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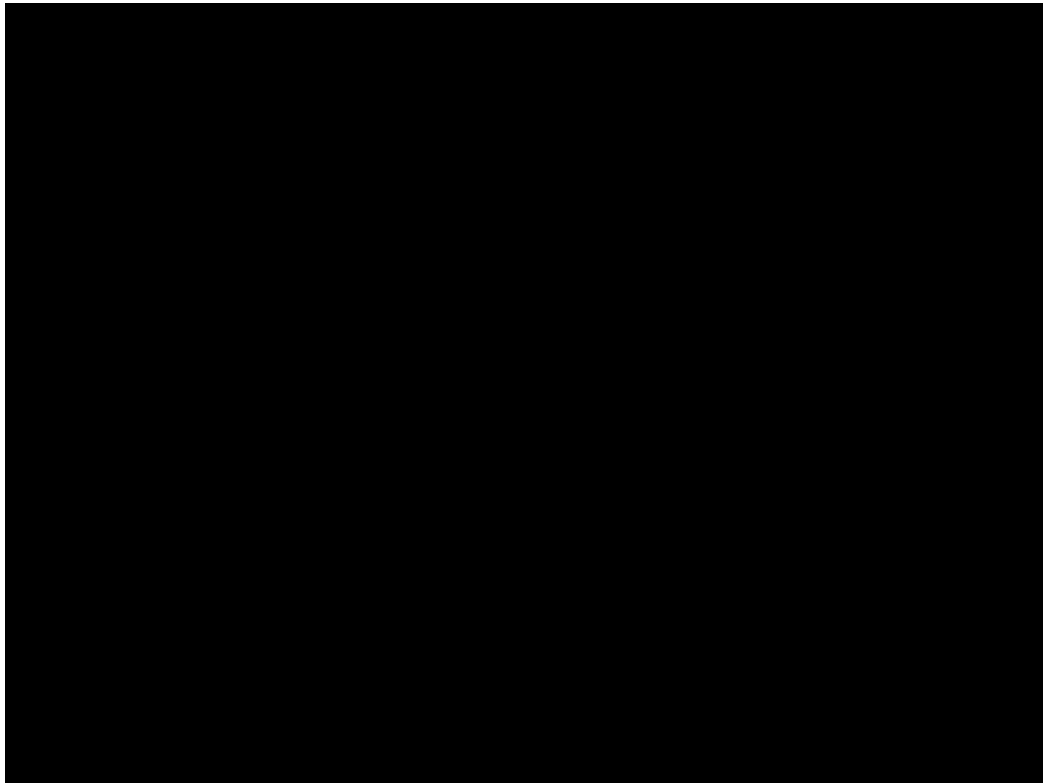


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Rackspace is working with CERN openlab to deploy federated cloud infrastructure.



One of the goals of the collaboration between hosting provider Rackspace and CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) is to produce a reference architecture for federated cloud services across Rackspace's public and private clouds and CERN's internal private cloud.

Rackspace is a major backer of OpenStack - in fact it is a foundation platinum member of the OpenStack Foundation, with a seat on the board - and CERN is an active user of OpenStack.

Rackspace previously provided CERN with the ability to burst workloads into the Rackspace public cloud.



The new project is aimed at federating CERN's cloud systems with Rackspace's public and private clouds.



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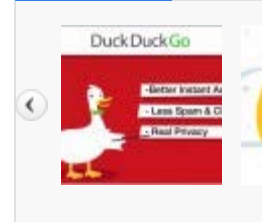
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As part of the arrangement, the company will fund one full-time technical position at CERN.

"This is a landmark moment for Rackspace, as we feel this is an opportunity to take our already mutually beneficial relationship with CERN to new heights," said Rackspace Private Cloud senior vice president and general manager Jim Curry.

"Through ongoing collaboration with CERN openlab, we will broaden the global reach of our hybrid cloud solutions, while simultaneously helping to set the pace of innovation within the field of particle physics."

CERN IT infrastructure manager Tim Bell said "We're excited to partner with Rackspace in the CERN openlab framework, as we look for ways to accelerate our innovation on top of an OpenStack-based hybrid cloud."

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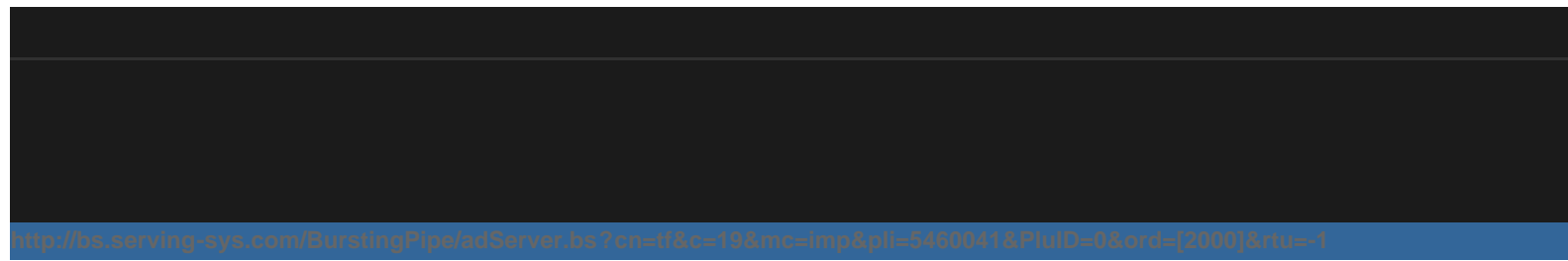
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