

Event Logger Service - Technical Case

Project Overview

You are tasked with building a lightweight Event Logger Service that accepts application events via an API, queues them using a message broker (like Kafka or RabbitMQ), and stores them in a database asynchronously. This simulates a real-world architecture for logging, analytics, or telemetry systems.

Goals

- Accept event logs through a REST API.
- Push event logs to a message broker.
- Consume events from the broker and persist them in a database.
- Dockerize the entire solution using docker-compose.

Architecture

[Client / App]

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[REST API Service]

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[Message Queue (Kafka or RabbitMQ)]

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[Consumer Service]

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[MongoDB or PostgreSQL]

Requirements

Backend Language (pick one):

- Go
- Python (preferred)
- Node.js (Express)

Tools:

- Message Broker: Kafka or RabbitMQ
- Database: MongoDB or PostgreSQL
- Containerization: Docker & Docker Compose

API Endpoints

POST /events

- Description: Accepts an event and pushes it to the message queue.

- Request Body:

```
{  
  "source": "auth-service",  
  "type": "user_login",  
  "payload": {  
    "userId": "abc-123",  
    "ip": "192.168.0.10"  
  },  
  "timestamp": "2025-08-22T14:00:00Z"  
}
```

- Response:

```
{  
  "status": "queued",  
  "eventId": "generated-uuid"  
}
```

Consumer Responsibilities

- Listen to the queue topic.
- Validate incoming event structure.
- Store the event in the database.

Event Schema (Database)

```
{  
  "eventId": "uuid",  
  "source": "string",  
  "type": "string",  
  "payload": { "object" },  
  "timestamp": "ISO8601 datetime",  
  "receivedAt": "system timestamp"  
}
```

Docker Setup

docker-compose.yml should include:

- Backend API container
- Message queue container (Kafka or RabbitMQ)
- Consumer service container
- MongoDB or PostgreSQL container

Evaluation Criteria

Category	Description
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Correctness	API functions correctly, message flow works end-to-end
Clean Code	Follows good practices, modular and well-documented
Dockerization	docker-compose up brings up all services
Resilience	Handles malformed input and queue failures

| Bonus | Monitoring endpoint or dashboard (e.g., /health, /stats) |

Bonus Challenges (Optional)

- Add a GET /events endpoint to view stored events.
- Add filtering by source or type.
- Add Grafana + Prometheus to monitor queue/consumer.
- Add basic authentication to the API.

Submission Guidelines

- Upload your code to GitHub.
- Include a README.md explaining:
 - How to run the project locally
 - API usage with curl/Postman examples
 - Technologies used and design decisions
- Deadline: [define based on your schedule]