Setup overview:

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In the load balancing measurement setup, we aim to simulate the situation of multiple concurrent users accessing the same network resource as a webpage to the exact location. Then we will install a load balance strategy such as HAproxy, EC2 load balancer, and Nginx onto the frontend server. Based on the technologies and methods that we choose; the frontend server will forward the request to one of the agent servers to distribute the user load. We expect that using this can achieve a higher performance than a single node server. In addition, we will compare the technologies we mentioned above and decide which is the best and justify the reason.

1. **Install a web server to accept user request in backend**

We can build a simple website with a web page that accepts user requests and returns the result using Spring.

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Then we build the web container file

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Create a t2.micro Instant on Amazon cloud, then upload the web container file just build to the t2.micro Instant directory.

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To start up the server on one of the backend servers, we will require to install java JDK.

Type "sudo apt-update" first if first time running the EC2 instant.

Then Type “sudo apt install openjdk-11-jdk”

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After that, we can start the web server by typing “sudo java -jar loadbalancetestweb-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.war”

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Now the server should be up and running. We can access the testing website with the ec2 instant IP with port 80

\*Remember to update the inbound rules for accepting internet connection from outside

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Perform this step to set up more instants of serval more time in each backend server will be used in load balancing.

1. **Setup frontend server to accept requests from the user and perform load balance strategy**

In this step, we will be required to set up the environment for running the load balancing solution. Each of them needs to configure differently. Therefore, the following step will be separated into three subsections.

2.1 HAproxy load balancer setup procedure.

Create a t2.micro Instant on Amazon cloud, but this time we will use it to install different types of load balancing strategies.

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Remote into the EC2 instant and type "sudo apt-get update" if first startup

Then Type “sudo apt install haproxy” to install haproxy.

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Haproxy should run automatically, to check the service status, type "sudo systemctl status haproxy"

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After that, we will need to configure our loadbalancer. Location the directory location /etc/haproxy/ and find haproxy.cfg

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Add the following line to setup the load balance strategy and backend server load we just set in step 1.

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To make the new setting take effect, we will need to restart the HAproxy service by typeing "sudo systemctl stop haproxy" then "sudo systemctl start haproxy"

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Then the load balancer should be working correctly. Access the load balancer public IP address to test the result.

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You can check the result of the webpage

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Since it is round robin, you can refresh the webpage and see each backend server taking turns serving the page.

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2.2 Nginx load balancer setup procedure.