Indian Institute of Technology - Jodhpur

Fundamentals of Distributed Systems

Assignment-1

Part 1 &2

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Github Link:

 $Part \ 1 {\:\:\:} {\:\:\:} https://github.com/Ullivada/Amruj-vector-clock-kv-store/tree/main/vector-clock-kv-store$

Part 2 → https://github.com/Ullivada/smart-grid-load-balancer.git

Tech Stack

- Python 3.11 Primary programming language for backend logic
- Docker For containerizing services and simulating distributed nodes
- Docker Compose For orchestrating multiple services
- Flask Micro web framework to expose REST APIs
- Requests To send HTTP messages between services
- Prometheus For scraping metrics from services
- Grafana For dashboard visualization of real-time data

<u>Docker</u> helps to package and run applications in self-contained units called containers. Think of a container as a complete, isolated package that has everything your application needs: its code, the software it runs on, and all its supporting files. This setup ensures that the application works the same way everywhere, no matter where it deploys, making it consitent and easy to scale.

<u>Docker Compose</u> is a tool that simplifies managing applications made of multiple Docker containers. It is using a YAML file to define and run all the services that make up your application together.

Part 1: Vector Clocks and Causal Consistency

<u>Objective</u>: Implement a key-value store across 3 nodes that maintains causal consistency using vector clocks. The system should detect out-of-order messages and delay their processing until causal dependencies are satisfied.

Vector Clocks and Causal Ordering

Vector clocks are data structures that track the causal relationships between events in distributed systems. Each node maintains a vector of counters representing the number of events observed at each node. These used to detect the order of events and resolve conflicts. Causal ordering ensures that if one event causally affects another, all nodes observe the events in that order. This technique is essential for achieving eventual consistency and ensuring correctness in distributed applications.

System Architecture

- The system consists of three distributed nodes, each implemented as a Python Flask service running in a Docker container.
- Each node maintains its own local key-value store and a vector clock to track causality.
- When a node receives a local PUT request, it updates its clock and broadcasts the change (with its vector clock) to the other nodes.
- Nodes receiving updates compare vector clocks to determine if the message can be applied or should be buffered.
- Buffered messages are checked periodically and applied once their causal dependencies are fulfilled.
- All nodes communicate over a shared Docker network using REST APIs

<u>Steps</u>

- 1. Created node.py in python. Used Flask to simulate each node in the distributed system.
- 2. Each node contains:
- A local key-value store
- A buffer for delayed messages
- A vector clock list [i, j, k]
- 3. The local PUT triggers the node to increment its clock and sends the update + clock to other nodes.
- 4. Upon receiving a replicated message, the node checks the causal delivery condition. If not met, it buffers the message.
- 5. Buffered messages are periodically checked for deliverability.
- 6. Docker Compose launches 3 containers for each node.

Node.py

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                                                                                         def update(self, other: "VectorElock"): lusage
  for k in self.keys():
    self[k] = max(self[k], other.get(k, 0))
                                                                                          def _replace(self, mapping): 1usag
  for k, v in mapping.items():
      self[k] = v
  return self
                                                                                  PEERS = [p for p in os.environ.get("PEERS", "*).split(",") if p]
ALL_IDS = [NODE_ID] + [i for i in range(len(PEERS) + 1) if i != NODE_ID]
PORT = int(os.environ.get("PORT", 5000 + NODE_ID))
                                                                                   kv_store: Dict[str, str] = {}
clock = VectorClock(ALL_IDS)
                                                                                          data = request.get_json(force=True)
key, value = data["key"], data["value"]
                                                                                          _broadcast(|endpoint|"/replicate", msg)
return jsonify({"status": "ok", "vc": msg["vc"]})
                                                                                   @app.route( rule: "/replicate", methods=["POST"])
def replicate():
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                                                                  def tick(self, node_id: int): 1usage
    self[node_id] += 1
                                                       ⑤ ∨ def update(self, other: "VectorClock"): 1usage
                                                                     for k in self.keys():
                                                             PEERS = [p for p in os.environ.get(*PEERS*, **).split(*,*) if p]
ALL_IDS = [NODE_ID] + [i for i in range(len(PEERS) + 1) if i != NODE_ID]
PORT = int(os.environ.get(*PORT*, 5000 + NODE_ID))
                                                             clock = VectorClock(ALL IDS)
                                                                  data = request.get_json(force=True)
key, value = data["key"], data["value"]
                                                                        kv_store(key) = value
msg = {"sender": NODE_ID, "key": key, "value": value, "vc": dict(clock)}
                                                                  _broadcast( endpoint: "/replicate", msg)
return jsonify({"status": "ok", "vc": msg["vc"]})
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node2-1 | * Serving Flask app 'node'
node2-1 | * Debug mode: off
node3-1 | * Serving Flask app 'node'
node3-1 | * Serving Flask app 'node'
node2-1 | WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
node3-1 | * Debug mode: off
node1-1 | * Debug mode: off
node2-1 | * Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
node3-1 | WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
node1-1 | WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
node2-1 | * Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
node3-1 | * Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
node3-1 | * Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
node3-1 | * Running on http://172.22.0.3:5000
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Client.py

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Part 2: Smart Grid Load Balancer

Summary

This project implements a dynamic load balancing system for a Smart Grid that efficiently distributes Electric Vehicle (EV) charging requests across multiple substations. The system uses real-time load monitoring, intelligent request routing, and comprehensive observability to ensure optimal resource utilization and grid stability. The implemented solution successfully demonstrates:

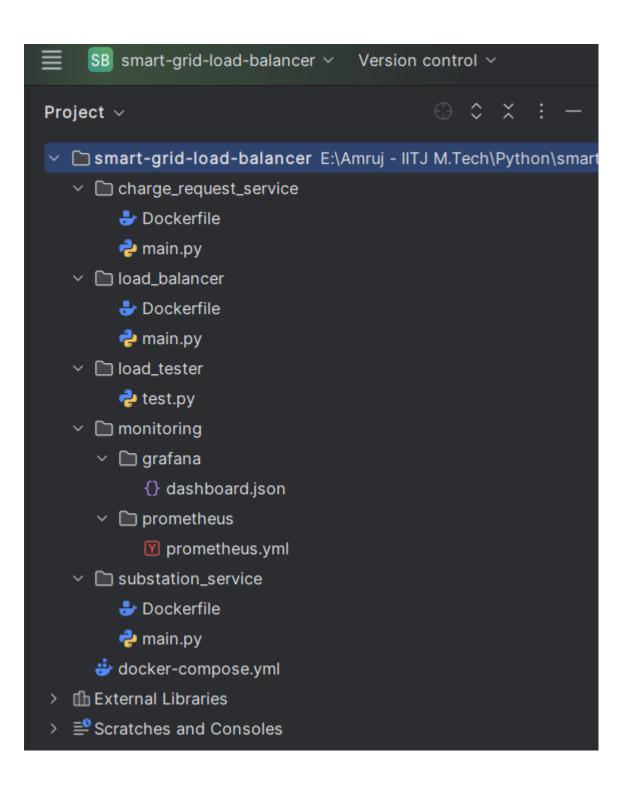
- Dynamic Load Balancing: Intelligent routing based on real-time substation loads
- **Scalable Architecture**: Microservices-based design with containerized deployment
- **Comprehensive Monitoring**: Full observability stack with Prometheus and Grafana
- **High Availability**: Fault-tolerant design with graceful degradation

System Architecture

- The system consists of two substation services, a centralized load balancer, and monitoring tools (Prometheus and Grafana).
- Substations accept EV charging requests and expose their current load via a /metrics endpoint.
- The load balancer periodically polls these metrics and routes new requests to the least-loaded substation.
- Prometheus scrapes the metrics from substations and stores time-series data.
- Grafana connects to Prometheus and visualizes load data through a custom dashboard.

Steps

- 1. Implemented substation_service/main.py with /charge and /metrics endpoints.
- 2. Implemented load_balancer/main.py to query all substation metrics and route based on lowest load.
- 3. Created test.py to simulate 50 vehicle requests.
- 4. Configured Prometheus to scrape metrics from substations.
- 5. Connected Grafana to Prometheus and imported dashboard.



charge request service/main.py

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                     from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
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                    import requests import logging
                     from datetime import datetime
                    app = Flask(__name__)
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INF0)
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
                                         return jsonify({'error': 'No data provided'}), 400
                                   for field in required_fields:
   if field not in data:
                                  # Forward request to load balancer
response = requests.post(
                                          uni f*{LOAD_BALANCER_URL}/route_charge*,
json=data,
timeout=30
                                         result = response.json()
                                         logger.info(f*Charge request routed successfully to {result.get('substation_id')}*)
return jsonify(result), 200
                            except requests.RequestException as e:
   logger.error(f*Connection error to load balancer: {str(e)}*)
   return jsonify({'error': 'Load balancer unavailable'}), 503
                     def health_check():
    """Health_check endpoint"""
                                  # Check if load balancer is reachable
response = requests.get( und f*{LOAD_BALANCER_URL}/health*, timeout=5)
lb_status = 'healthy' if response.status_code == 200 else 'unhealthy'
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'service': 'charge_request_service',
'status': 'running',
'load_balancer_status': lb_status,
'timestamp': datetime.now().isoformat()
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load_balancer/main.py

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         from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
        import logging
         import threading
         from datetime import datetime
         logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INF0)
         logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
             {'id': 'substation_2', 'url': 'http://substation_2:8001'}, 
{'id': 'substation_3', 'url': 'http://substation_3:8001'}
         substation_loads = {}
         for substation in SUBSTATIONS:
            substation_loads[substation['id']] = 0
        load_lock = threading.Lock()
        def parse_prometheus_metrics(metrics_text): 1 usage
             for line in metrics_text.split('\n'):
                 if line.startswith('substation_current_load'):
                      match = re.search( pattern: r'substation_current_load\s+(\d+(?:\.\d+)?)', line)
                          current_load = float(match.group(1))
             return current_load
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                    for substation in SUBSTATIONS:
                            response = requests.get( url: f"{substation['url']}/metrics", timeout=5)
                            if response.status_code == 200:
                               current_load = parse_prometheus_metrics(response.text)
                               with load_lock:
                                    substation_loads[substation['id']] = current_load
                               logger.debug(f"Updated {substation['id']} load: {current_load}")
                               logger.warning(f"Failed to get metrics from {substation['id']}")
                       except requests.RequestException as e:
                            logger.error(f"Error polling {substation['id']}: {str(e)}")
                   time.sleep(5) # Poll every 5 seconds
               except Exception as e:
                    logger.error(f"Error in load update thread: {str(e)}")
                   time.sleep(10) # Wait longer on error
       def get_least_loaded_substation(): 1usage
           with load_lock:
               if not substation_loads:
                   return SUBSTATIONS[0] # Default to first substation
               min_load = float('inf')
               best_substation = None
               for substation in SUBSTATIONS:
                   load = substation_loads.get(substation['id'], 0)
                   if load < min_load:</pre>
                       min load = load
                       best_substation = substation
               return best_substation if best_substation else SUBSTATIONS[0]
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             with load_lock:
                        min_load = load
                         best_substation = substation
         def route_charge():
                data = request.get_json()
                 best_substation = get_least_loaded_substation()
                 logger.info(f"Routing charge request to {best_substation['id']} "
                     url: f"{best_substation['url']}/charge",
                 if response.status_code == 200:
                     result['substation_id'] = best_substation['id']
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Load tester/test.py

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import requests
import time
import random
import threading
CHARGE REQUEST URL = "http://localhost:8000/charge"
LOAD BALANCER URL = "http://localhost:8080/status"
TOTAL REQUESTS = 100
RUSH HOUR DURATION = 60 # seconds
stats = {
def log with timestamp(message):
    print(f"[{datetime.now().strftime('%H:%M:%S')}] {message}")
    charge amounts = [7, 11, 22, 50, 100, 150] # Common EV charging
    charge amount = random.choice(charge amounts)
    priority = random.choice(priority choices)
        'charge amount': charge amount,
        'request time': datetime.now().isoformat()
    global stats
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request data = generate charging request()
        response = requests.post(
            CHARGE REQUEST URL,
        end time = time.time()
        response time = end time - start time
            stats['response times'].append(response time)
            if response.status code == 200:
                stats['successful requests'] += 1
                result = response.json()
                log with timestamp(f"√ Vehicle
                                 f"({request data['charge amount']}kW,
{response time:.2f}s)")
            elif response.status code == 503:
                stats['rejected requests'] += 1
                log with timestamp(f"⚠ Vehicle
{request data['vehicle id']} rejected - "
({response time:.2f}s)")
                log with timestamp(f"X Vehicle
                                 f"HTTP {response.status code}
({response time:.2f}s)")
   except requests.RequestException as e:
        log with timestamp(f" X Request failed: {str(e)}")
            stats['total requests'] += 1
            stats['failed requests'] += 1
        log with timestamp(f" X Unexpected error: {str(e)}")
def worker thread():
       current time = datetime.now()
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send charge request()
        time.sleep(random.uniform(0.1, 2.0))
    log with timestamp("Starting system monitoring...")
       current time = datetime.now()
            response = requests.get(LOAD BALANCER URL, timeout=5)
            if response.status code == 200:
                data = response.json()
                loads = data.get('substation loads', {})
loads.items() 1)
                log with timestamp(f" Substation loads: {load info}")
                log with timestamp("A Failed to get load balancer
            log with timestamp(f"A Error monitoring system: {str(e)}")
        time.sleep(10) # Monitor every 10 seconds
   duration = (stats['end time'] -
        avg response time = sum(stats['response times']) /
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min response time = min(stats['response times'])
       max_response_time = max(stats['response_times'])
       print(f"Average: {avg response time:.3f}s")
       print(f"Minimum: {min response time:.3f}s")
   print(" Smart Grid Load Balancer - Rush Hour Simulation")
   stats['start time'] = datetime.now()
timedelta(seconds=RUSH HOUR DURATION)
   log_with_timestamp(f"Starting {RUSH HOUR DURATION}s rush hour
   monitor thread.start()
   threads = []
   for i in range(CONCURRENT THREADS):
        thread.start()
        threads.append(thread)
        log with timestamp(f"Started worker thread {i+1}")
    for thread in threads:
   log with timestamp("Rush hour simulation completed!")
   print final statistics()
   print("* Running simple connectivity test...")
        log with timestamp(f"Sending test request {i+1}/5")
        request data = generate charging request()
            response = requests.post(CHARGE REQUEST URL,
 on=request data, timeout=10)
```

substation service/main.py

```
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
import logging
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
app = Flask(name)
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)
logger = logging.getLogger( name )
SUBSTATION ID = os.getenv('SUBSTATION ID', 'substation unknown')
MAX CAPACITY = int(os.getenv('MAX CAPACITY', '100')) # Maximum
current load = 0
charging sessions = {} # Store active charging sessions
load lock = threading.Lock()
def simulate charging completion():
    global current load, charging sessions
            completed sessions = []
            with load lock:
                for session id, session data in
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charging sessions.items():
                    if current time >= session data['end time']:
                        completed sessions.append(session id)
                        logger.info(f"Charging completed for session
{session id}, "
                for session id in completed sessions:
                if current load < 0:</pre>
            time.sleep(2) # Check every 2 seconds
            logger.error(f"Error in charging completion thread:
            time.sleep(5)
    global current load, charging sessions
        data = request.get json()
            return jsonify({'error': 'No data provided'}), 400
        for field in required fields:
            if field not in data:
                return jsonify({'error': f'Missing required field:
{field}'}), 400
        charge amount = float(data['charge amount'])
        priority = data.get('priority', 'normal')
            if current load + charge amount > MAX CAPACITY:
                logger.warning(f"Charge request rejected - would exceed
{charge amount}, max: {MAX CAPACITY})")
                return jsonify({
                    'error': 'Insufficient capacity',
                    'max capacity': MAX CAPACITY,
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elif priority == 'low':
           start time = datetime.now()
           current load += charge amount
           charging sessions[session id] = {
                'duration': duration
vehicle {vehicle id}, "
                       f"amount: {charge amount}, duration:
                      f"new load: {current load}")
       return jsonify({
           'charge amount': charge amount,
       return jsonify({'error': f'Invalid charge amount: {str(e)}'}),
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logger.error(f"Unexpected error in charge processing:
        return jsonify({'error': 'Internal server error'}), 500
def metrics():
    with load lock:
       metrics text += f"substation current load {current load}\n"
       metrics text += f"# HELP substation active sessions Number of
       metrics text += f"# TYPE substation active sessions gauge\n"
        metrics text += f"substation active sessions
{len(charging sessions)}\n"
MAX CAPACITY > 0 else 0
        metrics text += f"# TYPE substation utilization percent
    return jsonify({'status': 'healthy', 'substation id':
SUBSTATION ID }), 200
        return jsonify({
            'active sessions': len(charging sessions),
            'available capacity': MAX CAPACITY - current load,
                'charge amount': v['charge amount'],
```

docker-compose.yml

```
context: ./substation service
     dockerfile: Dockerfile
     - SUBSTATION ID=substation 1
     - MAX CAPACITY=80
   restart: unless-stopped
     - SUBSTATION ID=substation 2
     - MAX CAPACITY=120
     - CHARGE PROCESSING TIME=10
   restart: unless-stopped
     dockerfile: Dockerfile
     - SUBSTATION ID=substation 3
     - MAX CAPACITY=100
     - smart-grid
   restart: unless-stopped
   image: prom/prometheus:latest
./monitoring/prometheus/prometheus.yml:/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
     - prometheus data:/prometheus
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networks:
    - smart-grid
    restart: unless-stopped

# Grafana - Metrics visualization
grafana:
    image: grafana/grafana:latest
ports:
        - "3000:3000"
volumes:
        - grafana_data:/var/lib/grafana
        - ./monitoring/grafana:/etc/grafana/provisioning
environment:
        - GF_SECURITY_ADMIN_USER=admin
        - GF_SECURITY_ADMIN_PASSWORD=admin
        - GF_USERS_ALLOW_SIGN_UP=false
        networks:
        - smart-grid
depends_on:
        - prometheus
        restart: unless-stopped

networks:
    smart-grid:
        driver: bridge

volumes:
    prometheus_data:
    grafana_data:
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promethus.yml

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global:
    scrape_interval: 15s
    evaluation_interval: 15s

rule_files:
    # - "first rules.yml"
    # - "second_rules.yml"

scrape_configs:
    # The job name is added as a label `job=<job_name>` to any timeseries
    scraped from this config.
    - job_name: 'prometheus'
        static_configs:
        - targets: ['localhost:9090']

# Scrape substation metrics
    - job_name: 'substations'
    static_configs:
        - targets:
        - 'substation_1:8001'
        - 'substation_2:8001'
        - 'substation_3:8001'
        scrape_interval: 5s
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metrics_path: '/metrics'

# Scrape load balancer metrics
- job_name: 'load_balancer'
    static_configs:
        - targets: ['load_balancer:8080']
    scrape_interval: 5s
    metrics_path: '/metrics'

# Optional: Monitor the charge request service
- job_name: 'charge_request_service'
    static_configs:
        - targets: ['charge_request_service:8000']
    scrape_interval: 10s
    metrics_path: '/health'
```