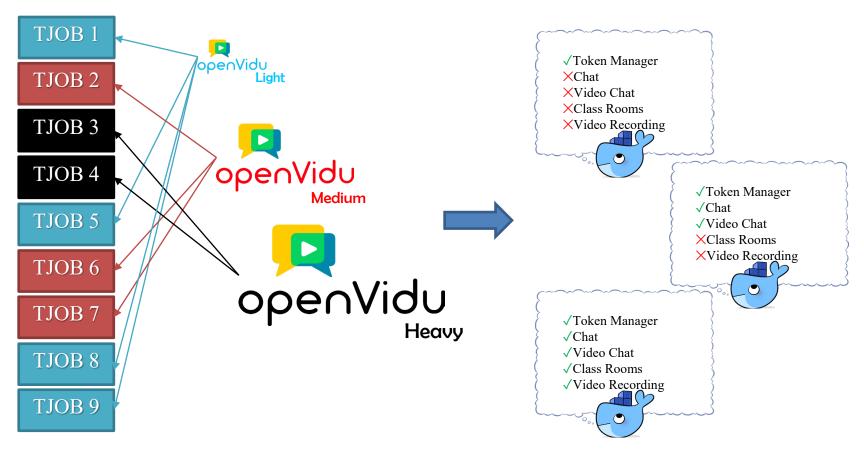
Example: FullTeaching Grouping

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Example : FullTeaching Grouping

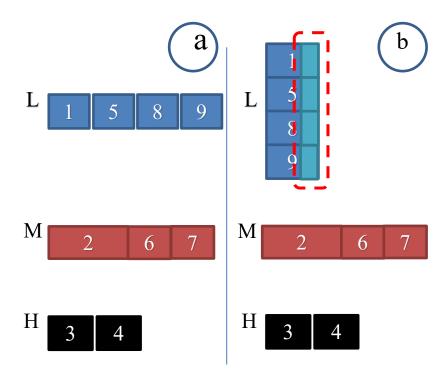




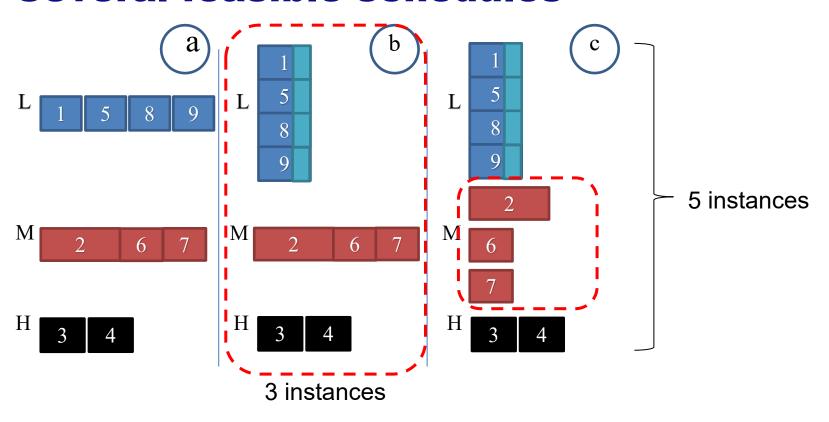




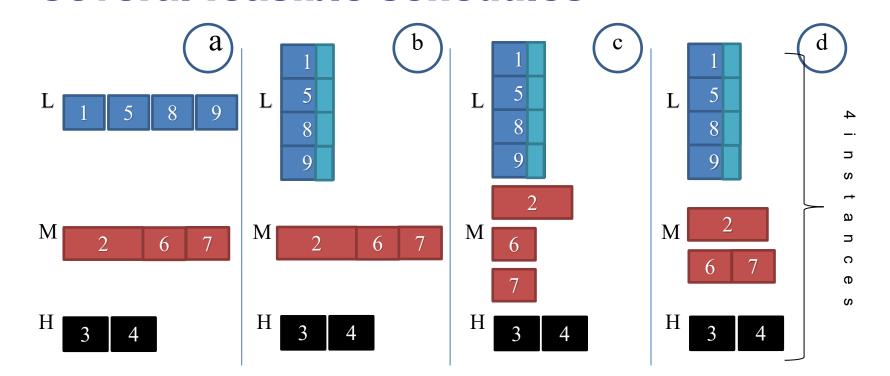
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Summary

Through the resource identification, grouping and scheduling, in order to minimize the resources and deploy them in parallel, could optimize the resource usage in several ways.



Future work

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 - Automation of the resource identification process, detecting the dependencies between tests.
 - Develop an orchestration method based on Scheduling and Grouping to optimize the resources employed on E2E testing

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