Dataverse Scaling

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Project Overview





Problem: The open-source Dataverse project was originally built as a single deployment n-tier app

Our project is to continue recent efforts to containerize Dataverse and deploy on OpenShift.

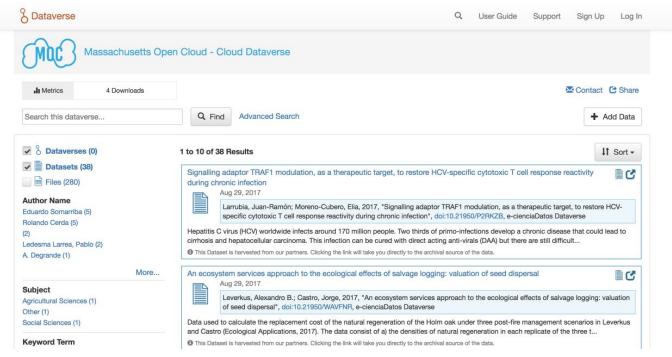




- Open-source web app
- Platform to share research data & replicate work
- Community of researchers, academic institutions, journals, and software developers
- 30 institutional dataverse repositories worldwide
- MOC: dataverse.massopen.cloud



Screenshot of Cloud Dataverse





The main components of Dataverse











Primary Components of Dataverse



PostgreSQL - Application database



- Application server



- Indexing / search engine



OPENSHIFT

- Red Hat's container orchestration software built on top of Kubernetes.
- Each component has a Docker image and has been configured to run on OpenShift





Single deployment vs containerization/OpenShift





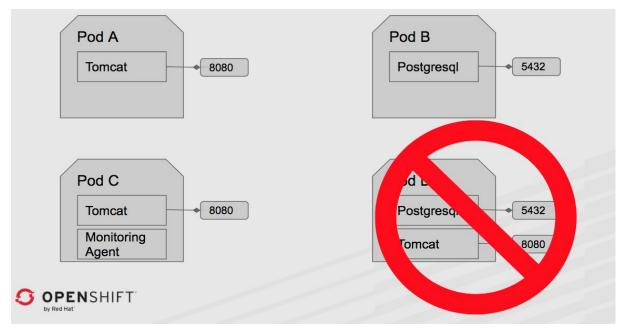


The original project consists of a single instance of each

A pull request has been accepted to containerize each component and run on Openshift, but the pods do not scale



Containers, pods, scalability

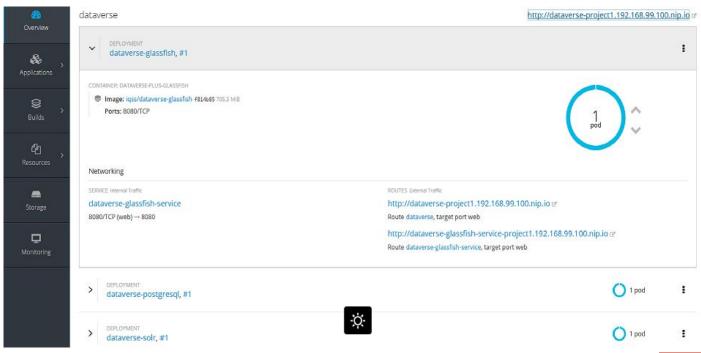


Source: OpenShift Tutorial slides shared by mentor



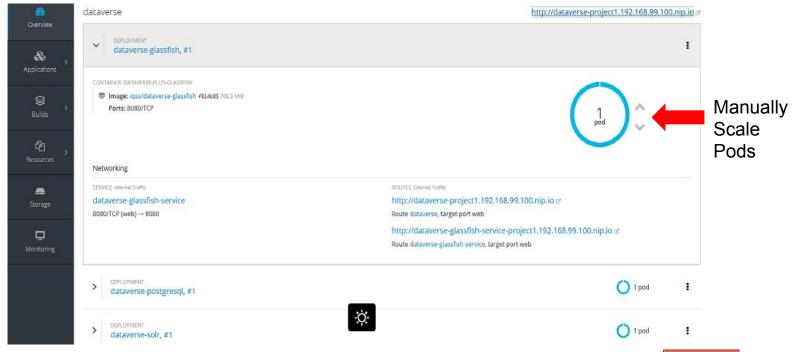


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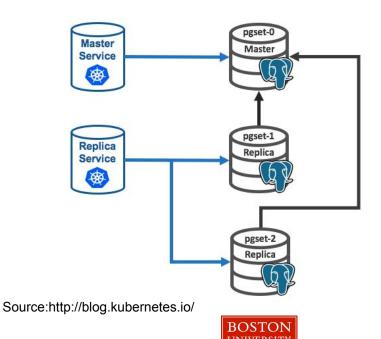




Replica pods

How does an application use multiple servers or databases?

In general we will use the concept of StatefulSets from Kubernetes to create master-slave relationships between replicas





So what are we doing?

Dataverse is already running on OpenShift, but we need to configure each component

- PostgreSQL configuring with StatefulSets is documented
- Glassfish similar concept but specific configuration is novel
- Solr configuring search indexer is a reach goal



Users

Researchers - Want to publish data and analyse code on a reliable platform that can handle a high volume of traffic if research findings see a spike in popularity. Also open to be able to reexamine existing data in a new way, for example use machine learning.

Journals - Want to verify and publish author's research findings and data using dataverse repositories to increase the impact of journals and preserve data and make it citable.

Institutions - Need a place to host research data using customized dataverses for researchers, departments, and faculty to share their data. Deploying scalable Dataverse on OpenShift to production should be simple.

Developers - Develop Dataverse on a local version of OpenShift and easily deploy changes to production

Companies - Want to track the running instances of dataverse and collect results from tests.



Users Stories

Sprint #1

- As a student I want to read a project description that will help me understand this project.
- As a developer I want to deploy dataverse locally so that I can further develop it
- As an audience member I want to see slides that will help me understand the project
- As a developer I want to be able to incorporate my changes into production environment easily

Sprint #2

- As a developer I want to be able to employ Glassfish as a Kubernetes statefulset.
- As a developer I want to be able to employ PostgreSQL as a Kubernetes statefulset...





Release Planning

Release #1(Feb 8) - Initial

- Stand up Dataverse on local OpenShift (using minishift)
- Develop user stories
- Prepare presentation

Release #2 (Feb 22) - PostgreSQL

Modify OpenShift config in Dataverse to allow a scaled PostgreSQL

Release #3 (Mar 15) - PostgreSQL

Finish PostgreSQL

Release #4 (Mar 29) - Glassfish

 Modify OpenShift config in Dataverse to allow a scaled Glassfish

Release #5 (Apr 12) - Glassfish

Finish PostgreSQL

Release #6 (Apr 26) - Solr

- Deploy Dataverse into the MOC's OpenShift deployment
- Run the load test against Dataverse in the MOC.



Release Planning



https://tree.taiga.io/project/msdisme-2018-bucs528-template-6/



THANKS!!





GlassFish









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