Team 12

Reading: #12 Distributed Tracing

Prototyping: Fog-Alert system

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Prototyping Assignment: Fog-Alert

Prototyping Assignment

Scenario: Managing cold storage houses in remote locations

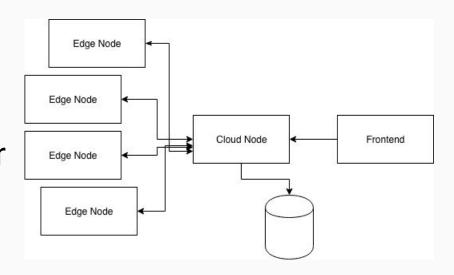
Solution: Edge devices measure temperatures

- Local Alert
- Report to Cloud Backend



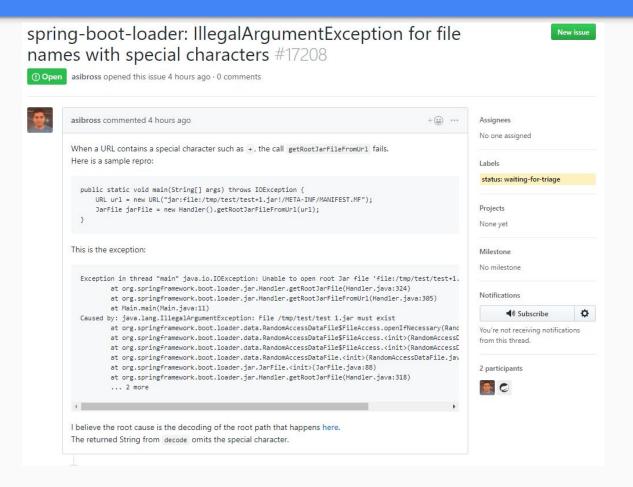
Fog Alert

- Environmental Data using Tinkerforge Sensors
- Sent live to cloud; On error: buffer & resend!
- Write to disk in case of power outage
- Chaos Penguin to make sure buffering works



Reading Assignment: Googles Dapper

Motivation for Tracing



Distributing Tracing - Introduction

Debugging of distributed applications is hard - especially when we do not know

- which services are involved
- what the services do
- what is the causality of events

Distributed tracing is a classic problem of (distributed) system engineering

- Google presents a solution: <u>Dapper</u>
 - Google uses Dapper for distributed tracing at production
 - Dapper is the reference design for most popular open source tracing system Apache Zipkin
- Other tracing systems: "Magpie", "X-Trace", "Jaeger"
- For general design considerations, see references in **Dapper**

^{*}https://www.vehicletrackingexperts.co.uk/is-it-illegal-to-track-your-spouses-or-childs-car/

Distributing Tracing - Requirements

Requirements for distributing tracing system

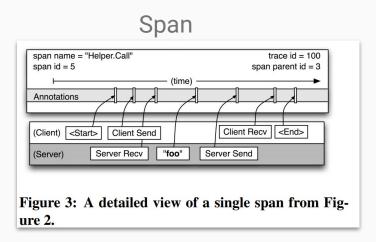
- Ubiquitous deployment
- Continuous monitoring

Design goals for distributing tracing system

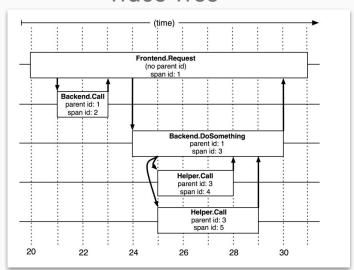
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- Scalability
- Low-latency-availability of tracing data
- Application-level transparency



Dapper Design - Data Structures





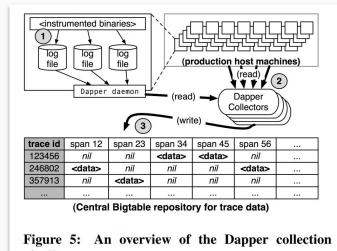


- All servers communicate via GRPC
- Span is generated by GRPC instrumentation
- Annotations are added to the span by the application code (Dapper SDK...)
- Trace tree resembled from span_id and parent_id
- Globally unique ID for root spans

Dapper Design - Trace Collection pipeline

The trace collection pipeline is characterized by a three stage process:

- Dapper instrumentation writes to local log file
- Dapper collectors pull log files from Dapper daemons
- Dapper collectors push TraceTrees and Spans to BigTable repository



pipeline.

Dapper at Google Sites - Performance at Scale

Design goals for distributing tracing system

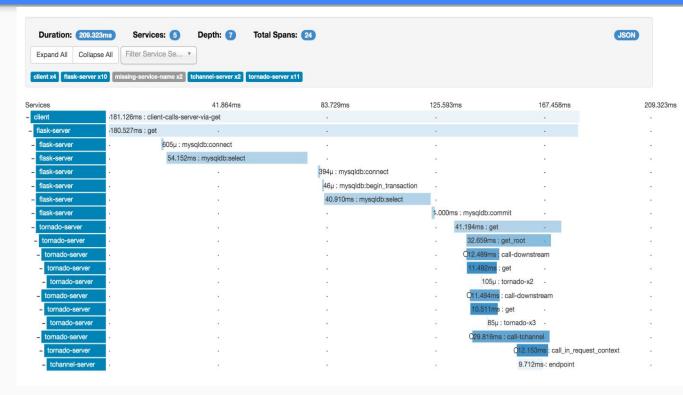
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Reality at Google:

- Footprint of the tracing system
 - < 0.01% Network traffic, < 0.3% CPU
 - Memory footprint within the noise of heap fragmentation
- Dapper Daemons deployed on >10.000 server instances
- Typical <1s end-to-end-latency for traces
- Application-level transparency by instrumentation of GRPC libraries



Apache Zipkin



https://zipkin.io/ In Zipkin Repo:

- 2029 commits
- 11,145 stars
- 237 open issues

- Based on Dapper design
- Instrumentation for (almost) every language and any transport

Evolution to the Fog

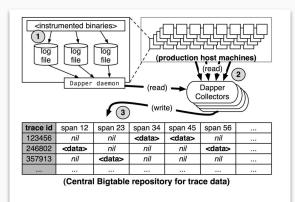


Figure 5: An overview of the Dapper collection pipeline.



- Convergence of collectors and daemons to the same Fog-Node
- Location awareness collectors and daemons
- Traces still pushed to the cloud
- Trace controller for live testing

