Pod should be automatically killed and restarted when unhealthy

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Abstract

Can we trust Kubernetes to restart our microservice when it detects it is unhealthy?

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Summary

Status	completed
Tagged	microservice, kubernetes, python
Executed From	sylvain-laptop
Platform	Linux-4.13.0-21-generic-x86_64-with-Ubuntu-17.10-artful
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:23:51 GMT
Completed	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:25:07 GMT
Duration	1 minute

Experiment

The experiment was made of 2 actions, to vary conditions in your system, and 5 probes, to collect objective data from your system during the experiment.

Steady State Hypothesis

The steady state hypothesis this experiment tried was "Services are all available and healthy".

It was verified with the following probes:

Probe	Tolerance
all-services-are-healthy	True
webapp-is-available	True

Method

The experiment method defines the sequence of activities that help gathering evidence towards, or against, the hypothesis.

The following activities were conducted as part of the experimental's method:

Type	Name
action	talk-to-webapp
action	confirm-purchase
probe	collect-how-many-times-our-service-container-restarted-in-the-
	last-minute
$_{\mathrm{probe}}$	read-webapp-logs-for-the-pod-that-was-killed
probe	read-webapp-logs-for-pod-that-was-started
probe	collect-status-code-from-our-webapp-in-the-last-2-minutes
probe	plot-request-latency-throughout-experiment

Result

The experiment was conducted on Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:23:51 GMT and lasted roughly 1 minute.

Action - talk-to-webapp

Status	succeeded
Background	True
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:23:52 GMT
Ended	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:51 GMT
Duration	59 seconds

The action provider that was executed:

Type Path	process vegeta
Timeout	63
Arguments	{'attack': '','-duration': '60s', '-connections': '1', '-rate': '1', '-output': 'report.bin', '-targets': 'urls.txt'}

Action - confirm-purchase

Status	failed
Background	False
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:07 GMT
Ended	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:07 GMT
Duration	0 seconds
Paused Before	15s

The action provider that was executed:

\mathbf{Type}	http
\mathbf{URL}	\${webapp_service_url}/purchase/confirm
Method	GET
Timeout	N/A
Arguments	N/A

The confirm-purchase action raised the following error while running:

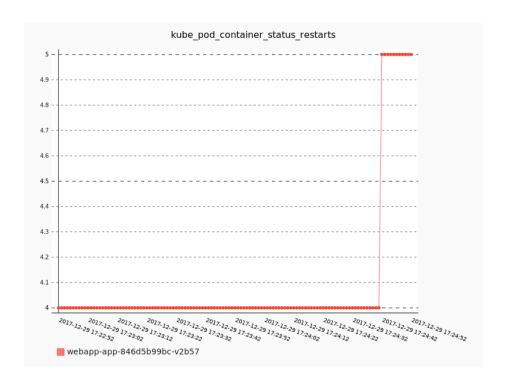
chaoslib.exceptions. Failed Activity: HTTP call failed with code 500 (expected 200): 500 Internal Server Error Internal Server Error The server encountered an internal error and was unable to complete your request. Either the server is overloaded or there is an error in the application.

 ${\bf Probe \ - \ collect-how-many-times-our-service-container-restarted-in-the-last-minute}$

Status	succeeded
Background	False
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT
Ended	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT
Duration	0 seconds
Paused Before	45s

The probe provider that was executed:

Type	python
Module	chaosprometheus.probes
Function	query_interval
Arguments	{'query':
	'kube_pod_container_status_restarts{container="webapp-
	app"}', 'start': '2 minutes ago', 'end':
	'now'}



${\bf Probe - read\text{-}we bapp\text{-}logs\text{-}for\text{-}the\text{-}pod\text{-}that\text{-}was\text{-}killed}$

Status	succeeded
Background	False
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT
Ended	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT
Duration	0 seconds

The probe provider that was executed:

\mathbf{Type}	python
Module	chaosk8s.probes
Function	read_microservices_logs
Arguments	{'name': 'webapp-app', 'from_previous': True}

${\bf Probe - read\text{-}we bapp\text{-}logs\text{-}for\text{-}pod\text{-}that\text{-}was\text{-}started}$

Status	succeeded	

Background False

 Started
 Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT

 Ended
 Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:24:52 GMT

Duration 0 seconds

The probe provider that was executed:

Type python

Module chaosk8s.probes

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Function} & \text{read_microservices_logs} \\ \textbf{Arguments} & \{\text{`name': `webapp-app'}\} \end{array}$

${\bf Probe-collect\text{-}status\text{-}code\text{-}from\text{-}our\text{-}we bapp\text{-}in\text{-}the\text{-}last\text{-}2\text{-}minutes}}$

StatussucceededBackgroundFalse

Started Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:25:02 GMT **Ended** Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:25:02 GMT

Duration 0 secondsPaused Before 10s

The probe provider that was executed:

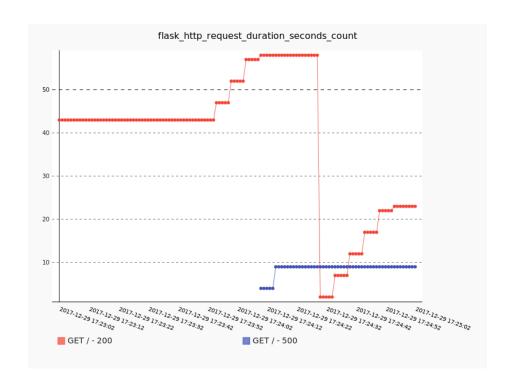
Type python

Module chaosprometheus.probes

Function query_interval Arguments {'query':

'flask_http_request_duration_seconds_count{path="/"}',

'start': '2 minutes ago', 'end': 'now'}



${\bf Probe - plot-request-latency-throughout-experiment}$

Status	succeeded
Background	False
Started	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:25:07 GMT
Ended	Fri, 29 Dec 2017 17:25:07 GMT
Duration	0 seconds
Paused Before	5s

The probe provider that was executed:

\mathbf{Type}	process
Path	vegeta
Timeout	5
Arguments	{'report': '','-inputs': 'report.bin', '-reporter': 'plot',
	'-output': 'latency.html'}

Appendix

Action - talk-to-webapp

The action returned the following result:

```
[0, '', '']
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Action - confirm-purchase

The action returned the following result:

None

${\bf Probe - collect\hbox{-}how\hbox{-}many\hbox{-}times\hbox{-}our\hbox{-}service\hbox{-}container\hbox{-}restarted\hbox{-}inthe-last\hbox{-}minute}$

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{'data': {'result': [{'metric': {'__name__': 'kube_pod_container_status_restarts',
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Probe - read-webapp-logs-for-the-pod-that-was-killed

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{'webapp-app-846d5b99bc-v2b57': '2017-12-29T17:15:23.238069544Z'
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Listening for '
                                 'SIGTERM.\n'
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                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Listening for '
                                 '2017-12-29T17:15:23.238213944Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Listening for '
                                 'SIGUSR1.\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:15:23.238388864Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Bus STARTING\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:15:23.416210117Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Serving on '
                                 'http://0.0.0.0:8080\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:15:23.416323029Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:15:23] ENGINE Bus STARTED\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:24:19.151192496Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:19] ENGINE Caught signal '
                                 'SIGTERM.\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:24:19.151354514Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:19] ENGINE Bus STOPPING\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:24:24.197317636Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:24] ENGINE HTTP Server '
```

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"cherrypy._cpwsgi_server.CPWSGIServer(('0.0.0.0', "
'8080)) shut down\n'
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'[29/Dec/2017:17:24:24] ENGINE Bus STOPPED\n'
'2017-12-29T17:24:24.19879267Z '
'[29/Dec/2017:17:24:24] ENGINE Bus EXITING\n'
'2017-12-29T17:24:24.199526444Z '
'[29/Dec/2017:17:24:24] ENGINE Bus EXITED\n'
'2017-12-29T17:24:24.200507699Z '
'[29/Dec/2017:17:24:24] ENGINE Waiting for '
'child threads to terminate...\n'}
```

Probe - read-webapp-logs-for-pod-that-was-started

The *probe* returned the following result:

```
{'webapp-app-846d5b99bc-v2b57': '2017-12-29T17:24:28.302932053Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:28] ENGINE Listening for '
                                 'SIGTERM.\n'
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                                 'SIGHUP.\n'
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                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:28] ENGINE Listening for '
                                 'SIGUSR1.\n'
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                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:28] ENGINE Bus STARTING\n'
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                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:28] ENGINE Serving on '
                                 'http://0.0.0.0:8080\n'
                                 '2017-12-29T17:24:28.437436129Z '
                                 '[29/Dec/2017:17:24:28] ENGINE Bus STARTED\n'}
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${\bf Probe-collect\text{-}status\text{-}code\text{-}from\text{-}our\text{-}we bapp\text{-}in\text{-}the\text{-}last\text{-}2\text{-}minutes}}$

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${\bf Probe - plot-request-latency-throughout-experiment}$