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1. Summary

Cloud Odyssey is a **distributed computing system** designed using a **microservices architecture** to ensure modularity, scalability, and ease of deployment. The system enables users to efficiently schedule, execute, and monitor tasks across multiple worker nodes in a cluster.

2. Main Design

High-Level Design (HLD)

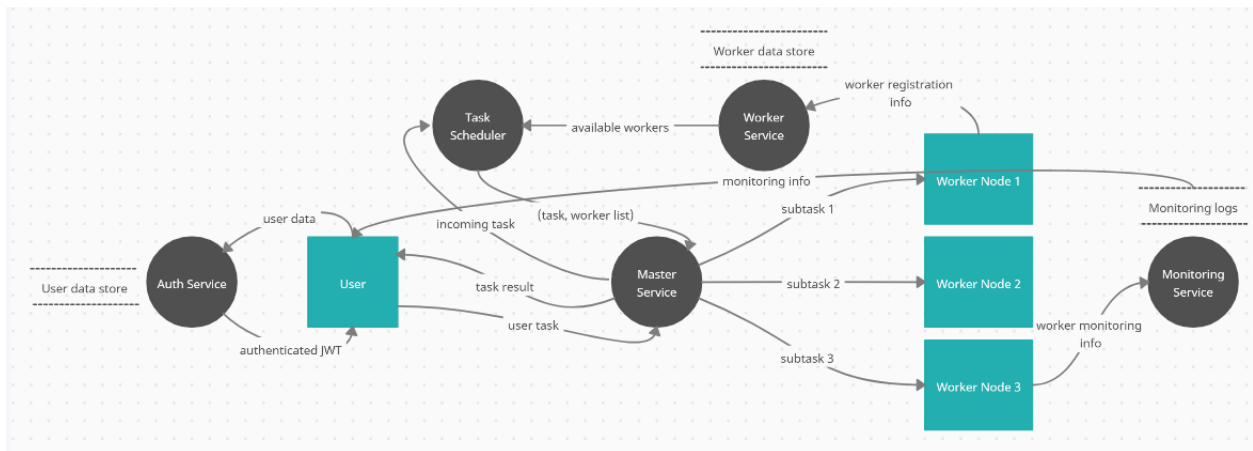
Each microservice is designed with specific functionalities and exposes REST API endpoints for interaction.

- Microservices Overview:

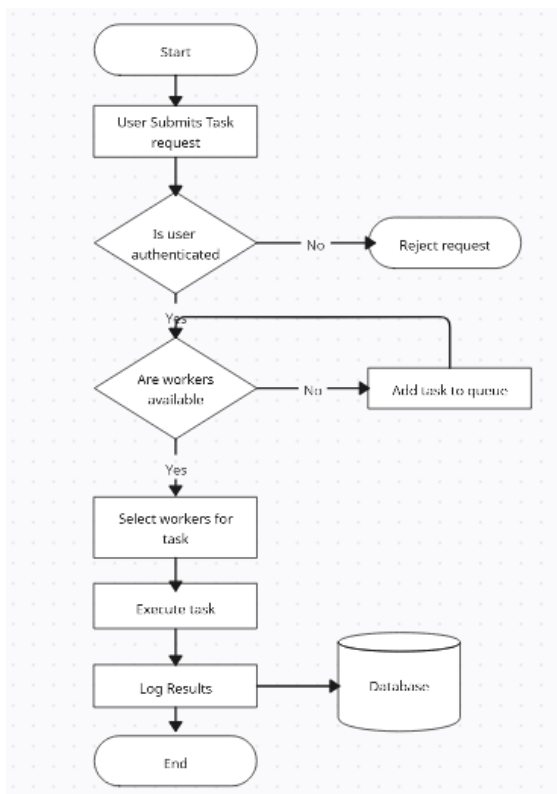
1. **Authentication Service:** Handles user authentication and authorization using JWT.
2. **Task Scheduler Service:** Assigns tasks to available workers based on system specifications and load.

3. **Worker Service:** Manages the registration and health status of worker nodes.
4. **Master Service:** Executes tasks on selected worker nodes via SSH and reports results.
5. **Monitoring Service:** Collects real-time system metrics and provides a dashboard for analysis.

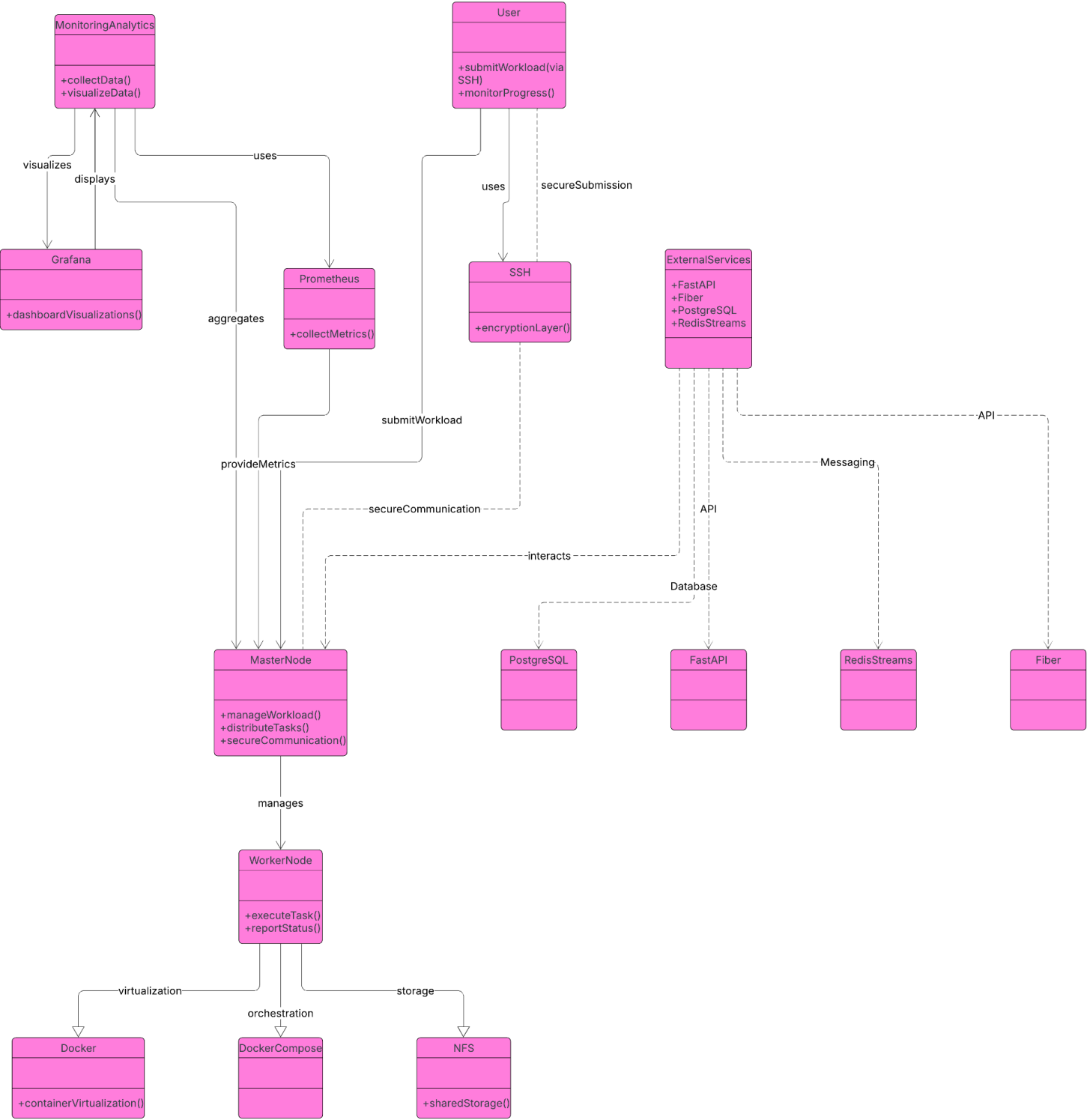
- Data Flow Diagrams (DFD)



- Flowchart: Task Execution



UML Diagram(Class Diagram)



Low-Level Design (LLD)

- Microservices API Specification

a. Authentication Service

Handles user authentication and authorization using JWT.

- **POST/auth/register** – Register a new user
 - **POST/auth/login** – Authenticate a user and issue a token
 - **GET/auth/user** – Get authenticated user details
 - **POST/auth/logout** – Invalidate the user's session
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b. Task Scheduler Service

Assigns tasks to available workers based on system specifications and load.

- **POST/scheduler/task** – Submit a new task for scheduling
 - **GET/scheduler/task/{task_id}** – Retrieve the status of a scheduled task
 - **GET/scheduler/workers** – Get the list of available workers
 - **DELETE/scheduler/task/{task_id}** – Cancel a scheduled task
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c. Worker Service

Manages the registration and health status of worker nodes.

- **POST/worker/register** – Register a new worker node
 - **GET/worker/health/{worker_id}** – Check the health status of a worker
 - **DELETE/worker/{worker_id}** – Deregister a worker node
 - **GET/worker/list** – Get all registered workers
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d. Master Service

Executes tasks on selected worker nodes via SSH and reports results.

- **POST/master/execute** – Execute a command on a worker node
 - **GET/master/result/{task_id}** – Fetch the result of an executed task
 - **DELETE/master/task/{task_id}** – Stop a running task
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e. Monitoring Service

Collects real-time system metrics and provides a dashboard for analysis.

- **GET/monitoring/metrics** – Fetch system metrics (CPU, memory, etc.)
 - **GET/monitoring/logs/{worker_id}** – Retrieve logs for a specific worker
 - **POST/monitoring/alert** – Create an alert based on system thresholds
 - **GET/monitoring/alerts** – Get active system alerts
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- Task Scheduling Algorithms:

1. **Round Robin:** Distributes tasks in a cyclic manner among available worker nodes to ensure fairness. This prevents any single node from being overloaded while maintaining a consistent distribution of tasks.
2. **Shortest Job First (SJF):** Prioritizes tasks based on estimated execution time, ensuring that smaller tasks complete first to minimize overall task completion time and reduce queue wait times.
3. **Weighted Scheduling:** Implements an advanced task allocation strategy by assigning dynamic weights to tasks based on multiple parameters such as:
 - a. Input size: Larger input files may require additional computation and should be allocated accordingly.
 - b. Program complexity: Tasks with higher computational complexity should be distributed to more capable nodes.
 - c. Expected execution time: Predicting execution times helps in balancing loads efficiently across the cluster.

- d. System load: Real-time system metrics are utilized to adjust scheduling dynamically, ensuring optimal resource utilization without overwhelming specific nodes.

A basic mathematical model for task weight assignment can be defined as:

$W = \alpha S + \beta C + \gamma T + \delta L$, where W is the weight assigned to the task, S is the size factor, C represents the program complexity metric, T is the expected execution time, L is the current system load metric, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are tuning coefficients that adjust the influence of each parameter on scheduling decisions.

The scheduler dynamically updates these weights based on real-time cluster metrics and historical data to optimize task allocation and execution efficiency.

- **Deployment Strategy**

- **Docker:** Each microservice is containerized for consistency across environments.
- **Kubernetes:** Manages deployments with auto-scaling, service discovery, and persistent storage.
- **CI/CD (GitHub Actions):** Automates build, testing, and deployment to a container registry.
- **Rollout Strategies:** Uses rolling updates, blue-green, or canary deployments for minimal downtime.

3. Questions

- a. How should authentication and authorization be managed across services?
- b. What fallback mechanism should be in place if a worker node fails mid-task?
- c. Should the system prioritize high-performance nodes or focus on balanced workload distribution?
- d. How frequently should worker nodes send health updates?
- e. What is the best way to handle failures in remote SSH execution—retry, reassign, or fail?
- f. Should task scheduling be dynamic based on system load, or should it follow predefined rules?
- g. How should monitoring and logging be structured for maximum visibility?
- h. What should be the rollback strategy in case of failed deployments?

- i. Should CI/CD pipelines include automated testing before deployment?
- j. How can security be enforced in worker registration and task execution?

4. Comments

Authentication and Authorization Management: The system uses JWT-based authentication, which is appropriate for microservices. However, implementing OAuth2 with a centralized identity provider (such as Keycloak) could improve security and user management.

Fallback Mechanism for Worker Node Failures: If a worker node fails mid-task, a re-execution policy should be in place. The scheduler should monitor worker health and reassign failed tasks dynamically to another available node.

Task Scheduling Strategy: We suggest weighted scheduling, which is beneficial. However, it should be configurable to support both high-performance prioritization and balanced workload distribution based on real-time metrics.

Worker Health Updates Frequency: This should be dynamic based on load conditions. A push-based system with an event-driven health check mechanism (e.g., using WebSockets) may provide better efficiency.

Handling Failures in Remote SSH Execution: Retrying with exponential backoff is a good strategy. If failure persists, the system should log the failure and reassign the task to another node.

Dynamic vs. Rule-Based Scheduling: A hybrid approach can be used where predefined rules exist, but the scheduler dynamically adjusts priorities based on real-time system performance.

Monitoring and Logging Structure: The monitoring service fetches system metrics and logs, but integrating a centralized log aggregation tool like Prometheus with Grafana will improve visibility.

Rollback Strategy for Failed Deployments: Blue-green deployments seem to be the safest approach, allowing rollback to the last stable version with minimal downtime.

CI/CD Testing Before Deployment: Automated testing should be enforced as part of the pipeline, including unit tests, integration tests, and security scans before deployment.

Security in Worker Registration and Task Execution: Secure worker registration should use mutual TLS authentication, and task execution should be sandboxed to prevent unauthorized system access.