DBRepo - Database Repository

What is the core value being generated?

We offer researchers to create a database in a secure, maintained and available environment that allows them to deposit their data from the beginning of a project.

This proposal aims to upscale the current deployment via Docker Compose to a deployment where a cluster system is used for the orchestration and load balancing of the containers.

Full disclosure: this proposal overlaps with my work as project assistant.

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Problem space

Why are we doing this?

Problem statement

The current deployment of DBRepo, a repository for databases hosted at TU Wien uses Docker Compose for the deployment and orchestration of ~15 core services, while researcher databases inside DBRepo are deployed with the Docker Daemon. While this setup works well for 4-5 databases, the envisioned capacity of thousands of databases, hosted at TU Wien will not be deployed according to current best practices.

Impact of this problem

Without a technical solution to this problem, the impact of operating ~15 core services and more than 5 databases already is a challenge for most commodity hardware. Even if not used, the databases reserve significant amounts of RAM for eventual queries issued to them, the CPU load is unnecessary when a database is not used.

Who is the audience

- Friendly researchers at ZFDM (test-audience)
- Researchers at TUW (customer/target audience)

How do we judge succes s?

The project is successful when:

- · Each core service is deployed using a cluster software
- Each researcher database is deployed from the container/database service using a cluster software
- Each researcher database can be put to "sleep" where it does not require significant amounts of RAM and is "woken up" when a query is issued to it, while being
- Transparent to the user from the current deployment using Docker Compose

Minimal viable product/service ("MVP")

What needs to be true in order for a prototype to be ready for release?

The MVP must contain:

- 1. One node for each core service of DBRepo
- Container Service that creates this node instead of Docker Containers

The MVP may contain:

 Admin state capabilities where the container service can start/stop nodes

This will be sufficient, for TUW researchers at ZFDM.

What crucial factors are we missing? • Currently we do not have such a cluster software Assumptions: • The knowledge of operating Kubernetes pods can be acquired through documentation • The JUnit test cases for the container service can be re-written to

Gaps:

· None identified yet

cover the Kubernetes deployment

Continued Feedback What is the key question we would ask to understand if we are on the right track? Is each core service and researcher database managed by Kubernetes in a way that allows load balancing for thousands of databases? Who are the alpha testers that we can use for validating our assumptions? Center for Research Data Management / SBA Research Tomasz Miksa Barbara Sanchez DS-IFS Andreas Rauber

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